



## The U.S. Embassy Information Resource Center Yerevan Times

### Monday Movies at the Information Resource Center

As part of its movie series, an English-language movie is shown at the U.S. Embassy Information Resource Center every third Monday of the month.

Please mark your calendars and RSVP to [ircyerevan@usa.am](mailto:ircyerevan@usa.am) if you would like to attend any of the movies listed below.

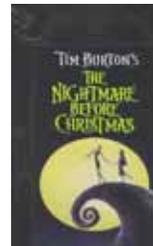
#### “The Emperor’s Club” November 20 at 16:00

In this 2002 film, Kevin Kline plays William Hundert, a passionate and principled Classics professor, and the assistant headmaster at St. Bernard’s prep school. Hundert finds his tightly controlled world shaken up when new student and the son of a West Virginia senator, Sedgewick Bell, walks into his classroom. The two embark on a turbulent, yet mentoring relationship, which will forever change the course of both of their lives.



#### “The Nightmare Before Christmas” December 18 at 16:00

Upon its release in 1993, Tim Burton’s “the Nightmare Before Christmas” became an instant holiday classic. This visual masterpiece tells the tale of Jack Skellington, AKA The “Pumpkin King” of Halloweenland. After yet another successful Halloween, a bored Jack stumbles upon Christmastown and vows to make Christmas his own.



The Information Resource Center has many other movies that can be watched in the Center . These exciting films include *Sideways* (comedy, 2004); *Good Night, and Good Luck* (drama, 2005); *A Beautiful Mind* (biography, 2001); and *School Ties* (drama, 1992).

## What's New at the American Corners?

Each month, the U.S. Embassy Information Resource Center organizes "American at the American Corners," and "Armenian at the American Corners" lectures. All presentations are free of charge and open to the public. Lectures are held in Yerevan every third Saturday of the month at 2:00 p.m. and in Gyumri every third Wednesday of the month at 3:00 p.m.

Upcoming lectures:

### Yerevan American Corner

"The State of Kansas: A Brief History" by Clinton Moyer, November 18

"Bluegrass Music" by Chad Hill, December 16

### Gyumri American Corner

"American Pop Culture" by Misty Knotts, November 15

"Grassroots Political Work in the USA" by Jeff Gringer, November 22



### First Annual Meeting of the Armenian American Corner Coordinators

On September 19 and 20, the Information Resource Center in Yerevan hosted its first annual American Corner Workshop. The coordinators of the two currently existing Corners in Yerevan and Gyumri, as well as the coordinators of two Corners that are planned to be opened this year in Kapan and Vanadzor, participated in the workshop.

The conference was organized by Yerevan IRC Director Nerses Hayrapetyan, who gave a presentation on online databases and led discussions on planning outreach programs and the purpose of memoranda of understanding. Vienna-based Information Resource Officer Bill Middletown also participated in the conference and gave presentation on numerous topics including the history and purpose of the American Corners program.

All participants were enthusiastic about the workshop, and said that they came away from it with an increased understanding of the American Corners program, a greater sense of cooperation with their Corner colleagues, and a renewed energy for Corners programming.

### IRC Director and Yerevan American Corners Staff Participate in 11th Annual U.S. Education Fair

On October 23, Yerevan IRC Director Nerses Hayrapetyan and the Yerevan American Corners staff participated in the 11th annual U.S. Education Fair, hosted by The American Councils for International Education (ACCELS). This event was a wonderful opportunity to disseminate information about the numerous services, resources, and programs offered by the IRC and the American Corners. The information fair attracted more than 1400 students, scholars, and other representatives of several institutions of higher learning. The IRC also received more than 150 e-services registration forms for its electronic distribution list. For more information about signing up for this list, please see the IRC staff.

