

The most important and popular events in 2024 (January - December 2024)

Some statistics:

Visitors: 6 620

Programs: 359

The name of the programm	When	Where	Who	Attendees	Any feedback
<p>Exhibition Opening: Velida Kent's Narva Gingerbread Creation</p>	09.01.2024	Narva American Space	Mixed audience	88	<p>The wife of the U.S. Ambassador in Estonia, Velida Kent, presented Narva with her gingerbread creation that features the most iconic Narva sights. The creation was gifted to the library and remains on display.</p> <p>The Ambassador and Mrs. Kent addressed the crowd (in Russian) and talked about their family tradition making gingerbread creations and the ideas behind them.</p> <p>The event was very well attended, including by local and national press.</p> <p>Many locals believe that this gift is important for Narva and bears a symbolic meaning.</p>
Literary Reception-Room	13.01.2024	Narva American Space	Adults	42	<p>A literary reception-room opened a new season in January. The theme this time was outstanding American writers and the women who had a huge influence on their lives and literary output.</p>

					As usual, our guests read aloud excerpts from the works of O. Henry, Theodore Dreiser, and Francis Scott Fitzgerald and discussed topic raised in the works.
Literary Lecture: “What to Do with Vladimir Nabokov’s ‘Invitation to a Beheading’ ”?	31.01.2024	Narva American Space	Adults	25	A lecture on and an analysis of the novel of the famous Russian and American writer. Q&A session. Lecturer — Grigori Utgof, associate professor at Tallinn University, specialist in Russian literature and literary theory.
Narva Adult School Students Tour	19.02.2024	Narva American Space	Mixed audience (mostly children)	35	The Narva Adult School students (Adults) visited the American Space to listen to a presentation on U.S. Education and life after high school.
REPS Ana Barbosa Visit	05.03.2024	Narva American Space	Adults	12	REPS Ana Barbosa made a scheduled visit to Narva American Space to tour the facilities and the library, to observe programs and talk to library leadership and employees about the space operations.
Sillamäe Vanalinna School Tour	21.03.2024	Narva American Space	Mixed audience (mostly children)	28	Students from the Sillamäe Vanalinna School visited the Narva Central Library and the American Space to learn about the library’s history and practice their English language skills with Ashley Fuchs, our Fulbright English Teaching Assistant
Meet a Scholar event with professor of Russian language and translation theory Brian Baer (Kent State University)	18.03.2024	Narva American Space	Adults	36	Fulbright scholar Prof. Baer talked about literature, translation and his scientific work in Estonia, Europe and the U.S. This spring semester Baer is conducting scientific research at the University of Tartu and Tallinn University, including at the archive of semiotician Yuri Lotman.
Narva American Space 20th Anniversary Roundtable	25.03.2024	Narva American Space	Adults	14	To mark Narva American Space 20th anniversary, we invited a group of key partners from Narva City Government, local schools, program contributors, and volunteers to thank them and to brainstorm over the future programing.

Narva American Space 20th Anniversary	25.03.2024	Narva American Space	Adults	120	<p>Over the past two decades, Narva American Space has become a key center for cultural and educational exchange between the U.S. and Estonia. Its programs have not only enriched the lives of residents but have also played a significant part in strengthening the friendly relationship between the two nations.</p> <p>The public event featured an open-door night that introduced all major ongoing programs and a festive gathering with guests (Narva City Government, partners, contributors, visitors and students) and was generously covered in local media (print, radio, and television).</p>
Mom, I Don't Want War! 1939-45 POLAND / 2022 UKRAINE Polish-Ukrainian Archival Project	01.-26.04.2024	Narva American Space	Mixed audience	27	<p>A poster shows of incredibly moving testimonies of war — from historical drawings of Polish children from 1946, which are a record of their experiences during World War II and the German occupation of 1939-1945, and contemporary drawings of Ukrainian children, related to the war currently taking place in Ukraine, collected on the “Mom, I See War” portal. Joint project of the Embassies of the Republic of Poland and the United States.</p>
Narva Kreenholmi School Visit	08.04.2024	Narva American Space	Mixed audience (mostly students)	45	<p>Students from the Narva Kreenholmi School visited the Narva Central Library and the American Space to learn about the library’s history and practice their English language skills with Ashley Fuchs, our Fulbright English Teaching Assistant.</p>
Darina Kukonenko’s First Public Exhibition	04.04.2024	Narva American Space	High school students	24	<p>On April 4, 2024, the American Space proudly presented its first Student Art Showcase on the second floor of Narva Central Library. This new art program is designed to recognize and support young artists from Ida-Viru County by giving them the opportunity to exhibit and present their artwork at</p>

