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March 13, 2010

Northeast ABLEResource Center (Henn Mansion)
Euclid, OH

ESOL Basics: Language Acquisition

March 19, 2010

Northeast ABLEResource Center (Henn Mansion)
Euclid, OH

Northeast ABLEResource Center New Staff Orientation (Region I)

This online course is now available. Please register on the Alternative Delivery page of the training calendar under New to ABLEResource Center.

We are currently offering 74 Alternative Delivery Activities for Northeast Ohio.

Register for these training sessions and alternative delivery activities on our calendar of events at www.ohioable.org or www.neable.org

See the "Resource Room" on page 5 for new Alternative Delivery Activities.

Beginnings, Ohio Writers' Conference

Every year since 1998, the Ohio Literacy Resource Center celebrates the outstanding writing accomplishments of adults who are participants in Adult Basic and Literacy Education (ABLE) programs throughout the state of Ohio.

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The Ohio Writers' Conference 2010 will be held on May 14, 2010 and will be held at the Marriott NW Columbus, Ohio.

The OLRC invites ABLE programs to submit student original writings for review. All genres are acceptable. The submissions, however, must be original. Original means that the work must not be copied from any source.

Accepted submissions are published in a softbound book, *Beginnings*. Students whose work is accepted are invited to attend the day-long Ohio Writers' Conference, along with their teacher and one guest. The deadline to submit is February 5, 2010.

To submit writings or for more information on the 2010 Ohio Writers' Conference. Please go to <http://literacy.kent.edu/beginnings/Beginnings.html>

Achieving Student Success: Transitions to Post-secondary Education

*January 20, 2010
1:00–2:30 pm EST*

Transitioning students through their educational experience and on to post-secondary education can be a challenging process.

Join the live Webcast. Learn what local programs, in partnership with colleges, are doing to ensure that students are ready to move from adult literacy classes to post-secondary education and beyond. In this Webcast, designed for program administrators, experts will explore successful student transitions as well as discuss current research, state office technical assistance, and adult education program perspectives.

Presenters:

Jeffrey A. Fantine, State Director of Adult Education, Maine

Ellen Hewett, Director of the National College Transition Network (NCTN) at World Education, Inc.

Daniel J. Miller, Acting Director, National Institute for Literacy

Julie Scoskie, Director, Jefferson County Public Schools Adult and Continuing Education, Louisville, Kentucky

Ronna Spacone, Education Program Specialist, U. S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education

Topics Include

- Elements of successful transitions programs
- Research-based and best practices for providing transitions programming
- Forming college-adult education partnerships
- How states support transitions programming
- Resources on transitions to post-secondary education

National Institute for Literacy Guest Discussion

From January 20th to Feb. 3rd the diversity list will be hosting a guest discussion called: Love and literacy: What happens in couples when the woman learns to read?

The guest facilitator will be Rebecca Garland. For her recently completed dissertation she interviewed female literacy learners and their male partners to explore these couples' understandings of the stresses that occur when the woman returns to school. A focal point of the discussion will be on how programs can help learners to anticipate and negotiate the inevitable stresses placed on their partnerships when they decide to return to school. The conversation will focus on both heterosexual and homosexual couples, and can also include discussion on what happens when the man, rather than the woman, is returning to school.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.nifl.gov/lincs/discussions/diversity/10literacy.html>

PowerPath to Education and Employment Professional Development Series Basic Certification Series

The Basic Certification Series is for new PowerPath programs or new staff from current PowerPath sites. This series is also ideal for individuals previously trained or certified prior to 2007 who want to get updates on PowerPath's new protocols, learn new steps in the PowerPath system, and refine skills needed to maximize PowerPath outcomes.

Level I February 4 & 5, 2010 Delaware County Offices, Delaware, OH

Level II March 10 & 11, 2010 The OH School for the Blind, Columbus, OH
Follow-up May 14, 2010 TBD

Fees \$300.00/person for Ohio participants \$600.00/person for Non Ohio participants

For more registration information, please go to <http://powerpath.com/profDev.html>

Cultural Events

61st India Republic Day

The Federation of India Community Associations of Northeast Ohio (FICA) invites you to the 61st India Republic Day celebration and dinner.

The celebration, which includes recognitions, entertainment, socializing, dinner and dancing will be held at the Embassy Suites, 5800 Rockside Woods Blvd., Independence, OH 44131 on Saturday, January 30, 2010, at 5:45 p.m.

