



# Friday NewsBriefs

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## Upcoming Events

**New Teacher Orientation**  
**February 19, 2010**  
Northeast ABLEResource Center (Henn Mansion)  
Euclid, OH

**LD202**  
**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

**Integrating EL/Civics into the Adult ESOL Classroom**  
**March 29, 2010**  
Valley Forge High School  
Parma, OH

**Spring PD Day**  
**April 23, 2010**  
Columbus, OH  
**Trainings include: Assistive Technology, Best Plus Training, ESOL Basics, LD 202, Mentoring and Standards**

**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 75 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)

# Black History Month

Many local organizations will stage public events; most of them free, to mark Black History Month. Here is a sampling of local events. Check with schools, libraries and other organizations for more.

**Tuesday, February 23, 2010 – 12:00 noon**

**Case Western's Law School, Room 157, 11075 East Blvd., Cleveland, OH**

Diane Phillips-Leatherberry, civil rights activist, and Daniel Clancy, head of Case Western Reserve University alumni relations, will discuss the Selma voting march of 1965, which Phillips-Leatherberry joined and Clancy covered as an FBI agent.

**Sunday, February 28, 2010 - 2:00 p.m.**

**Louis Stokes Wing Auditorium – Cleveland Main Library, 325 Superior Ave., Cleveland, OH**

**Writers & Readers Author Series “Sunday Afternoons for Writers and Readers”**

Hear sports legend and philanthropist, Kareem Abdul-Jabbar share his experiences as he discusses his passion for promoting literacy. Check out some of his books: *On the Shoulders of Giants* (2007); *Black Profiles in Courage* (1996); *Brothers in Arms* (2004); *A season on the Reservation* (2000).

## Celebrating the New Year

Lunar New Year celebrations coincide with the new moon and the start of a new lunar year Sunday. The celebrations, which run for several weeks throughout the area, range from cultural performances to lion dances to banquets. For a taste of Asia's biggest holiday, consider one of these events.

**Saturday, February 13, 2010 – 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Asia Plaza, 2999 Payne Ave., at East 30<sup>th</sup> St., Cleveland, OH**

Chinese New Year Celebration with lion dancing, exhibition booths and cultural performances.

**Saturday, February 20, 2010 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Saigon Plaza, 5400 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, OH**

The Vietnamese Community of Greater Cleveland's Lunar New Year Celebration will feature a dragon dance and cultural foods.

**Sunday, February 21, 2010 – 1:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

**Solon High School, Solon, OH**

The Cleveland Contemporary Chinese Cultural Association, a Chinese language school, will hold its annual Chinese New Year Celebration with entertainment, dinner and cultural performers.

# America The Story of Us: An Exciting New Series

## Premieres Sunday April 25th!

*America The Story of Us* is a landmark television event which captures the vast sweep of American history, linking the vital people and events that forged the American nation. This 12 part series focuses on the story of how the United States was invented, fashioned from an on-going belief in the possibilities of innovation and experimentation. From the earliest interactions between Europeans and Native Americans through efforts to cultivate the frontier, from the harnessing of the Mississippi River to the moon landing, this series reveals the connections and continuities that have shaped the course of U.S. history.

Featuring surprising detail about every day Americans from diverse backgrounds and colorful CGI (computer generated imagery) each one-hour episode moves through a significant chapter in the American story. *America The Story of Us* offers educators and students an extraordinary opportunity to invigorate their interest in the American past, and to hear the latest interpretations of historians. The unique visual perspectives and thematic focus on technological turning points offer a fresh take on the American past. This series provide a road map for learning about U.S. history, with stories along the way that are engaging touchstones for students to delve deeper into their own studies of our nation's past.

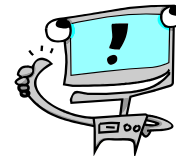
Visit <http://www.history.com/classroom> later in February for updates!

**Teacher's Guide Available! View the teacher's guide for activity ideas and curriculum links.**

[http://www.history.com/minisites/classroom/PDF/America\\_IdeaBook.pdf](http://www.history.com/minisites/classroom/PDF/America_IdeaBook.pdf)

## Matt's Tech Tips

### Tip of the week:



### Large Key/Large Print Keyboards

The densely packed keyboards that come standard with your computer may not be the best fit for beginning computer users or individuals with low vision and vision impairments. Large key and large print keyboards offer a way to make your existing computers more accessible to those users.



Check out this link for information on the models and options available:  
<http://www.enablemart.com/Catalog/Large-Key-Large-Print-Keyboards>

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.



## The Resource Room

The following selections have been chosen in celebration of Black History Month. They can be borrowed from the Northeast ABLE Resource Center library.

***Famous Black Americans*** by John T. King and Marcet H. King

This book was written to relate some of the worthwhile contributions that have been made by black Americans—achievements in science, medicine, education, politics, athletics, music, industry, and other fields of human activity.

***Discrimination: Prejudice in Action*** by Scott Gillam

The author cites specific examples to help explain the reasons for the the consequences of discrimination based on one's gender, mental or physical disability, race, sexual orientation, or age. The author explains that discrimination is not a new problem, it is not unique to the United States, it may take a variety of forms, and it can occur almost anywhere. It is up to you to decide what can be done about discrimination.

***Images Across the Ages-African Portraits*** by Dorothy and Thomas Hoobler, explores the history and culture of various world areas by narrating the biographies of several notable people from different walks of life. The book is profusely illustrated with full-page portraits and half-page drawings showing each subject in a representative situation, and is well-documented and contains many excerpts from the subjects' own writings.

***African-American Firsts-Famous, little-known and unsung triumphs of blacks in America*** by Joan Potter with Constance Claytor

The people you will read about in this book are unusual, not just because their achievements were outstanding, but because, directly or indirectly, they all were forced to contend with racism in their struggle toward goals that required the utmost in dedication and effort. That they were also able to bear the frequent indignity, frustration, and despair caused by the innocent circumstance of race adds greater luster to all their triumphs.

## *Speaking of Lesson Plans*

**Black History Month Lesson Plans, Activities and Resources**

Searching for Black History Month Lesson plans, activities and resources? Listen to black scientists. Use social and behavioral science to study the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Trace the blues, and through it all, discover the contributions of African Americans to our nation's history. <http://www.thinkfinity.org/BlackHistoryMonth.aspx>

**American Presidents Lesson Plans** No school on Monday! It is a national holiday. Do students understand the meaning and history of our national holidays?

[http://www.teachnology.com/teachers/lesson\\_plans/history/government/presidents](http://www.teachnology.com/teachers/lesson_plans/history/government/presidents)

## Web Sites to Explore

**The Best Websites To Teach & Learn About African-American History by Larry Ferlazzo**

<http://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org/2009/01/15/the-best-websites-to-teach-learn-about-african-american-history/>

**Do's and Don'ts of Teaching Black History**

What every teacher should know and do to ensure students get the most out of black history and Black History Month

<http://www.tolerance.org/activity/dos-and-donts-teaching-black-history>

**The Library of Congress**, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in paying tribute to the generations of African Americans who struggled with adversity to achieve full citizenship in American society. <http://www.africanamericanhistorymonth.gov>

## *Thoughts On Leadership*

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