					Narva Central Library. Darina Kukonenko, a sixteen-year-old artist and student at Sillamäe Gymnasium, was selected as the first student artist. Her exhibition “Faith, Hope, Dream” explores these poignant emotional themes through maritime and terrestrial landscapes. Community members from Narva and Sillamäe attended the exhibition opening, where Darina explained the inspiration and meaning behind her ten painted canvases.
Master-Class for Narva College Students	06.04.2024 15.04.2024 06.05.2024 13.05.2024 20.05.2024	Narva American Space	High school students	22	„ n order to strengthen collaborative efforts between the American Space at Narva Central Library and Narva College, Ashley Fuchs, Fulbright English teaching assistant, has organized a weekly study group for college students interested in improving their English language skills. Hosted every Monday from 17:00 to 18:00, these specialized lessons are designed for advanced English language practitioners who wish to solidify their grammatical knowledge and improve their usage of academic English. Topics have included prepositions, formal writing, outlining, and advanced verb tenses.
GLOBE Lesson with Nature Measuring Equipment for Kreenholmi School	19.04.2024		High school students	20	Narva Central Library and Narva American Space invited school students interested in nature studies to get acquainted with G.L.O.B.E. measuring equipment by participating in a practical master class. Note: G.L.O.B.E. measuring equipment was purchased with American Spaces funds.
Narva Adult School Students Visit	16.04.2024 18.04.2024	Narva American Space	Middle and high school students	41	The Narva Adult School students (Adults) visited the American Space to listen to a presentation on Gap Year and life after high school by Fulbright ETA Ashley

					Fuchs.
Disney School Break	22.- 27.04.2024	Narva American Space	Middle and high school students	288	Narva Central Library and Narva American Space collaborated on a series of Disney-themed events during the school break week, including a trivia game based on the works of Walt Disney; “The Resistance” Board Game Tournament; A fun trivia game “Tastes of America; Architectural Modeling masterclass led by art historian Elena Khovarth; a quest game based on Disney fairy tales; “Mafia in LA” board game tournament, and others.
Lecture: “Red Western & American Culture beight the Iron Curtain”	15.05.2024	Narva American Space	Adults	30	This lecture explores how the Soviet Union, through its “eastern” westerns, grappled with America’s cultural influence throughout its early cinematographic history. Speaker: Postimees journalist Jan Levtšenko (PhD, Semiotics, University of Tartu)
Lecture: “Gangster ‘Handsome Jack,’ President Roosevelt and other Wonders: Why Narovians Loved American News in the 1930s”	30.05.2024	Narva American Space	Adults	21	During the lecture, the audience: <input type="checkbox"/> Learned why Narva residents in the 1930s were interested in reading news from the United States. <input type="checkbox"/> Got acquainted with the stories of Hollywood legend Pola Negri, millionaire Henry Ford, inventors and scientists, gangsters and bootleggers. <input type="checkbox"/> Studied the image of America created on the pages of local Russian-language newspapers. Speaker: Yevgeny Zavadskiy, ERR journalist, PhD candidate, and Junior Research Fellow at the Department of Slavic Studies, University of Tartu.
GLOBE Lesson with Nature Measuring Equipment for a Summer Camp	14.08.2024	Narva American Space	Mixed audience	21	Narva Central Library and Narva American Space invited school students interested in nature studies to get acquainted with G.L.O.B.E. measuring equipment by

			(mostly students)		participating in a practical master class. Note: G.L.O.B.E. measuring equipment was purchased with American Spaces funds.
Media literacy seminar series for teachers	26.- 28.08.2024 28.09.2024	Narva American Space	Adults	127	The first part of a media literacy seminar series for teachers took place in Narva. Supported by the U.S. Embassy Tallinn and Narva American Space, the course covered Estonian media landscape, journalistic ethics, fact-checking, and incorporating media literacy into classroom lessons. Teachers participated in hands-on activities and visited a local radio station.
Narva Annual Women's Beauty Fair	12.10.2024	Narva Fama keskus	Adults	60	On October 12th, Narva hosted its annual women's beauty fair, organized by the EENA (Estonian entrepreneurial Women Association) Narva Club. The event was supported by Narva American Space Attendees learned about the activities of the women's business club and participated in a roundtable discussions on beauty and femininity.
Narva Souvenir Creation Project for Youth (Opening Event)	25.10.2024 02.12.2024	Narva American Space	Middle School students	65	A youth project aimed at creating new souvenirs for the city was launched in Narva on October 24th. Initiated by the Narva Club of EENA (Estonian entrepreneurial Women Association) and supported by the American Space, the project will engage local youth in developing unique souvenirs reflecting the city's distinctive character. Under the guidance of successful Narva women, participants will visit various locations in the city, interact with local entrepreneurs and experts, and receive mentorship. The project's outcomes will be presented at the "Woman of the Year in Narva" awards ceremony in December. Ideas included brooches, reflector keychains, cookie-cutters, puzzles, and hand-made dolls.

