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## Upcoming Events

### Integrating EL/Civics into the Adult ESOL Classroom

Friday, December 4, 2009

Emerson School  
Lakewood, OH

We are currently offering 66 Alternative Delivery Activities for Northeast Ohio. Register for these training sessions and alternative delivery activities on our calendar of events at [www.ohioable.org](http://www.ohioable.org) or [www.neable.org](http://www.neable.org)

## Medical Readiness Course Available

The Medical Readiness Course created by EDR 12 Collaborative is now available on the Bodega at <http://www.neable.org/resources/bodega/bodega-transitions>

This course of study is designed to facilitate adult transition from high school, work, or unemployment to enrollment in and successful completion of programs in the health care field.

Please contact the Northeast ABE Resource Center if you would like a hardcopy.

## COABE Has Moved

The Commission on Adult Basic Education has moved! Please update your records.  
Mail: COABE, PO Box 620, Syracuse, NY 13206  
Phone: (888) 44-COABE (888) 442-6223  
Fax: (866) 941-5129

## KET Adult Learning Newsletter

The Kentucky Educational Television (KET) Adult Learning Newsletter, Winter, 2009 edition is available. KET's Enterprise Division publishes and distributes the *KET Adult Learning Quarterly* newsletter which examines issues and innovations in adult education. It

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# Transitions to Post-secondary Education Discussion List

The National Institute for Literacy is pleased to announce a new discussion list on the topic of Transitions to Post-secondary Education. The list is moderated by Ellen Hewett from the National College Transition Network (NCTN) at World Education, Inc.

The purpose of this list is to provide an on-going professional development forum for practitioners, administrators, researchers, and policy-makers from the Adult Secondary Education (ASE), English Language Acquisition (ELA), post-secondary education, and workforce development fields. This list promotes the sharing of information, research, expertise, and resources to help bridge the gap between what ASE and ELA programs traditionally offer and what most adult learners need to succeed in post-secondary education. Topics such as curriculum and instruction, college readiness, counseling, assessment, program development, career awareness, data collection, and partnerships will be explored.

To join, visit [www.nifl.gov/lincs/discussions/discussions.html](http://www.nifl.gov/lincs/discussions/discussions.html).

## ICC New Web Site

The International Community Council has announced their new Web site:  
[www.internationalcommunitycouncil.org](http://www.internationalcommunitycouncil.org)

The International Community Council was founded with and maintains the vision of a world of different people living and working together harmoniously, enriched by a network of creative partnerships of internationals, focused on combining strengths and weaknesses to address present pressing needs and to create a mutually rewarding future.

Their mission is to identify and invite internationals in the area to come together as one organization, demonstrating harmonious relationships amid broad international and cultural diversity

The ICC has facilitated the additions to the Cleveland Cultural Gardens, worked with the Cleveland Plain Dealer to produce "Mosaic" (latest news and updates for the international community in Cleveland) and continues to have a blog at <http://www.cleveland.com/mosaic>

## Immigrant Inc. Book Launch

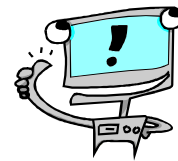
Immigrant, Inc. Book Launch Party will be held Monday, December 7, 2009 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Speakeasy, 1948 West 25<sup>th</sup> St., Cleveland, OH 44113.

Immigrant, Inc (Why Immigrant Entrepreneurs Are Driving the New Economy *and how they will save the American worker*) by Richard T. Herman, owner of the Cleveland immigration law firm Richard T. Herman & Associates and Robert L. Smith, journalist who covers international cultures and immigration for the Cleveland Plain Dealer, is a book of inspiring stories, interwoven with powerful research, explores the culture of entrepreneurship, education, family and thrift. The authors, each married to an immigrant, call upon America to embrace these job-creators and to “think like an immigrant.” For more information on the book: [www.ImmigrantInc.com](http://www.ImmigrantInc.com)

## Native American Indian Heritage Month

In September 1915, President Calvin Coolidge issued a proclamation designating the second Saturday of each May as American Indian Day. It was the first such designation. In 1990, President George Bush endorsed a joint resolution of Congress calling for the observance of Native American Indian Heritage Month during the month of November. Since 1994, such proclamations have been issued every year. The National Register of Historic Places is pleased to promote awareness of and appreciation for the history and culture of American Indians and Alaska Natives during National American Indian Heritage Month. For more information, please see: <http://www.cr.nps.gov/nr/feature/indian>

## Matt's Tech Tips



### Tech Tips Q & A

Do you have a question or questions about technology that have been bugging you? Here is your chance to send them into **Matt's Tech Tips** and get some answers (or at least a nudge in the right direction). Matt is looking for submissions to answer in upcoming issues of Friday NewsBriefs, but I need your help. Please send a technology related question or two to [matt@neable.org](mailto:matt@neable.org) and look for the answer in the Friday NewsBriefs.

