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LINCOLN CORNERS

Kelantan

AMBASSADOR PAUL JONES AT LINCOLN CORNER KELANTAN: U.S.-MALAYSIA TIES STRONG AND GROWING



Ambassador Jones with high school and college students who also attended his talk.

Speaking at Lincoln Corner-Kelantan on April 27, to over 100 government officials, high school and college students (including from the [Sultan Ismail Petra International Islamic College](#)), and media representatives, Ambassador Paul Jones affirmed that current U.S.-Malaysia ties are strong and growing from strength to strength. Citing, among many gestures of goodwill between the United States and Malaysia, the Ambassador pointed out that in 1938, the [Carnegie Corporation](#) of New York City had granted a modest sum of money that assisted Malaysia in the establishment of a public library in Kota Bharu that has since evolved into the [Perbadanan Perpustakaan Negeri Kelantan](#). [More](#)

U.S. Fulbrighter Sean Foley: America Respects Islam, Supports Religious and Other Diversity



In a presentation at the [Lincoln Corner](#) in [Kelantan's state public library](#) on April 18 entitled, "Islam and the Rise of Freedom in the West," U.S. Fulbright Scholar and Arabic speaker [Dr. Sean Foley](#) enlightened over 100 government officers, academicians, and high school and college students about the historical influence of Islam in the evolution of intellectual thought in Europe and the United States. [More](#)

Penang

Group Visits Filled Penang's Calendar in May and June



Young Librarians from SMK Daerratul Maarifil Wataniah at Lincoln Corner, Seberang Jaya.

A librarian and the staff from Kolej Politek MARA visited Seberang Jaya Library on May. They viewed the collection and signed up for membership.

Young librarians from SMK Daerratul Maarifil Wataniah visited the Lincoln Corner (Seberang Jaya) on May 29. They enrolled as library members and borrowed selections from the Lincoln Corner collection.

Preschoolers from Tadika Graduan Gemilang visited the Lincoln Corner in Seberang Jaya on May 27. The group comprising of 30 students and three teachers participated in activities such as quizzes, the "chicken" dance, and also enjoyed viewing a DVD screening of, - "Tom and Jerry".

Preschoolers from Tabika Perpaduan visited the Lincoln Corner in Seberang Jaya Library on 4 May 2011. The group comprising of 45 students and 3 teachers participated in activities like story-telling, coloring and "poison box".

Lincoln Corner Outreach Activities

During the month of May, several selections from the Lincoln Corner collection were exhibited at outreach and library promotion events. At a library promotion in Padang Kilat on May 28, a coloring contest for TNB children was also held. Lincoln Corner materials were also promoted in a village library in Taman Jambu. Some of the collections, especially the magazines, were borrowed by the villagers, who registered as library members.

DVD Screening

Screening for May included *Peanuts: 1960's Collection*, *Princess Protection Program*, *Space Buddies* and *The Wizard of Oz*.

Thematic Exhibiton For May 2011

In May, the Lincoln Corner held an exhibition of books, posters (including narrative texts), featuring indigenous people of both the United States and Malaysia (especially in Sabah and Sarawak). The exhibition attracted over 500 viewers who were captivated by the culture, customs and taboos of the indigenous people.

Sarawak

Prominent Women Share Personal Experiences in Achieving Work-Life Balance



On April 18 Lincoln Corner Sarawak participated in a panel discussion via a webchat entitled "Striking a Balance: Women, Work and Family", featuring four prominent women, including Catherine Jones, the U.S. Ambassador's wife. The live discussion was organized by the U.S. Embassy Kuala Lumpur in partnership with the United Nations Country Team. The panel reached approximately about 450 Malaysian women and men, including representatives NGOs managed by women, government agencies, faculty from public and private universities and colleges, and the media. It covered women's issues, from shattering the glass ceiling to equal rights in every sphere of human endeavor. [Read more.](#)

Catherine Jones (second from left) shares her perspectives on achieving work life balance.



