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## Upcoming Events

### New Teacher Orientation

March 13, 2010

Northeast ABLEResource Center (Henn Mansion)

Euclid, OH

**(This will be the last NTO training for FY/2010)**

### 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

**(This does not replace the mandatory online training at [www.elcivicsonline.com](http://www.elcivicsonline.com) )**

### National Coalition for Literacy/Dollar General Advocacy Day

April 21, 2010

Embassy Suites Columbus-Dublin

Dublin, OH

### Ohio Association for Adult and Continuing Education (OAACE)

April 22, 2010

Embassy Suites Columbus-Dublin

Dublin, OH

### Spring PD Day

April 23, 2010

Embassy Suites Columbus-Dublin

Dublin, OH

**Trainings include: Assistive Technology, Best Plus Training, ESOL Basics, LD 202, Mentoring and Unpacking the Standards, ABLEResource Center Overview, Critical Reading, Web 2.0 Resources, Write for Success**

**Medical Readiness Course of Study Workshop**  
**May 14, 2010**  
**Northeast ABLEResource Center (Henn Mansion)**  
**Euclid, OH**

**Northeast ABLEResource 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.**

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)

## **GED Newsletter**

The February 2010 edition of *The Community* a newsletter for GED testing professionals and adult educators can be found at:

[http://www.acenet.edu/Content/NavigationMenu/ged/etp/pros/The\\_Community\\_0210.htm](http://www.acenet.edu/Content/NavigationMenu/ged/etp/pros/The_Community_0210.htm)

## **ProLiteracy's National Book Fund**

**Now Accepting Applications for Grants Through ProLiteracy's National Book Fund!**

Before ProLiteracy established the National Book Fund (NBF), literacy programs that couldn't afford to buy books for students and instructors simply did without them. Students shared worn-out books with other students. Instructors used cast-off books, outdated resources, and photocopies during lessons.

Applications for the National Book Fund are now available. The deadline is April 15th. All related documents for applying can be found at:

<http://www.proliteracy.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=356> on the ProLiteracy Web site.

If you have any questions contact Michele Diecuch, Information and Referral Manager at 315.422.9121 x321.

## **Literacy Cooperative Workshop Series**

Join the Literacy Cooperative's next workshop series!

Transitional Teaching Techniques for Beyond the GED, Session 1:

Transitional Writing

Friday, March 19, 2010

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Trinity Cathedral and Commons

2230 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland

\*Free parking is accessible from the entrance on Prospect Avenue at East 22nd Street

Presenter

Carmine Burkette, RS Hart and Partners, associate director

Tutors and instructors will leave with a sample of anticipatory sets that they can immediately implement to introduce content to students. These mini lessons will make excellent supplements to your instruction. Participants are encouraged to register for individual workshops or the entire series.

This session is on Transitional Writing. Beyond the 5 paragraph essay; this session will focus upon how to incorporate writing in ways that will help prepare students for college composition.

The workshops are free, but you must register. To do so, contact Literacy Cooperative program assistant Sarah Upperman at 216.393.4549 or [supperman@literacycooperative.org](mailto:supperman@literacycooperative.org).

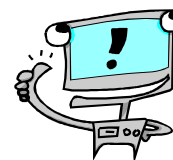
## Free Adult ESOL Training Video Resource

The New American Horizons Foundation is in the process of creating a series of short, accessible teacher training videos addressing aspects of adult ESOL instruction. Each video is about 30 minutes in length and uses classroom footage and instructor interview footage to illustrate topics in adult ESOL practice such as approaches to teaching each of the four skills, planning lessons, working with emergent literacy learners, and grammar and vocabulary development in context. All the videos will be available free of charge online, or DVDs can be purchased for a minimal cost-recovery fee. People can access and utilize the videos to suit their training needs: as self-access resources, incorporated in workshops or volunteer trainings, as part of online training or teacher education courses, etc.

