



# INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTER



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## General Information:

The Information Resource Center (IRC) is an integral part of The American Center, the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy. The IRC carries out a variety of activities to promote a better understanding of the policies, values, institutions, and culture of the United States.

The Information Resource Center provides timely and accurate information on American society, culture, history, and government.

The Information Resource Center is open to all. In conformity with the practice of public libraries in the United States, the IRC, its bookshelves, and its multimedia facilities are open to the users.

## Collections & Classification:

The Information Resource Center is equipped with the latest and most accurate information available from print and electronic media. A collection of about 1000 volumes of reference books, 90 print periodicals, 70 CD-ROMs, and more than 130 videocassettes are available for customer use.

Books are classified according to the Dewey Decimal System and arranged on the shelves in numerical order. Bibliographies and translations are shelved separately.

## Reference Service:

The reference collection in the center includes dictionaries, directories, encyclopedias, almanacs, periodicals, computerized databases and other books

held especially for consultation.

The reference collection is best used in person, but our professional staff does answer queries via telephone, e-mail, fax, or mail.

## CD-ROM Products:

The IRC has recently increased its collection of CD-ROMs. The most popular CD-ROMs are Encarta Encyclopedia, Flash Back Atlas, Multimedia of U.S. History, National Gallery of Art, World Book Encyclopedia, Life in Pioneer America, etc.

## Videos:

In addition to the print collection, the IRC maintains a collection of videocassettes. Patrons may view the cassettes on one of the IRC's video monitors. The most popular videocassettes are Centennial, Civil War Battles, Coney Island, Mount Rushmore, America in the 40s, Lincoln, Kennedy, Reagan, etc.

## Online Search:

**EBSCOhost:** An Internet based database of 2,800 titles with indexing and abstracting and 1,800 full text titles.

**ProQuest Direct:** ProQuest Direct is a database of over 4,000 indexed titles and over 2,000 full text journals with images.

**Lexis Nexis:** A full text database of current and historic federal legislation, bill tracking, bill texts, state legislation, case law, law reviews and over 6,000 full text news sources and periodicals including the New York Times, Washington Post and AP wires.

## Other Facilities:

The IRC also subscribes to the International Herald Tribune.

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**Internet Search:** The IRC offers the use of the Internet for research on America and related subjects. We charge a nominal Tk. 50.00 per 30 minutes for this service to cover the cost of the Internet connection. Printouts may be made at a cost of Tk. 2.00 per page.

**Photocopying Service:** Photocopying service is available on a restricted basis to patrons who visit the IRC. Charges for photocopying services are :

**Letter size: Taka 1.50**

**Legal size: Taka 2.00**

### **IRC Hours:**

10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,  
Sunday through Wednesday

### **American Corners:**

One American Corner library is opened at Chittagong and another at Sylhet to provide timely and accurate information to the Chittagong and Sylhet communities. The location of the these corners are:

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