For further information and reservations, please email: RepublicDay2010@fica-cleveland.org or call: Asim Datta 216.394.8720; Venky Venkatesh 216.235.8613; Mona Alag 440/256-3247; or Durga Chigurupati 216.287.5553

Inside Islam: What a Billion Muslims Really Think

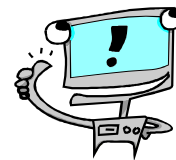
Inside Islam: What a Billion Muslims Really Think is a documentary film based on the Gallup Poll of Worldwide Muslim Public Opinion executive producers Alex Kronemer and Michael Wolfe.

On Saturday, January 30, 2010, the Cleveland area premiere film screening, panel and interfaith dialogue will be held at West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church, 20401 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River, OH 44116 at 6:30 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public. If you plan to attend, RSVP to info@cleveland.cair.com or 216.830.2247. For more information contact: Bob Bemer at 440.333.2255 westshorefilmseries@gmail.com or Julia Shearson at 216.830.2247 jshearson@cair.com

Matt's Tech Tips

Tip of the week:



File and Folder Naming

Just a few words on keeping your computer organized using good naming practices. First, use folders to keep similar documents grouped together. You can then use folders to further subdivide a group of similar files into types. For example, a folder can be created called "Lesson Plans." Inside that folder can be two folders dividing "ABE" and "ESOL." Inside "ABE" and "ESOL" can be folders for "reading," "writing" and so on. It can be helpful to use the file and folder names to apply descriptive details about what it contains. It may be appropriate to include a date or version note if there are different versions of a file that need to be separated. Try to avoid using spaces in your file names. Instead, separate words with the underscore mark or a hyphen. The last tip, and maybe the most important, is to be consistent in your practices. Form a strategy that works for you and stick with it.

For some extra tips, take a look at:

<http://www.microsoft.com/atwork/productivity/files.aspx> or

<http://sbinfocanada.about.com/od/datamanagement/a/computerfilemgt.htm>

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 and look for the answer in the Friday NewsBriefs.



The Resource Room

The following selections have been added to the Alternative Delivery Training section of our Calendar of Events. Please go to www.neable.org and click on Training Calendar to register for the professional development training of your choice.

How to Teach Reading by Edward Frye, is a handy guide to aid teachers and tutors in teaching their adult students to read. *How to Teach Reading* assists the teacher in determining a student's reading ability and suggests reading material, games, word lists, and activities to improve his or her reading.

The Sound of Language by Amulya Malladi is a story of bravery, tradition and the power of language. An Afghan woman, attempting to start a new life in a foreign country after escaping war-torn Kabul, and a Danish widower form an unexpected alliance.

The Immigrant's Way, written by Cleveland attorney and Chinese immigrant Margaret Wong, will be of interest to American readers seeking to become better informed about U.S. immigration law and history, but its primary audience is fellow immigrants.

Teaching Writing Online: How & Why by Scott Warnock details how to migrate the writing class to the textual environments of Learning Management Systems, Email, LISTSERVs, Message Boards and other tools that emphasize the writing process.

The Mango Season by Amulya Malladi is about an Indian woman who hides her engagement to an American man from her traditional Brahmin family. "I had escaped arranged marriage," begins Priya Rao, "by coming to the United States to do a master's in Computer Sciences at Texas A&M, by conveniently finding a job in Silicon Valley, and then by inventing several excuses to not go to India." At 27, having run out of excuses, she returns to her home city of Hyderabad and runs headlong into a dizzying array of parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. Tormenting Priya is a secret: Nick, her American fiance. She is afraid to tell anyone about him, fearing she will be disowned.

Speaking of Lesson Plans

A reading comprehension lesson on **Valentines Day**. Includes printable teaching lesson worksheet <http://www.instructorweb.com/les/valentinesday.asp>

January 18, 2010 is Martin Luther King Day.

The following lesson plan is designed as an independent lesson to foster critical thinking over Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech.

http://www.eduref.org/Virtual/Lessons/Language_Arts/Literature/LIT0004.html

Web Sites to Explore

Health Literacy Missouri is pleased to announce the opening of their Web site:

www.healthliteracymissouri.org

The site is very much a work in progress, a living and breathing organism that will benefit from your feedback.

Health Literacy Consulting *What's New e-newsletter*

Health Literacy Consulting is pleased to offer a free monthly "What's New" E-Newsletter. This is a brief email with information about the latest articles, how-to's, podcasts, and resources from health Literacy Consulting as well as related health literacy news. To subscribe, go to <http://www.healthliteracy.com>

Thoughts On Leadership

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