


**CITIZENSHIP CORNERS**  
 Your path to U.S. Citizenship starts at your local library!

Indian Prairie Library • September 11, 2013




---

---

---


---

---

---


---

---



*A Partnership between the Illinois Commission for Immigration and Refugee Rights and the United States Department of Justice Services*

**UNITING ILLINOIS UNITING AMERICA**




---

---

---

---

---

---

---



---

**MODELS FOR COLLABORATION**

In partnership with USCIS, Uniting America Uniting Illinois is launching Citizenship Corners to serve as an integral connector of resources, services and knowledge for community members.

The Citizenship Corners will provide a breadth of information and resources through:

- Circulation
- Online Resources
- Display
- In-Person
- Events
- Trainings


---

---

---

---

---

---

---


---


## CIRCULATION

A combination of materials you already have and others you can easily acquire. By making them available in one central location at your local Citizenship Corner, you can pool the resources you already have at your disposal to make a big impact.

Examples include:

- Textbooks about government and history
- ESL language learning materials
- School House Rocks



**ICIRR** 

---

---

---

---

---

---


---


---

## CIRCULATION (CONT.)

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Civics and Citizenship Toolkit:

- Pocket size Declaration of Independence and Constitution of the United States
- Learn about the United States-Quick Civics Lessons for the Naturalization Test
- Welcome to the United States: A guide for New Immigrants
- Civics Flash Cards
- The Citizen's Almanac
- Civics and Citizenship Multimedia Presentation
- The USCIS Naturalization Interview and Test



**ICIRR** 

---

---

---

---

---

---

---


---

## ONLINE RESOURCES

There are a number of great online resources that can provide you and your community members with more information and tools:

State of Illinois

- Links:
  - U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (<http://www.uscis.gov/pactid/ita/units>)
  - ICIRR (<http://icirr.org/>)
  - Local nonprofits (<http://www.dirlib.org/page.asp?L=2>)
- Translation of your webpage into other languages\*
  - <http://free-website-translation.com/>
  - <http://translate.google.com/>
- Dedicated page on your library's website about citizenship, resources and how to learn more

**ICIRR** 

---

---

---

---

---

---

---




---

### DISPLAY

Creating a centrally located space as a Citizenship Corner can help individuals locate all your library's resources in one stop.

Physical resources and space should include:

- Computer
- Signage identifying the Citizenship Corner in multiple languages (Rincón de Ciudadanía, citoyenneté coin, غرفة الجنسية, Kocik Obywatelski)
- Printer
- Copies of flyers and materials with information
- Other displays (ex. American Flag, poster with the Pledge of Allegiance)


---

---

---

---

---

---

---




---

### IN-PERSON

Partnering with local nonprofits, schools and government institutions can help bring services and resources to your library for your community. By offering your library's resources and space for these collaborations you can help offer direct services to help better serve your community.

Examples of space sharing could include:

- Drop by hours
- ESL and Civics Classes
- New Americans Initiative Workshop
- Community Events


---

---

---

---

---

---

---

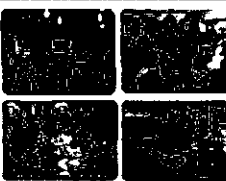


---

### EVENTS

By hosting events at your library, you can help unite your community by bringing people from diverse backgrounds together around cultural sharing and exchange.

Examples of potential events include:

- International Holiday Celebrations (ex. Bastille Day)
- Domestic Holiday Celebrations (ex. Cesar Chavez Day, Citizenship Day)
- New Americans Initiative Citizenship Workshops, in partnership with local nonprofits
- Naturalization Ceremonies in partnership with USCIS


---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## TRAININGS

Attending trainings can help keep you and your staff up to date with the requirements and changes regarding candidacy for citizenship. Additionally, by partnering with organizations, you can bring trainings to your library to help educate and inform your staff and the general public.

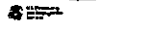
The following organizations are great resources for information and trainings:

- Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR)
- United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)
- Local nonprofit organizations (ex. World Relief DuPage, Arab American Family Services, Family Focus Aurora)



**Free Synopses**  
 Learning and Earning Skills for the Information Age

Request to send  
 100 Free Synopses  
 to your library  
 or contact us at  
 773-600-9416  
 or [www.icirr.org](http://www.icirr.org)




---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

## PARTNERING WITH THE ILLINOIS COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE RIGHTS

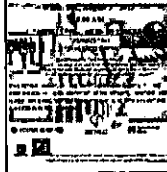
By partnering with the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, your library, staff and constituents have access to a wide variety of services, trainings and information sessions:

Some of the services, trainings and information sessions ICIRR is currently working on include:

- Temporary Visitors Drivers License
- Affordable Care Act
- Parent Mentors
- Immigrant Family Resource Program
- Comprehensive Immigration Reform
- New Americans Initiative



What does the Affordable Care Act mean for you and your community?




---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

	<p>Rudy Lozano, Uniting America Director          773-600-9416</p> <p>Monika Stareczuk, Uniting America AmeriCorps Program Manager          312-344-2317</p> <p>www.icirr.org and www.unitingamerica.org</p>
<b>CONTACT INFORMATION</b>	

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---