The first two videos are now ready for viewing at: <http://www.newamericanhorizons.org>

## Matt's Tech Tips

**Tip of the week:**



**Designing Cheap Online/Hybrid Classes - eTech Ohio 2010**

At this session, participants were introduced to several low cost options for creating cheap online and hybrid classes, as well as virtual office meeting hours for students. Resources discussed included:

**Poll Everywhere** is a real time SMS (cell phone text message) service that can be embedded in a PPT to dynamically show polling results. This service is free for fewer than 30 people and can be upgraded to harness full set of polling features. <http://www.polleverywhere.com/>

**Udutu** is an online learning simulation authoring tool for creating lessons and learning modules. <http://www.udutu.com/>

**Connexions** is an environment for collaboratively developing, freely sharing, and rapidly publishing scholarly content on the Web. <http://cnx.org/>

**Flat World** offers remixable textbooks by expert authors that are free online for students and in print at affordable prices. Limited libraries of materials are currently available, but it is a neat concept to follow. <http://www.flatworldknowledge.com/>

**Google Sites** used for E-Portfolios and Class Websites. Now free sounds great, but when considering these services, factor in the cost of infrastructure, training, and optional premium accounts into the equation. Free online services are abundant and are have rich potential, but they need to be deployed on the right equipment, with proper training and the right functionality.



## The Resource Room

### Alternative Delivery Professional Development Trainings

Our alternative delivery professional development trainings have become quite popular this school year.

We try to accommodate as many teachers as possible with their requests.

The trainings are loaned out for a period of one month in order to complete the activity. Return postage is always included. If an extension is required, please contact the Northeast ABE Resource Center for approval.

Please do not keep our library material past the due date or loan it out to other teachers. Some of our trainings are more popular than others, and although we have a large inventory, we may have waiting lists for some trainings.

It is policy to bill the ABE program for lost library material.

We encourage you to use our library and are always adding more trainings to our alternative delivery training calendar at [www.neable.org](http://www.neable.org)

## *Speaking of Lesson Plans*

### **How to Leave Easy Plans for a Substitute Teacher.**

A teacher who takes the time to leave easy plans for a substitute teacher is a teacher who cares when someone else is taking over the class. Here are ways to leave easy plans for your substitutes: <http://www.worksheetlibrary.com/teachingtips/leavingplansforsub.html>

**St. Patrick's Day** - This lesson has been edited to reflect more accurate history behind St. Patrick's Day. To distinguish between fact and fiction.

<http://www.lessonspage.com/printables/PSSOStPatricksDayHistory2.htm>

# Web Sites to Explore

## Women's History Month Resources for March!

HISTORY features Women's History Month Programming and special websites in March! Every March, classrooms and communities observe Women's History Month, highlighting everyday women and leaders who have shaped our world. HISTORY Classroom and History.com feature background articles, video clips, and other resources for Women's History Month lesson plans, projects, and activities. Visit <http://www.history.com/topics/womens-history-month> to view these resources.

You will also find valuable classroom activities and video clips at the BIO Classroom mini-site on Women's History located online at <http://www.biography.com/womens-history/>

### 🎬 Videos:

Women in Politics

Women's Army Auxiliary Corps

## Additional Women's History Month Resources:

Women's History Month videos and stories available free of charge to teachers: RED, WHITE & TRUE MYSTERIES offers a video series for the 4th through 8th grades. These 60-second videos reveal the interesting true stories of 5 women who shaped American history. Students can play along by trying to figure out which historical woman the host is describing. Print versions of these stories are included as well as an activity guide. The 5 women featured are: Molly Brown, Mileva Maric (Albert Einstein's wife), Sacajawea, 10-year-old inventor Becky Schroeder and Sarah Bush Lincoln. The stories and videos are available for download at <http://www.redwhiteandtruemysteries.com/whm.html> or e-mail [niemann7@aol.com](mailto:niemann7@aol.com)

## *Thoughts On Leadership*

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