Estonian Russian Theatre Actor Aleksandr Ivaškevitš' Tribute Concert	25.10.2024	Narva Rugodiv	Adults	350	<p>In cooperation with Narva City Government, The American Space co-hosted and co-sponsored a solo performance/tribute night with actor Aleksandr Ivaškevitš, who, among other numerous talents, is a leading tap dancer and tap dance instructor in Estonia. Ivaškevitš' talked about his American experience learning tap dancing from Brenda Bufalino herself and performed a few numbers on stage to the audience's warm welcome.</p> <p>This event was held in a large municipal concert hall within the framework of "Narva – the Fall Capital of Estonia" cultural project.</p>
Youth Debate Seminar: The Right to Truth	30.10.2024	Narva American Space	Middle School students	30	<p>Narva American Space became the host of one of the training series events focused on fostering resilience, digital safety, and media literacy among the youth of Ida-Viru County. Local young people engaged in discussions about societal challenges and gained practical skills to defend themselves and their communities against manipulation and mis/dis/malinformation, both in the digital and physical realms. This project is carried out with grants from the Embassies of the United States and the Netherlands.</p>
Halloween Time!	21.-31.10.2024	Narva American Space	Mixed audience	321	<p>Throughout the period of October 21-31, the American Space hosted a variety of Halloween-themed events, which included informative guest lectures for schoolchildren and a quiz contest. Events were also held at Narva Central Library Branch at Narva Children's Creativity Center. The final quest filled with challenges, contests, and a family photo zone took place in October 31. A truly enjoyable and educational experience!</p>
Cinema Club	14.10. and 12.11.2024	Narva American Space	Adults	58	<p>Monthly events that start with a lecture on a pivotal time in American cinema, continue with a film screening representing the era, and are followed by a discussion and/or Q&A.</p>

					Instructor: Radio 4/ETV+ journalist and IVLP alumnus Mihhail Komashko.
Workshop on Mindfulness and Practical Strategies for People Living with HIV	28.11.2024	Narva American Space	Mixed audience	11	<p>On November 28, in anticipation of World AIDS Day, a unique event dedicated to HIV prevention, stigma reduction, and support for people living with HIV took place at the American Space of Narva Central Library.</p> <p>Key points addressed at the event included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Availability and effectiveness of ARV therapy and PrEP • Practical tips for HIV prevention • Overcoming stigma and promoting tolerance • The role of social workers, psychologists, and peer counsellors • The importance of HIV testing
GLOBE educational board game	02.12.2024	Narva American Space	Mixed audience Mostly students	65	<p>GLOBE has completed an educational board game to introduce the program.</p> <p>Students from Narva Keeltelütseum, Narva Kesklinna Kool, Narva Gümnaasium, Narva Vanalinna põhikool and Narva Eesti Gümnaasium tested the game at a game day event at Narva Central Library.</p> <p>The game was developed with the support of the U.S. Embassy Tallinn, Estonia during GLOBE's fall and winter schools.</p>
REPS, Embassy personnel, and U.S. Army Civil Affairs team visit	17.12.2024	Narva American Space	Adults	15	<p>REPS, Embassy personnel, and U.S. Army Civil Affairs team visit highlighted the importance of the programming on Narva American Space, its continuity and broad reach. Narva city officials present at the meeting stressed the productive relationship with the Embassy both within the American Space framework and outside.</p> <p>The visit ended with a joint REPS and Fulbright ETA-led Conversation Club session in American Musicals -- a topic both fascinating and loved by Narva American Space patrons.</p>

