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*The Staff of the Northeast ABLE Resource Center  
Wishes you a Happy, Healthy, Holiday Season!*

*We look forward to assisting you with your  
professional development needs in 2010.*

## Upcoming Events

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

Friday, January 8, 2010

Emerson School

Lakewood, OH

We are currently offering 70 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)

## COABE Awards *Nominate Someone Today!!!!*

You or someone you know could qualify for COABE's prestigious national-level awards.

COABE members can apply year round for awards, incentive grants, and scholarships. Go to [www.coabe.org](http://www.coabe.org) and click on Awards to nominate someone or apply today.

Winners will be honored at the annual conference *Coming Together in Chicago*, Chicago,

IL, March 15-19, 2010. Members save \$75.00 off conference registration.

Deadline is December 31, 2009.

# Literacy Information and Communication System (LINCS) December 2009

Welcome to LINCS Resource Collection News! Each month, they will feature one of the three LINCS Resource Collections--Basic Skills, Program Management, and Workforce Competitiveness--and introduce research-based resources that you can use in your adult and family literacy programs and classrooms. This edition features the Program Management Collection [http://www.nifl.gov/lincs/resourcecollections/RC\\_planning.html](http://www.nifl.gov/lincs/resourcecollections/RC_planning.html), which covers the topics of Assessment, Learning Disabilities, and Program Improvement.

## Family Literacy Courses

Registration is still open for Penn State's online Certificate in Family Literacy courses. Two popular courses from the Certificate in Family Literacy will be available: ADTED 456: Introduction to Family Literacy and ADTED 459: Interactive Literacy: Parents and Children. Both of these three-credit courses are available for graduate or undergraduate credit and there are not prerequisites. Classes run January 13 - April 14, 2010.

For more information visit:

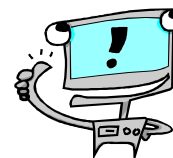
<http://www.worldcampus.psu.edu/FamilyLiteracyCertificate.shtml>

or contact Dr. Sheila Sherow at [sms20@psu.edu](mailto:sms20@psu.edu)

Register today at:

[http://www.worldcampus.psu.edu/StudentServices\\_GettingStarted.shtml](http://www.worldcampus.psu.edu/StudentServices_GettingStarted.shtml)

## 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 he needs 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:**

### A few random things...

A quick follow up to an email I received a while back about choosing an antivirus program. Recently, Microsoft released its free Security Essentials software to the public and it has received positive reviews. The software is a small download and the price is right (free). You can download it here: [http://www.microsoft.com/Security\\_Essentials/](http://www.microsoft.com/Security_Essentials/).

Also, don't forget to turn off your computers if you are leaving for break.

And now for something completely different...dogs dressed as elves dancing for your entertainment: <http://elfyourself.jibjab.com/view/1rZIFX5xwka4T8S36wzY>

Enjoy the holidays!



## The Resource Room

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

**Native Speaker** by Chang-Rae Lee is a breathtaking novel of alienation, longing and identity. Narrator Henry Park, son of a Korean-American grocer, is an undercover operative for a vaguely sinister private intelligence agency. When he is assigned to spy on a rising Korean-American politician, Park finds his family, culture, and identity endangered by the secrets he uncovers.

Swirled into the turbulent background of New York City politics and growing ethnic tensions, Park must come to terms with his American wife, Lelia, and the recent death of his young son while fighting an emotional attachment to the people he is investigating. A compelling intrigue builds while insights into current political events, love, culture, and family abound. 2 Audio Cassettes, approximately 3 hours playing time.

**Head Above Water** *An Autobiography* by Buchi Emecheta. “As for my survival for the past twenty years in England, from when I was a little over twenty, dragging four cold and dripping babies with me and pregnant with a fifth one—that is a miracle. And if for any reason you do not believe in miracles, please start believing, because my keeping my head above water in this indifferent society---is a miracle.”

Buchi Emecheta has made an unimaginable transition—from a tribal childhood in the African bush to life in North London as an internationally-admired author. In *Head Above Water* she gives a sharply-observed account of her struggle to establish herself as a writer.

## Employment Opportunities

**Lakewood ABL Program** has an opening for an Educational Assistant, Tuesday and Thursday Evenings from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m./\$18.00 an hour.

The candidate must be energetic and highly organized. The knowledge of TABE and Practice Test administration is an asset. The candidate should have a minimum of some college background, and have a friendly and warm personality.

Duties will include, but are not limited to:

- The administration of TABE and Practice Test
- Record keeping of test results
- Interviewing and advising students on transitions
- Conducting exit interviews with students
- Providing general classroom and orientation support

If interested, please submit a resume to [terry.hamovitch@lakewood.k12.oh.us](mailto:terry.hamovitch@lakewood.k12.oh.us) or call Terry at 216.227.5165.

## *Speaking of Lesson Plans*



**December Holiday Free Worksheets and Study Sheets**  
<http://www.vocabmaker.com/freeworksheets/december.html>

**Top 10 Tips for Incorporating Kwanzaa Themes in Your Classroom**  
<http://www.worksheetlibrary.com/teachingtips/kwanzaa.html>

## **Web Sites to Explore**

**Cultural Harmony** *an international collection of songs.* A symphony of people sharing a common spirit and a simple wish of peace and joy for harmony throughout the world.

<http://internationalcommunitycouncil.org/audio.htm>



**Here is an online tutorial** about researching information. It is very useful for transition students. See <http://kognito.com/clients/rutgers/infolit/>

**ReadWriteThink** named Landmark Web site by AASL

The American Association of School Librarians (AASL) announced a new resource for school library media specialists and their teacher colleagues. The Best Web sites for Teaching and Learning: Landmark Web sites, which includes **ReadWriteThink.org**, honors the top Internet sites for enhancing learning and curriculum development. AASL considers these sites the "best of the best".

<http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/aasl/guidelinesandstandards/bestlist/bestwebsitestop25.cfm>

## ***Thoughts On Leadership***

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