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TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL APPETIZERS

Web Resources

Citizenship Podcast highlights Toyota -
www.uscitizenpod.com/2010/02/toyotas-head-of-us-operations.html

Toyota's Head of US Operations Acknowledges Mistakes
– video from VOA on YouTube.

EL/Civics Curriculum Designed for Very Beginning ESL Learners - www.clese.org/brightideas_eslcurric.htm

ESL Videos with listening comprehension questions and grammar notes- www.eslvideo.com

Transitions: Encouraging ELLs to Attend College -
<http://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org/2008/09/23/the-best-sites-for-encouraging-ells-to-attend-college/>

Searching for a Textbook!

The NIFL English Language discussion list had a post that asked for suggestions of a good book to use with low-level learners who have little to no education experience. This response garnered more discussion: *What about Freire's Problem Posing Method, whole language activities and the Language Experience approach? Skip a textbook. Use your students' life experience as the text and forget about a text which will be divorced from the reality of your students.*

Share your thoughts and experience for the next issue of TAPAS. Email tapas@neable.org.

Library Resources

Beginning Reading Practices: An Introductory Course in Communicative English by Keith S. Folse.

Sam and Pat: Beginning Reading and Writing by Hartel, Lowry & Hendon, good for literacy level students.

Stories Worth Reading 1: Skills Worth Learning by Betsy Cassriel

That's Life: Introductory: Day to-Day Stories and Language Activities by Ann Gianola.

The Basic Oxford Picture Dict. Literacy Program by Garnet Templin-Imel.

To reserve a title, visit www.neablelibrary.org or call (800) 361-7076.

Did you Know?

March 4 was National Grammar Day!

Take a look at these resources courtesy of Pearson Longman.
www.longmanhomeusa.com/products.php?mid=65

10 Grammar Tips - <http://nationalgrammarday.com>

2010 TESOL Convention!

March 25-27, 2010 in Boston, Massachusetts



Ohio Reception – If you are attending next week, please join your Ohio colleagues on:

Friday, March 26th at the Westin Birch Bar from 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Sponsored by the Ohio TESOL organization

Stimulus Plan opportunities for members are still available! Visit the website to take advantage:

www.tesol.org/s_tesol/sec_document.asp?CID=1&DID=12561

Cleveland International Film Festival: A Movie, a Forum and a Reception! Saturday, March 20, 2010

“**9500 Liberty**” is a documentary about the Immigration Resolution that was passed in Virginia, requiring police to check anyone with “probable cause” to determine whether or not he or she is an illegal alien.

Film shows at 4:25pm, forum with the directors at 6:00 and reception at the Ritz Carlton to follow. This event is sponsored by the International Services Center. To learn more and purchase tickets, visit

www.internationalservicescenter.org/iff.htm OR call 216-781-4560.

Spring Professional Development Opportunities

USCIS Naturalization Information Seminar (FREE!)

March 31st, 2010

10am – 2 pm

USCIS Cleveland Field Office

AJC Federal Building, 5th Floor

1240 East Ninth Street, Room 501

Cleveland, OH 44199

Topics Covered

The Naturalization Process

New Naturalization Test

Rights and Responsibilities of Citizenship

Naturalization Interview Demonstrations

Information Packets with Study Materials

The RCN Sponsors:

April 21 – National Coalition for Literacy **Advocacy Day**

April 22 – Ohio Association for Adult and Continuing Education (**OAAACE**)

April 23 – RCN **Spring PD Day** including ESOL Basics and BEST Plus. *These are the last scheduled trainings for FY10 to fulfill PD requirements.

ESOL Basics: *All teachers new to ESOL must attend the ESOL Basics training within one year from date of hire. If ESOL teachers must prioritize trainings within the first year, this training takes priority over the LD training (OBR PD Policy FY2010).*

To register for the April RCN sponsored events, visit the Calendar of Events on www.ohioable.org.

For more details, see the announcement on page 3.



Partnerships in Transition

Now is the time to start making plans for you and your staff members to take part in the upcoming *Partnerships in Transition* Event on April 21, 22, and 23, 2010 at the Embassy Suites-Dublin.

Wednesday, April 21- The National Coalition for Literacy, Ohio Association for Adult and Continuing Education, the Ohio Literacy Network and the ABLÉ Resource Center Network are pleased to present a symposium on grassroots advocacy for adult education practitioners. The session will feature practical, hands-on strategies for planning and implementing a successful grassroots advocacy program. Participants will discuss strategies and tactics and will create action plans that integrate advocacy with community and business partnerships. Speakers and panelists will include national advocacy experts from the adult education field, policy makers from Ohio, and representatives of successful local partnerships and collaborations. Through the generous support of the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, the Coalition will offer two competitive \$5,000 grants to participants to help them build their advocacy programs.

There is no fee to attend this program. Due to high demand, pre-registration is required and participants will be required to attend both half day sessions. You will receive a certificate of participation at the end of the session.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided at no charge to participants.

Register for event at: http://mercury.educ.kent.edu/database/rcn/calendar_detail.cfm?ItemsID=1684

Thursday, April 22 – The OACE (Ohio Association for Adult and Continuing Education) Annual Event is a wonderful opportunity for you and your colleagues to share your knowledge and expertise in serving adult learners. Presentations will be geared around the event theme, *Partners in Transition*, with topic strands to include: Instructional Technology; OBR/ODE Updates; Transitions to Post Secondary Education; Transitions to Workplace; Assessment; Communications/Marketing; ESOL; Health/Financial Literacy; Support Services; Leadership/Program Management; and Corrections/Re-Entry Programs.

The OACE Annual Membership Meeting and Scholarship & Awards Luncheon will be held in conjunction with this event.

Register for event at: http://mercury.educ.kent.edu/database/rcn/calendar_detail.cfm?ItemsID=1687

Friday, April 23 - ABLÉ Spring PD Day is an opportunity for ABLÉ staff to attend full day core trainings on the following topics: Learning Disabilities 202: Instructional Strategies; ABLÉ Classroom Overview; ESOL Basics: Language Acquisition; BEST Plus Training; Write for Success; Critical Reading: Post Secondary and Workplace Needs; Mentoring: Overview of Leading and Coaching in ABLÉ; Unpacking the Standards; Web 2.0 Resources for the ABLÉ Adult Learner; and Assistive Technology.

Register for event sessions at: http://mercury.educ.kent.edu/database/rcn/calendar_results.cfm

We are pleased to be able to offer the following support:

1. All ABLÉ funded attendees are eligible for up to \$200.00 reimbursement for this multi-day event (may attend 2 or 3 days). For OACE attendees, registration will be paid directly, leaving \$130 reimbursement.
2. Single day attendees are eligible for the following:
 - OACE only \$70.00 paid registration;
 - Advocacy only \$60.00 stipend reimbursement;
 - Spring PD Day \$60.00 stipend reimbursement.

You can register for the individual events through the direct links provided above or go to the Resource Center Network's Calendar of Events home page at: http://mercury.educ.kent.edu/database/rcn/calendar_results.cfm

Please note: Support is limited to funds available. Don't wait! Join us for this exciting opportunity!

Hotel event registration is available through the Embassy Suites, Dublin at \$119.00/night. Hotel stay includes evening hospitalities and hot breakfast buffet. Please identify Ohio Association for Adult & Continuing Education when registering. More details about the conference hotel are available at: http://embassysuites1.hilton.com/en_US/es/hotel/CMHESES-Embassy-Suites-Columbus-Dublin-Ohio/index.do