### Tip of the week:

With flu season making people miserable and getting a lot of attention in the media, now is a good time to think about keeping your computers clean. If you have computers that are shared in a lab environment or the classroom, you should regularly disinfect keyboards and mice. First, shut down your computers, then use disinfectant wipes to gently clean the keyboard, mouse, and surrounding surfaces. Be careful around LCD monitors, the alcohol in disinfectant wipes could damage them. Also, make it a habit to wash your hands after using a computer lab or shared computer.



## The Resource Room

The following selections have been chosen for your “autumn” holiday reading pleasure. Please contact the Northeast ABE Resource Center if you are interested in borrowing one of these Bestsellers.

***Kabul Beauty School*** by Deborah Rodriguez - Deborah Rodriguez went to Afghanistan with nothing but a desire to help and a degree in cosmetology. There she joined the Kabul Beauty School, which welcomed its first class in 2003. Well meaning but sometimes brazen, Rodriguez, one of the school’s first teachers and its eventual director, stumbled through language barriers and overstepped cultural customs as she learned how to empower her students to become their families’ breadwinners, teaching them the fundamentals of coloring techniques, haircutting, and makeup. With warmth and humor, Rodriguez reveals the magnificence behind the burqa—and presents the remarkable tale of an extraordinary community of women who come together and learn the arts of perms, friendship, and freedom.

***Born on a Blue Day*** by Daniel Tammet – is a journey into one of the most fascinating minds alive today—guided by the owner himself. Daniel Tammet is virtually unique among people who have severe autistic disorders in that he is capable of living a fully independent life and able to explain what is happening inside his head. He has savant syndrome, an extremely rare condition that gives him the most unimaginable mental powers, much like those portrayed by Dustin Hoffman in the film *Rain Man*. Fascinating and inspiring, *Born on a Blue Day* explores what it’s like to be special and gives us an insight into what makes us all human—our minds.

***“Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?”*** by Beverly Daniel Tatum, PhD. Walk into any racially mixed high school and you will see Black youth seated together in the cafeteria—and the White, Latino, Asian Pacific, and American Indian youth clustered in their own groups, too. The same phenomenon can be observed in college dining halls, faculty lounges, and in corporate cafeterias. Is this self-segregation a problem we should try to fix, or a coping strategy we should support? How can we get past our reluctance to talk about racial issues? ***“Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria?”*** has helped hundreds of thousands of readers figure out where to start.

## *Speaking of Lesson Plans*

**Discussing Cultural Knowledge for Life in the USA** by Rebecca Allen, Aurora Languages, Cincinnati, Ohio

This is a discussion lesson plan, ideal for teachers teaching adults living or planning to live in the USA. As natives, we often take cultural knowledge for granted. This discussion lesson plan gives students the opportunity to learn practical linguistic and para-linguistic skills such as finding apartment, using greetings correctly, buying food, riding the bus, and pumping gas -- all real problems that my students have had at one time or another.

## Web Sites to Explore

**Multiple Perspectives** - Help your ESOL students develop the Historical Thinking Skills defined by the National Center for History in the Schools with the interactives on this site. Each interactive models a specific skill or set of skills, such as analyzing historical artifacts or using primary sources to develop a thesis. The first five interactives conclude with Classroom Extensions, which provide suggestions on how you can teach using these skills in your classroom. The final interactive, Balancing Sources, includes input from an advisory board of teachers, modeling how they might use the primary sources within the interactive. [Click here to visit the Web Site](#)

**The Learning Edge** - An Interactive Newspaper on Life Skills Practice: -reading -listening - vocabulary quizzes -comprehension quizzes -writing (students can email their story to the web site) Topics: On my own-classified ads, missing work, consumer aware, health feature, street safety, paying a utility bill, plus back issues! [www.thewclc.ca/edge](http://www.thewclc.ca/edge)

**Outreach and Technical Assistance Network for Adult Educators** - OTAN's site is rich with links to resources including [media](#) (photos, graphics, audio and video), [web-based classroom activities](#) and [an adult education lesson plan builder](#). <http://www.otan.us>

This **picture dictionary** is only of nouns and has fairly high level definitions <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/Dictionary.html>

## *Thoughts On Leadership*

*Thoughts on Leadership is presented as an attachment to the Friday NewsBriefs*