Lincoln Corner-Sarawak Celebrates Jazz Appreciation with the Johnny Rodgers Band

On April 27, through an entertaining webchat, Lincoln Corner-Sarawak celebrated Jazz Appreciation Month with the [Johnny Rodgers Band](#). About 100 students and academicians from the University Malaysia Sarawak's [Faculty of Applied and Creative Arts](#), participated. [Read more.](#)

Johnny Rodgers Band in a live concert via webchat

Sarawakians Flocked to Watch "Wizard of Oz" at the Lincoln Corner



A captivated audience at the movie screening

On May 21, Lincoln Corner-Sarawak reached out to about 550 children and adults through their movie screening entitled *Movies Under The Stars @ Lincoln Corner Sarawak 2011*. The Corner screened "The Wizard Of OZ", a famous American musical fantasy film featuring a little Kansas farm girl, Dorothy Gale, and her dog Toto. Before and after the movie screening, the audience participated in quizzes and games organized by the librarians. This program also featured special appearances by American heroes and cartoon characters including Batman, Superman, Bert and Ernie.

Sarawak

Storytelling and Video Screenings

Every Saturday and Sunday in April and May, Lincoln Corner Sarawak organized story telling sessions with popular titles from the Corner collection, including *The Little Red Hen: Favorite Folk-Tale*. These sessions attracted about 200 students in April and about 90 students in May.

Throughout the month of April, Lincoln Corner-Sarawak screened several DVDs. Titles included *America's Most Scenic Drivers; Shirley Temple: The Biggest Little Star; A Moveable Feast with America's Favorite Chefs; A Life Among Whales; The Wizard of OZ, Dr. Suess*. Over 250 people attended this screenings in April and 178 attended in May.

Thematic exhibitions

Lincoln Corner-Sarawak held poster and book exhibitions throughout April in conjunction with Jazz Appreciation Month. These exhibition attracted over 730 visitors. Lincoln Corner-Sarawak held another poster and book exhibition in celebration of National Library Week from April 10-16 to commemorate the contributions of libraries and librarians to community development.

Throughout the month of May, about 780 visitors visited Lincoln Corner Sarawak's thematic (book and poster) exhibitions on *Mother's Day, National Bike Month* and *World Press Freedom Day*.

Malacca

"Jazz Up Your English" Brings American Jazz to School Students in Melaka



Participants with their "Jazz Master" John Slover

On April 25, to highlight [Jazz Appreciation Month](#), Embassy Officer John Slover, introduced American Jazz to 40 school students from Wen Hua Primary School at the Melaka Botanical Garden for an English enhancement session for school children called "Jazz Up Your English", organized by [Lincoln Corner Melaka](#) in partnership with [Kampung Buku Malaysia](#). In a lively presentation, John inspired his young audience to gain an appreciation for jazz by walking through the history of jazz, playing selections of jazz music from the 1930's and giving tips on how to compose lyrics. [More](#)

Earth Day and Jazz Appreciation Month Book and Poster Exhibition



School students viewing the colorful earth day posters

Throughout the month of April, Lincoln Corner Melaka organized a book display and poster exhibition to commemorate Earth Day and Jazz Appreciation Month. More than 100 students and library users viewed the exhibition.

Schools Students Visit Lincoln Corner-Melaka



School students listening to briefings and browsing through the Lincoln corner collection

In April, the Lincoln Corner in Melaka hosted about 100 students and teachers from Sekolah Menengah Dewan Beta and Sekolah Kebangsaan Dato Demang Hussin for briefings about the programs and services and a tour of the collection. During their visit, they also enjoyed observing poster shows on Earth Day and Jazz Appreciation Month. In addition, the students participated in an educational quiz about America led by Corner librarians.

Weekly DVD Screening

Throughout the month of April, Lincoln Corner Melaka screened DVDs entitled *Drake & Josh Best of Season*, *The Wiz*, *A Life Among Whales* & *Space Buddies*.