Safe and Secure Estonia Master Classes	14.12.2024	Narva American Space	Adults	15	<p>Social workers were the target audience for the organized master class.</p> <p>Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geopolitics of the 21st Century • Current Threats to Stability and Security in the Baltic Region • Cybersecurity and Media Literacy • Democracy and Civil Society • Resilience and Civil Protection • NATO Activities • Development of the Estonian Defence Forces • Military Allies in Estonia • Conscription • Estonian Defence League (Kaitseliit) and others
Disney Holidays with Narva American Space at Laste Loomemaja	09.-20.12.2024			180	<p>As part of the “Disney Holidays” project, with the support of the Narva American Space, the library’s “Energiya” reading room of the prepared a Christmas-themed exhibition: a collection of Disney series books and stories about Christmas by American writers.</p> <p>In addition to the book exhibition, informational materials were prepared about American Christmas traditions.</p> <p>Children participated in “American Christmas Traditions” and “Santa Claus & Christmas” quizzes, as well as “Gingerbread Man” and “Christmas tree” Master classes.</p>
Laser Cutter Master Classes	by arrangement	Narva American Space	Mixed audience	364	<p>This is a continuation of a master class series on laser cutting and seeking innovative approaches for introducing new ideas in the MakerLab innovation laboratory at Narva American Space.</p>
American Club for Ukrainians	Three times per week	Narva American Space	Adults	405	<p>This is a series of beginner English classes with an outsourced local teacher.</p> <p>Fulbright ETA Ashley Fuchs contributes pronunciation, vocabulary, and U.S. culture elements to the program.</p>

<p>Citywide Literary Game Based on Rick Riordan's Work</p>	<p>05.12.2024</p>	<p>Narva American Space</p>	<p>Students</p>	<p>35</p>	<p>Narva Central Library, with the support of the Narva American Space, hosted a citywide literary game based on the work of American author Rick Riordan, renowned for his bestselling young adult series. Riordan, hailed as the best contemporary children's author by the prestigious New York Times, is most famous for his Percy Jackson series. The game was offered for seventh-graders student of four city schools: Narva Keeltelütseum Narva Pähklimäe Kool Narva Õigeusu Gümnaasium Narva Kreenholmi Kool All teams received a selection of books, sweets, and souvenirs form the Narva American Space.</p>
<p>Advanced Smart Phone Photography Course for Adults</p>	<p>Once a week (during the whole year) by different groups</p>	<p>Narva American Space</p>	<p>Adults</p>	<p>754</p>	<p>This course is for people aged 50+ who previously completed Beginner Smart Phone Photography Course. The program is designed for 11 meetings (including 5 lecture meetings (1.5 hours each), 4 practical meetings outdoors (3 hours each), 1 meeting — a trip to Sillamäe (the new promenade) and 1 meeting to open the photo exhibition.</p>
<p>American Space Tour</p>	<p>Once – twice a month</p>	<p>Narva American Space</p>	<p>Mixed audience</p>	<p>329</p>	<p>The tours of the American Space are conducted in Russian, English, or Estonian, depending on the guests' preference. During the tour, we talk about the space mission, activities, and demonstrate 3D printer and laser cutter items made during the workshops.</p>
<p>American Club</p>	<p>Once a week (January – May</p>	<p>Narva American Space</p>	<p>Adults</p>	<p>549</p>	<p>American Club (an English language learning course for lower intermediate learners 50+).</p>

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American Movie Night	Once a month (January – May September – December)	Narva American Space	Adults	92	Narva American Space and U.S. Embassy Film Series: “Telling the American Story: Literature in Cinema”.
American Conversation Club	Twice a week	Narva American Space	Mixed audience	524	Conversation Club is led by Fulbright English Teaching Assistant.
Get Help with Your English Series	Twice a week	Narva American Space	Secondary / Upper-secondary school students)	35	Fulbright English Teaching Assistant was available to help with any English language-related questions (including homework, presentations, correspondence, etc.). !!! By prior registration.
Disney Saturday	Once a month	Narva American Space	Mixed audience (mostly children)	110	The movie screens in Russian. The screening is free of charge.
Summer Animation Film Screenings	Every Tuesday at summer months (June – August)	Narva American Space	Mixed audience (mostly children)	148	The movie screens in Russian. The screening is free of charge.
Summer Feature Film Screenings	Every Wednesday at summer months (June – August)	Narva American Space	Mixed audience (mostly children)	112	The movie screens in Russian. The screening is free of charge.

3D Master Class	By previous appointment	Narva American Space	Mixed audience	403	This is a continuation of a master class series on 3D printing, laser cutting and seeking innovative approaches for introducing new ideas in the innovation laboratory in Narva.
English for Librarians	Once a week (December – June)	Narva American Space	Librarians from the Narva Center Library	62	This initiative is meant to improve the librarians' level of English to be able to participate in future trainings in English. Lead by Fulbright English Teaching Assistant.
Basics of Computer Literacy 50+	Individual consultations upon request.	Narva American Space	Adults	484	This is a series of weekly offline computer literacy sessions with IT specialist Artem Cheremisinov from Narva Central Library. The classes are in groups and in-person.