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Saturday 10AM-4PM



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# New Resources at the Information Resource Center

Please check out the status of select books and newly arrived materials on our IRC web page at:  
<http://www.usa.am/irc/search.php>

## EBSCO DATABASES



Over the past few years, our patrons at the U.S. Embassy Information Resource Center have been able to access several “EBSCO” databases. We have noticed a high demand for the databases, which contain hundreds of publications pertaining to diverse subjects such as international relations, country information, business, and economics. In this spirit, we are pleased to offer two new databases: *ERIC*, and the *Pro-*

### *Educational Resource Information center (ERIC)*

ERIC, the Educational Resource Information Center, provides access to education literature and resources. The database provides access to information from journals included in the *Current Index of Journals in Education* and the *Resources in Education Index*. *ERIC* provides full text of more than 2,200 digests, along with references for additional information, citations, and abstracts from over 1,000 educational and education-related journals.

### *Professional Development Collection*

The *Professional Development Collection*, designed for professional educators, provides a highly specialized collection of nearly 550 high quality education journals, including more than 350 peer-reviewed titles. This database also contains more than 200 educational reports. This is the most comprehensive and most valuable collection of full text education journals in the world. In addition to full text, indexing and abstracts are provided for more than 700 journals. Examples of titles offered in *Professional Development Collection* include: *Booklist*, *Curriculum Administrator*, *Education*, *Education Digest*, *Educational Leadership*, *High School Journal*, *Journal of Education*, *Journal of Educational Research*, *Journal of Learning Disabilities*, *Phi Delta Kappan*, *Reading Teacher*, *School Library Journal*, and many others. The majority of full text titles included in the database are available in native (searchable) PDF, or scanned-in-color. Full text information in the *Professional Development Collection* dates as far back as 1965.

**For access to any of our EBSCO databases please see an IRC Representative.**

### IRC’s “American Trivia”

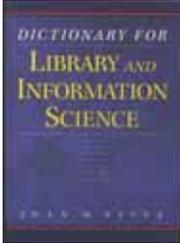
What year did the United States Congress formally adopt Francis Scott Key’s “Star Spangled Banner” as the national anthem?

(Answer on Page 6)

## NON-FICTION AND REFERENCE BOOKS

### *Dictionary for Library and Information Science*

By Joan M. Reitz



This impressive dictionary is the most comprehensive and reliable English-language resource for terminology used in all types of libraries. Last updated in January 2003, the dictionary's more than 4,000 carefully selected terms and cross-references include items from publishing, printing, literature, and computer science that are relevant to both library professionals, and to the general public.

### *Real Leadership: The 101 Collection: What Every Leader Needs to Know*

By John C. Maxwell

Incorporating John Maxwell's bestselling guides *Relationships 101*, *Equipping 101*, *Attitude 101*, and *Leadership 101*, *REAL Leadership* offers powerful inspiration in Maxwell's trademark style. Focusing on the essential and time-tested qualities necessary for true leadership, influence, integrity, attitude, vision, problem solving, relationships, team building, and self-discipline, this book delivers practical steps for new and seasoned managers to develop true leadership in their lives and the lives of others.



### *Event Planning: The Ultimate guide to successful meetings, corporate events, fundraising galas, conferences, conventions, incentives, and other special events*

By Judy Allen



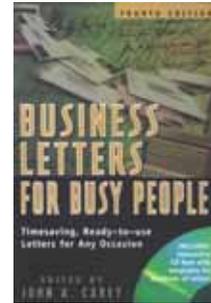
For event planners, there's no such thing as a dress rehearsal! Any event you plan and stage is a reflection of your company's image—from the initial invitation to onsite operations. Whether you're planning a product launch, conference, sales meeting, an incentive event, or a gala fund-raiser, the magic of a truly memorable event is in the details, but so is the devil. Whether your event is for 50 or 2,000 people, whether it has a budget of a few thousand dollars, or hundreds of thousands, planning and executing the project is like a high-wire act without the safety nets. *Event Planning* gives you a blueprint for planning and executing special events with flair and without any unexpected surprises and expenses. This unique book is loaded with practical advice on every aspect of organizing and managing special events from:

- Choosing the best venue
- Preparing and managing the budget
- Scheduling and staffing
- Coordinating food and beverage, decor, entertainment, and themes
- Working with professionals, such as public relations firms and creative directors

*Business Letters for Busy People : Time Saving, Ready-to-Use Letters for any Occasion*

