

Showing Films in American Spaces

The U.S. Department of State encourages the use of American films and documentaries in American Spaces to enhance mutual cultural understanding. Film screenings and discussions are a great way to begin a dialogue on topics of shared interest.

Through the American Film Program, U.S. Embassies and Consulates acquire the rights to show a wide selection of films that reflect American society and values in American Spaces. These rights are negotiated through an agreement with the Motion Picture Licensing Corporation (MPLC). The MPLC license permits public performance screenings of feature films in American Spaces – Information Resource Centers, American Centers, American Corners, Binational Centers, and Science Corners. This agreement protects the intellectual property rights of American filmmakers and producers.

The MPLC agreement makes thousands of titles available via DVD, streaming, or legal download. To see if a film title is eligible for screening, see the guidelines below:

Requirements for Screening:

- The film must have an MPLC producer or distributor.
- It must come from a legal source.
- It must be available on home video or DVD in your home country. OR for recent films, some production companies require that 6-9 months have passed since the U.S. theatrical release.
- Screenings must be coordinated by US Embassy Officer

To find a film's producer or distributor:

1. Search for the title in a custom Google Search (<http://goo.gl/1OhP8>) that searches the Internet Movie Database website and includes “company credits” that identify the production companies and distributors of films. In the results page, click on the link that includes “Company credits.” [See the appendix below for step-by-step instructions.]
2. Check the MPLC Producer List to see if either the production company or the distributor names for the film are listed. If the name of the producer or distributor is not listed, the title is not covered.

3. You can also search the Internet Movie Database (www.imdb.com) directly for the name of a producer/distributor to see a list of all the films associated with that company.

For recent films, some production companies require that 6-9 months have passed since the U.S. theatrical release:

1. To check this, search for the title in the custom Google Search (<http://goo.gl/1OhP8>). In the results page, click on the link that includes "Release dates."
2. Check the MPLC Producer List (LINK from American Spaces) to see if the production company requires that 6-9 months have passed since the U.S. release of the film. In the MPLC Producer List, one * requires a 6 month wait and two * require a 9 month wait.
3. You can also search the Internet Movie Database (www.imdb.com) directly for the release dates. Search for a film title and then scroll down the page to see the release date under "Details."

NOTE: The Internet Movie Database (IMDB) is a comprehensive database of films, NOT a list of films recommended for programming. Not every title listed on the will be suitable for screening in American Spaces. Please work with U.S. Embassy Officers to identify films that advance mutual understanding between the United States and your country.

Additional Guidelines

All film programming for American Spaces (American Centers, American Corners, Binational Centers, Information Resource Centers, and Science Corners) must be reviewed by a U.S. Embassy Officer. Please submit proposed monthly programming to the designated Officer for review.

The MPLC agreement includes the following requirements for film screenings:

Location:

- In American Spaces – Information Resource Centers, American Centers, American Corners, Binational Centers, and Science Corners.
- If an American Corner is in a university, film screenings may only occur in the designated American Space.

- If an American Corner is in a library, film screenings may occur outside of the designated space.
- For Binational Centers, film screenings are not meant for classroom use, but are **specifically** intended for public diplomacy programs co-sponsored by the U.S. Embassy.
- If held outside of an American Space, a screening must be U.S. Embassy-sponsored, directly supervised and attended by a U.S. Embassy Officer.

Admission & Advertising:

- No admission may be charged for these screenings.
- Films may be screened for unlimited numbers of persons per screening.
- Handouts about film programs, including the title, actors, characters and film art, may be posted and distributed **only** on American Spaces premises.
- No specific titles or any characters from films or producers names can be advertized or publicized to the general public via newspaper, radio, and television promotions.
- HOWEVER, you may communicate film titles, actors, characters, and film art for upcoming film programs via official American Spaces and U.S. Embassy social media networks (including Facebook and Twitter), official websites, newsletters, and official email mailing lists. Promotion is restricted to US Embassy and American Spaces websites and social media platforms.

Requirements:

- All films **must** be legally sourced: DVDs must be purchased from legal vendors and films must be streamed or downloaded through legally recognized sources.
- Films that have been legally subtitled or dubbed in the local language may be used for screening purposes.
- Films may not be duplicated, edited, or modified in any way without explicit permission from the film's producer. This includes subtitling or dubbing of the film.

Contact Information

For questions about the American Film program or MPLC regulations, please contact your local U.S. Embassy.

Additional Film Resources for American Spaces

Filmakers Library Online available through eLibraryUSA (<http://elibraryusa.state.gov/>)

Filmakers Library Online is a database of over 1,000 documentaries that can be streamed via an Internet connection in American Spaces as long as the following requirements are met:

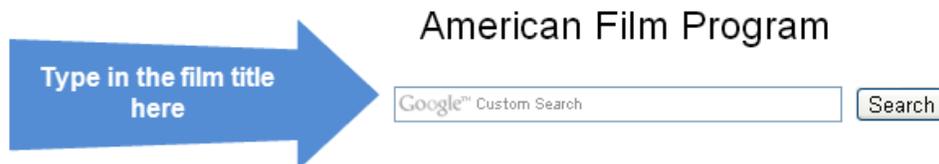
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- The screening must be directly related to an American Space and/or U.S. Embassy program.

Some television programs are also covered by the MPLC agreement. Please refer to Producers list (See NBC, Lifetime, Discovery, History Channel).

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