Thematic exhibitions

In April, Lincoln Corner Melaka held books and poster exhibitions in conjunction with Jazz Appreciation Month and Earth Day. The exhibition were attended by over 200 visitors.

Melaka

Lincoln Corner Mother's Day Celebration at Tesco Shopping Centre



Participants engaged in the Mother's Day activities at TESCO

On May 29, 100 children and their parents participated in Lincoln Corner Mother's Day activities held at TESCO Shopping Centre. They enjoyed the day filled with fun activities ranging from storytelling to coloring to card-making contest.

Weekly Video Screening (May)

Throughout the month of April, Lincoln Corner Melaka screened DVDs entitled *Mickey & Minnie*, *Biography Barack Obama*, *Beauty & the Beast* and *Tom & Jerry*. Over 20 children and young adults attended each screening.

Thematic Exhibitions (May)

Throughout the month of May, Lincoln Corner-Melaka held books and poster exhibitions in conjunction with Mother's Day, attended by over 200 visitors.

Kedah

Lincoln Corner Kedah Promotes American Culture in Schools



Students participate in the United States Word Search activity



Picturing America Exhibition

On April 7, Lincoln Corner-Kedah reached out to about 300 students from several schools around Alor Setar during a roadshow on U.S. Culture. The students learned many different aspects of America from a display on "Picturing America" and through participating in educational activities depicting U.S. History.



Participants engaged in Earth Day coloring and art & craft activities



Lincoln Corner Kedah Celebrates Earth Day

Lincoln Corner Kedah celebrated Earth Day with coloring and arts and crafts activities for Sekolah Kebangsaan Batu Pekaka, Sekolah Kebangsaan Haji Mohd Shariff and Kelab Sinar Pintar Bayan Budiman on April 6, 7 and 16 . One hundred students and 20 teachers participated in these fun filled activities. The guests also viewed the Earth Day book and poster exhibitions displayed at the Lincoln Corner.

Students Learn About America



Students engaged in an interactive quiz about American life and culture

On April 5 and 12, the Lincoln Corner in Kedah hosted about 100 students and teachers from Sekolah Kebangsaan Bukit Raya Dalam and Sekolah Kebangsaan Haji Mohd Shariff for briefings and a tour of the Lincoln Corner. During their visit, the guests enjoyed observing a poster show on Earth Day and participated in an educational quiz about America.

Weekly Video Screening (April)

Throughout the month of April, Lincoln Corner Kedah screened DVDs entitled *Journey To the Edge of the Universe*, *National Geography: Human Footprint*, *Six Degrees: Could Change the World*, *Vietnam's Unseen War*.

Thematic exhibitions (April)

In April, Lincoln Corner-Kedah held books and poster exhibitions in conjunction with Jazz Appreciation Month and Earth Day. Over 400 visitors viewed the exhibitions.

Kedah

U.S. Fulbrighter Dr. Sean Foley At Lincoln Corner Kedah: "America, A Nation Of Immigrants, Includes Muslims"



Dr Foley at the Lincoln Corner

In a presentation at the Lincoln Corner-Kedah on May 9 entitled, "Islam and the Rise of Freedom in the West," U.S. Fulbright Scholar and Arabic speaker Dr. Sean Foley enlightened over 100 academicians, university and high school students, and members of the public about the historical influence of Islam in the evolution of intellectual thought in America and Europe. Dr Foley traced the contributions of Islam toward the concept of freedom in the West from the fifteenth century onward, and described ways in which even colonial America recognized the contributions of Islam. [More](#)

Lincoln Corner Kedah Celebrates Mother's Day



"Just like Mama", exclaim young participants at Lincoln Corner's storytelling session.