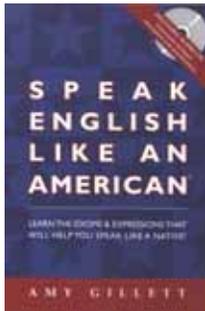
Edited by John A. Carey

This is a handy, quick-reference guide that gives you everything you need to write virtually any kind of business letter. A must for any business, home office or household, this newly updated classic has been a best-seller since it was introduced in 1991. It's packed with the most concrete information, useful techniques, and practical tips available. This fourth edition also includes a CD-ROM with ready-to-use templates for all of the sample letters included within the text. This book can help you, or any member of your office staff cut the time spent writing letters in half, while getting the correct words, phrases and format immediately. Includes letters for: sales and promotion, customer relations, collections, letters to the media, letters of condolence and goodwill, and many, many more. These effective letters can be copied, modified, and customized to fit your requirements.



*Speak English Like an American: Learn the Idioms & Expressions That Will Help You Speak Like a Native!*

By Amy Gillett

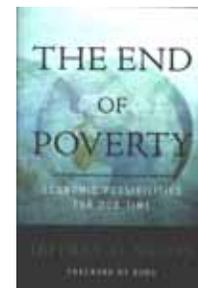


What's the secret to speaking English fluently? It's mastery of those tricky idioms and phrases that are so common in English. Not only will learning these idioms and phrases help you speak English better, it'll help you understand Americans better! Idioms are presented in 25 lively dialogues which tell the entertaining story of an American family, complete with illustrations. The book comes with an audio CD of all of the dialogues. Contains dozens of helpful exercises & six crossword puzzles to reinforce the material, with convenient answer key for self-study.

*The End of Poverty : Economic Possibilities for our Time*

By Jeffrey D. Sachs

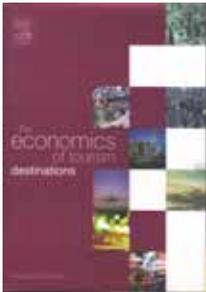
*Time* magazine called him "the world's best-known economist," and *The New York Times Magazine* singled him out as "probably the most important economist in the world," but Jeffrey Sachs wins our support for his lucid, elegant explanations of emerging trends in wealth and poverty. *The End of Poverty*, which is the culmination of 25 years of research, addresses the most pressing economic issues confronting world leaders today. Sachs describes disturbingly divergent patterns in international development and explains how these problems can be solved in this age of extremes. A prescription for world economic health.



## PUBLICATIONS ON TOURISM

When deciding on which new publications to obtain, the IRC takes into account subjects that have been of recent interest for its patrons. Among the topics that have seen high demand as of late are economics, English language tutorials, U.S. Government related information, and tourism management. The following are new arrivals on tourism that the IRC highly recommends.

### *The Economics of Tourism Destinations* By Norbert Vanhove

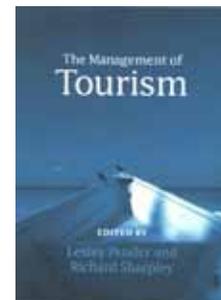


The measurement of tourism is not an easy task. *The Economics of Tourism Destinations* provides a succinct guide to the economic aspects of tourism for students and practitioners alike, in order to decipher the methods of measurement of supply, demand, trends and impacts. International case studies are used throughout, including tourism surveys in the UK and other European countries, the Congress Centre in Bruges, and income generation for several destinations.

Aimed at year three undergraduates and postgraduate students, this text is suitable for those on master levels courses and practitioners already in the industry. Emphasizes new aspects such as measurement of tourism (e.g. Tourism Satellite Account), supply trends, competition models, and the role of tourism in a development strategy.

### *The Management of Tourism* Edited by Lesley Pender and Richard Sharpley

Tourism Management 2nd Edition introduces students to the complexities of the tourism system so that they will be better positioned to eventually assume the managerial challenges and responsibilities in a diverse and challenging industry. As with the first edition, the emphasis is on Australia, but numerous regional and global case studies and examples are included to provide an appropriately broad geographic context. The new edition has been updated to reflect the latest available advancements in tourism theory and thinking, retaining the thoroughness of content and diversity of applications and include more regional and international issues, economic significance, tourism operators and the role of technology in the tourism industry.



