



American Corner Timisoara  
“A Living Space for American Culture”

The American Corner Timisoara, a partnership between the US Embassy, Bucharest and the Timis County Library, with the support of the Timis County Council, is primarily an information and resource center for the public of all ages interested in US life and culture, as well as a platform for joint programs.

It is the first Corner opened in Romania, in 15 of June 2005. AC – Tm offers a collection of materials on topics covering US culture, lifestyle, and values, both in their historical evolution and as part of contemporary American society.

The American Corner Timisoara is interested in interacting directly with the public by using its resources in conducting programs from speakers and student advising, to art exhibits and professional development training.

Our book collection is destined for wide range of public, from kindergarten to retired people. Our titles include: American history, geography, biographies, political science, American art, environment, gale reference resources, American literature, educational advising, English grammar books and other more.

During this five years of activity we organised events with different kind of topics: lectures, film presentations, children’s programs, educational advising sessions with the support of Fulbright Commission from Bucharest, Digital Video Conference’s, Holiday Events etc.

During 2010 year we have had important events happened at our American Corner. In our activity programs we have an enormous support from Peace Corps Volunteers, Ngo’s and American Studies Program from West University of Timisoara.

At the beginning of this year we were glad to be visited by professor Tom Grunfeld, Senior Fulbrighter at the West University in 2009. He returned in Timisoara for a month, in wich he accorded enough time to our Corner for lectures on certain topics requested by our public.

Topics like Middle East Relations with European Union and USA, Globalization and its impact to East European countries, made our audience to be very interested in professor’s Grunfeld speeches.

In the spring we had the opportunity to be visited by His Excellency James B. Gray, the US General Consul in Bucharest, for the third time at our Corner.

His Excellency addressed to the students, teachers and to the general public present there about the importance of the Romanian – American relations and the role of the International Security Treaties.

The Audience addressed top questions to our guest, which meant that our topics were interesting for them.

Almost 3000 Romanian students are studying in US with the financial support of the American Universities.

How is this possible, and how can our students apply for studying in US? They could find out through Fulbright Commission in Bucharest, who organised two advising sessions in April this year for graduate and undergraduate studies.

The participants were highschool students and college students, although teachers from Timisoara, interested in applying for US educational system.

Ms. Mihaela Arsene, the director of Fulbright Advising Center, promised her help to those students who want to apply for financial aids in order to be admitted in US Universities.

In May American Corner Timisoara was the host of the Conference with the subject: “Ecocriticism and American Studies” organised with the support of American Studies Master Program from West University Timisoara.

A group of eleven students joined by their professors presented their works on ecologic subjects inspired by the modern and contemporary American ecologic literature.

At the end of the Conference the students attended a Digital Video Conference sustained by Dr. Stacy Alaimo from Texas University, Arlington US.

There are many good reasons for everyone interested to visit American Corner in Timisoara, located in downtown of the city, in the main building of the Timis County Library, in P-ta Libertatii nr. 3, ([www.bjt.ro/ac](http://www.bjt.ro/ac)). Welcome!

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