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Upcoming Events

New Teacher Orientation

February 19, 2010

Northeast ABLEResource Center (Henn Mansion)
Euclid, OH

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February 27, 2010

Northeast ABLEResource Center (Henn Mansion)
Euclid, OH

New Teacher Orientation

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.

OAAACE Awareness Grant Proposals

Start thinking ways to promote your program and adult education. The next OAAACE Awareness Grant Proposal is due on March 31,

There will be two grants awarded Applicants can ask for a maximum of \$250 to promote awareness for Adult Education.

Applicants must describe the purpose, activities planned, and how the funds will be utilized to increase the awareness of Adult Education.

A draft of any proposed printed materials or other media must be submitted for approval. Acknowledgment must be given to OAACE as a source of funding for the activity.

Applications are available to download from the OAACE Website at www.aaace.org. Two grants will be awarded this cycle. The next cycle after the March 31 date is October 31.

Newsletter for Adult Education and Testing Professionals

In August 2009, GED Testing Service launched a new, online newsletter for adult education and testing professionals called *The Community*. Delivered once-a-month, the newsletter includes:

- Updates on future GED Tests
- Marketing information and resources from GED Testing Service and others
- Latest news and updates from GED Testing Service
- Spotlights on program happenings nationwide
- Access to preparation and testing information that matters most to you

To subscribe please go to:

http://www.acenet.edu/Content/NavigationMenu/ged/etp/pros/Subscribe_to_GED_New.htm

EVOLUTION

The January, 2010 edition of *Evolution-- Spotlight on: Transitions for Students with Special Needs* published by the Central/Southeast Resource Center can be found at www.ouliteracycenter.org Scroll down the left side of the page to *Click here for the latest newsletters*.

Announcing Two New Numeracy Courses!

ProfessionalStudiesAE.org, a partnership of ProLiteracy and World Education, is pleased to announce the launch of two new online professional development courses that are part of a six-part series of online courses focused on effective adult numeracy instruction.

Please note: [ABLE staff can count this as a "college course" for Professional Development credit.](#)

For more information and to register, look for the Numeracy topic at:

www.professionalstudiesae.org. If you have questions, e-mail prodev@proliteracy.org.

NAASLN Webinar Series

The NAASLN Webinar Series is pleased to present another opportunity to join Connie Leading's popular session--

GED Testing Accommodations and Adaptations ***How do we level the playing field for adults with special learning needs?***

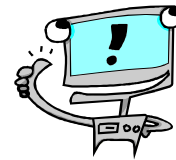
February 16 – 4:00 – 5:00 ET

Adults with special learning needs taking the GED fall into two categories: (1) Those adults with documented ADA disabilities, who require accommodations such as extended time, supervised breaks, scribes, audiocassettes. (2) Those adults, for whom teachers have identified learning needs requiring adaptations or modifications such as magnifiers, colored overlays, straight edges, rooms without fluorescent lighting, etc.

This session will clarify information concerning accommodations and adaptations and will provide effective ways to prepare your students to use these tools to successfully pass the GED Test.

For more information and to register ONLINE – Go to www.naasln.org/webinars.htm

Matt's Tech Tips



Tip of the week:

eBooks and eReaders

By now, you have probably heard of a Kindle, even if you have never seen one in the wild. The product that lit the fire under the digital publishing movement has now been joined by a wide range of devices and formats competing for attention. While I do believe printed text still has a place in the world, the option to have a personal library contained in a device the size of a paperback has certain appeal. Let's take a look at some of the popular devices and file formats to gain a better understanding of the technology.

eReaders can be broken down into three categories. The first sets of devices are characterized by the utilization of electronic paper displays that try to mimic the appearance of printed text. The best known hand held devices are the Kindle and Sony Reader. The next sets of eReaders are programs that run on devices like smart phones and personal media players like the iPod touch. Also noteworthy here is the introduction of Apple's iPad and the iBooks bookstore. The last sets of eReaders are the programs that run on a computer. There are too many programs to mention and many work in tandem with mobile devices to manage your digital library. For a listing of readers available on the market, check out Wikipedia @ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_e-book_readers.

eBook formats come in a wide variety of flavors. They range from simple text files to dynamic multimedia files that support text resizing, images, and other features. While most eReaders accept PDF and text files, there are a few formats that stand out and are worth mentioning here. The DAISY eBook format was created by an international consortium of libraries for people with print disabilities. This format can be implemented to support audio

eBooks and text eBooks. The next format, ePub, is an open standard created by the International Digital Publishing Forum. This format is supported by a wide range of devices and is a common format for digital book repositories. The last format I will mention is MobiPocket, a distant cousin of the ePub format, also works on a range of devices, most notably the Amazon Kindle. For a listing of formats and supporting hardware, check out Wikipedia @ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Comparison_of_e-book_formats.

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

I am repeating the list of new and exciting Alternative Delivery Professional Development Trainings for your information!

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

COLLEGE SUCCESS LESSON PLANS

If ABLÉ students can gain the attitudes and behavioral attribute that successful college students tend to possess, then they should be able to cope with the full range of college courses they are likely to encounter. Among these college success skills are study skills, time management, awareness of one's performance, and goal setting. These are both specific skills and more general attitudes, but all of them require high levels of self-awareness and intentionality on the part of students as they enter college. And yes, they can be taught in ABLÉ classrooms!

Eureka! Lesson Plans of the Month <http://literacy.kent.edu/eureka/lessonplans/index.html> will be spotlighting the following lessons you can use immediately in your classroom to address these college success skills. These lessons have incorporated the revised ABLÉ standards - check each month for a new topic to include in your lesson plan bank.

January How to Study for a Test
February Setting Goals for Success
March Help! I Need Five Minutes to Study
April How Do I Learn Best?

If you missed the January lesson plan, please find at
http://mercury.educ.kent.edu/database/eureka/documents/Lesson%20Plan_HowtoStudyforTest_Ohio.pdf

Black History Month is celebrated in Canada and the U.S. during the month of February (and October for the U.K.). It is a month for remembrance and education about important historical events and people of African diaspora.

Teacher resources can be found at: <http://fun.familyeducation.com/black-history-month/holidays/32871.html?WT.srch=1&im>

Web Sites to Explore

The Best Places To Find The Most Popular (& Useful) Resources For Educators by Larry Ferlazzo <http://tinyurl.com/yd5y5mr>

The Best "Fun" Sites You Can Use For Learning, Too — 2009, Part Two-- I've already posted The Best "Fun" Sites You Can Use For Learning, Too — 2009, but I've collected enough new sites to warrant posting a Part Two by Larry Ferlazzo <http://tinyurl.com/yequj5b>



Thoughts On Leadership

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