### IRC's "American Trivia" Answer

Francis Scott Key, a Washington D.C. lawyer, wrote the "Star Spangled Banner" on September 14th, 1814, after witnessing the British shelling of Fort McHenry, Maryland during the War of 1812. He published the final version of his song in a Baltimore news paper a few days later, and it gained immediate popularity. For decades, Key's song remained a well-known national hymn, but it did not gain official recognition until February 1931, when Congress finally adopted it as the country's first national anthem.

## ELECTRONIC JOURNALS

### *U.S. Foreign Policy in the 21st Century: Regional Issues* An Electronic Journal of the U.S. Department of State



Introduced by United States Secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice, this electronic journal features essays by each regional bureau assistant secretary outlining U.S. policy in that region. Each account also explains the assistant secretary's personal vision for that region, and outlines how that secretary's "transformational diplomacy" will help our international partners build and sustain democratic, well-governed, states.

The e-journal is available at the following web address:  
<http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/itps/0906/ijpe/ijpe0906.htm>

This journal is also available in Russian at:  
<http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/itps/0906/ijpr/ijpr0906.htm>

### *Sharing Science: Global Partnerships* An Electronic Journal of the U.S. Department of State

This fascinating journal focuses on the international dimensions of science. It details how when researchers share the results of their work with the international scientific community, a set of complex relationships is formed that will fuse each individuals culture and traditions into one cooperative mix. Sample articles include: "Nations in Space," in which NASA's Scott Horowitz describes how spacefaring nations collaborate on projects that are beyond the financial and technical capability of any single country; "Curing Disparity," which tells how researchers supported by the John E. Fogarty International Center for Advanced Study in the Health Sciences (an arm of the National Institute of Health) have worked with collaborators in Thailand, Peru, and Central, and Eastern Europe, to advance global health; and "Total Eclipse Cooperation," written by NASA astrophysicist Joseph Davila, which details how scientists from Libya, Switzerland, the United States, Italy, France, and Germany, worked together to study the sun's corona in Libya's southern desert. Language versions of the eJournal will be available soon.



The e-journal is available at the following web address:  
<http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/itgic/1006/ijge/ijge1006.htm>

Printed copies of the e-journals are available in the Information Resource Center.

## More Exciting News from the Yerevan IRC

### South East Florida Library Information Network (SEFLIN) “Books for Children”

On October 17, IRC Director Nerses Hayrapetyan, joined IRC Dushanbe Director Rustam Mirzoshirinov, on a visit to Gegharkunik Marz Library. Library Director Mrs. Marieta Amirkhanyan conducted a tour for Mr. Hayrapetyan and Mr. Mirzoshirinov. She not only presented the visitors with the different sections of the library, but with the services that her library provides for the City of Gavar, as well as for the region as a whole. There are 129 public libraries in Gegharkunik, and the Marz library serves as the bibliographic and methodological center for all city, town, and rural branches.



*SEFLIN donation at Gegharkunik Marz Library.*

The most exciting part of the visit took place in the children's section. There, Mr. Hayrapetyan donated 76 new publications on behalf of the South East Florida Library Information Network (SEFLIN). These books are intended for an audience of mostly children and young adults, and will add to the library's already modest collection of English language materials.

These books will be well received in a community with an already high demand for educational tools for the young. Since the beginning of the year, the Marz Library has registered upwards of 600 youth readers. With the help of a local U.S. Peace Corps volunteer, the library has also recently initiated an English language club.

Gegharkunik is not the only region in Armenia that has benefited from the generous SEFLIN program. SEFLIN books have already been sent to libraries in Diljian, Noyemberyan, Ijevan, Gyumri, and Yerevan. Mr. Hayrapetyan and the IRC Yerevan also plan to donate more books to the regional libraries of Armenia, in a north to south, east to west direction.



*Diljian City librarians sorting SEFLIN books, 6/29/06.*



*Director of Noyembrian City Library, Armine Navasardyan, with SEFLIN books, 6/28/06.*

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