On May 8, Lincoln Corner-Kedah, celebrated Mother's Day with storytelling sessions, poster and book exhibitions, and arts and crafts events in which about 140 primary school children participated. Lincoln Resource Center librarian Harvinder Kaur read selections from American author Leslea Newman's book, "Just Like Mama", a beautiful testimony of the love between a mother and her daughter. She then engaged the children in a lively interaction. [More](#)

Schools Students Visits Lincoln Corner Kedah

On May 19, 40 students from Sek. Keb Paya Terendam, Pendang visited Lincoln Corner Kedah. During their visit, they enjoyed viewing a "Mother's Day" Exhibition featured in May.

Weekly Video Screening (May)

Throughout the month of May, Lincoln Corner Kedah screened DVDs entitled *WAL-MART: the High Cost of Low Price*, *The Spy Next Door*, *Princess Protection Program* and *The Color of Magic*.

Thematic exhibitions (May)

In May, Lincoln Corner-Kedah held books and poster exhibitions and storytelling activities in conjunction with Mother's Day. It was attended by over 200 visitors.

Sabah

Talk on the 50th Anniversary of Peace Corps at Lincoln Corner Sabah

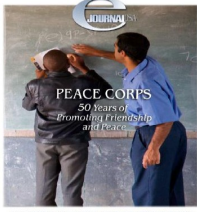


Press Attaché Tina Malone and retired foreign service officer and ex-Peace Corps member Daniel Claffey spoke to an audience comprising of 100 students and other members of the public about their personal experiences as Peace Corps volunteers. The talk was held on April 28 at the Lincoln Corner in Penampang. [Read more.](#)

Press attaché Tina Malone sharing some photos from her Peace Corps Volunteer days.

NEW U.S. REFERENCE RESOURCES

EJournal: Peace Corps — 50 Years of Promoting Friendship



In this issue of eJournal USA, we mark the 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps with narratives written by past volunteers and we glimpse the future of the Peace Corps in an essay by current Peace Corps Director Aaron S.

Williams. [Read more](#)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

2011 LINCOLN CORNER WORKSHOP

The workshop will be held in Sabah this year from October 2-4, and we look forward to meeting all of our partners once again to review the performance of the corners since last December, and to share ideas and best practices.

The Lincoln Resource Center/Public Affairs will provide funding to cover the costs of the Director (or the most senior librarian) of the public library hosting the Corner and we look to each of the respective public libraries to fund the participation of the other staff associated with the Lincoln Corner project. Please send your suggestions/comments on how we may enhance our Workshop so that ultimately the lessons we share and learn as well as new ideas we implement will benefit all our stakeholders — library users, including state officials and librarians.

Please contact Malar, Harvinder, Hisham and/or Gerard if you need any further clarifications. .

REMINDERS

Small Grant Reports

Lincoln Corner small grants which were transferred to your library accounts earlier this year are due before the end of July. Please submit your draft now so that we may advise you on any changes and you may submit the final version before July 30. Thank you.

REMINDERS

THEMATIC FOCUS

Lincoln Corner partners are reminded to support each month's theme by organizing posters and exhibits of books and other library materials (including "playaways" and DVDs where relevant). In addition please continue to schedule regular storytelling and video/movie screenings at the Lincoln Corners. Speaker programs and webchats will be offered to you as they become available and we look forward to your help and cooperation in using these initiatives to enhance Lincoln Corner activities and library attendance. These programs are part of what we discussed at the December 2010 workshop in Kuching. You are welcome to add on any other initiatives. The websites listed below will be useful in this regard.

U.S. GOVERNMENT INFORMATION RESOURCES

July

- Independence Day (July 4)
- Moon Landing (July 20)

August

- Women's Equality Day (August 23)
- Ramadan/Muslim Life in America (August 1-31)

September

- Labor Day (Sept 6)
- International Literacy Day (Sept 8)
- International Day of Peace (Sept 21)

October

- Columbus Day (Oct 10)
- Halloween (Oct 31)

November

- Native American Heritage Month
- Veteran's Day (Nov 11)
- American Education Week (Nov 15-21)
- Thanksgiving (Nov 26)

December

- World AIDS Day (Dec 1)
- Human Rights Day (Dec 10)
- Christmas Day (Dec 25)