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Upcoming Events

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, Unpacking the Standards, ABLEResource Classroom 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
Information Flyer Attached

This training is sponsored by the EDR 12 Collaborative Plan and ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A \$60 STIPEND!

Assistive Technology Training
May 27, 2010
Northeast ABLEResource Center (Henn Mansion)
Euclid, OH

LD 202
June 5, 2010
Northeast ABLEResource Center (Henn Mansion)
Euclid, OH
(Rescheduled from the February 27, 2010 training)

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Northeast ABLÉ 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 ABLÉ.

We are currently offering 81 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

Partnerships in Transitions

The National Coalition for Literacy, Ohio Association for Adult and Continuing Education, the Ohio Literacy Network and the ABLÉ Resource Center Network will host *Partnerships in Transition* on April 21, 22, and 23, 2010 at the Embassy Suites-Dublin.

Information flyer is attached.

New Online Course

College Readiness for Adults: Beyond Academic Preparation!

Course Dates: April 22 to June 9, 2010 (21-hour course)

The overall objective of this course is to assist educators, counselors, administrators and postsecondary partners to better prepare their students for postsecondary education. Together, we will identify, organize, and reflect on the broad array of readiness skills and abilities that adults need to be successful in postsecondary education and training. Then, each of us will consider how to change our practice to incorporate what we have learned. The course was developed and written by Cynthia Zafft, Principal Investigator for the National College Transition Network, World Education.

Instructor: Cynthia Zafft

Course Fee: \$249.00

Course details and registration:

<http://professionalstudiesae.worlded.org/index.html#ctreadi>

Save the Date

Stevens Literacy Center & Central/Southeast ABLÉ Resource Center will hold their Annual Symposium on August 20, 2010 in Columbus, OH. National speaker, Nancie Payne, will present on **Transitions and Universal Design for Learning: Unlocking Student Potential**. A registration link will be posted in early June.

The NAASLN Webinar Series'

Tried and True Teaching Strategies for Students with (or without) Disabilities

Presenter, Sarah Goldammer, an Educational Specialist with 23 years of experience, will share with you practical, tried and true teaching strategies for your students with *ADHD, Asperger's Syndrome or Learning Disabilities* on **April 20 - 4:00 - 5:00 ET**.

Register Online www.naasln.org/webinars.htm

Free Trainings for ABE, GED Instructors & Tutors

You are invited to join the Sandra Sullivan Learning for Life Program for free trainings.

Information on classes and registration can be found at:

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/28290310/Training-Dates-Spring-2010>

Grants and Awards

Dollar General Literacy Foundation

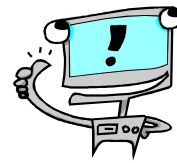
Dollar General Literacy Foundation Back-to-School Grants assist schools in meeting some of the financial challenges they face in implementing new programs or purchasing new equipment, materials, or software for their school library or literacy program. Maximum award: \$5,000. Eligibility: public and private schools within Dollar General's 35-state market area; public school libraries recovering from major disasters. Deadline: May 21, 2010. <http://www.dgliteracy.com/grant-program/back-to-school-grants.aspx>

***Two \$5,000.00 Dollar General Literacy Foundation grants will be awarded to participants of the April 21, 2010 Advocacy Day**

Early Career Teacher of Color Award of Distinction

The specific purpose of this award is to provide early career teachers of color a national forum for professional collaboration and development by attending the NCTE convention (year one) and by presenting an NCTE convention session (year two). The general purpose is to support teachers of color as they build accomplished teaching careers as active NCTE members. <http://www.ncte.org/awards/distinction>

Matt's Tech Tips



This week's Tech Tip is from Jennifer Davis, Professional Development Specialist, Southwest ABE Resource Center which was featured in their monthly newsletter Southwest Exposure. To view the April edition and past issues please go to <http://www.sinclair.edu/facilities/swable/newsletters>.

Finding Words on Web sites

When you perform a search, many Web sites appear in your list. How can you find specific words or phrases you are looking for?

Here's how to search a large page for a specific word or phrase:

1. Go to "Edit" on the menu bar and select "Find on this page" (also opens from CTRL-F).
2. Enter what you are looking for in the "Find" box and click "Next."
3. It should take you to the exact place where the word or phrase is located on the Web site.



The Resource Room

New In the Bodega

Transitions:

[Strategies for Success in Career Development: The Career Coach Curriculum Guide](#) provides community colleges, community organizations, and workforce development agencies with a high-quality tool to help guide clients or students through career exploration. Participants will learn how to match their skills, interests, lifestyle, and values with good careers, set a career goal, and make plans to reach it.

GED:

Most Missed Questions on the GED Math Test

<http://www.kyae.ky.gov/educators/missedgesquestions.htm>

According to an analysis of GED Testing Service (GEDTS) data, four areas of the GED test cause students the most difficulty. Informational materials about these problem areas are posted below. The materials include sample questions from each area and an analysis of common student errors that lead to missing the question. Each area also identifies the skill gaps and specific ideas on how to incorporate those skills into classroom instruction.

The four areas most commonly missed on the GED are:

- [Geometry and Measurement](#)
- [Reading and Interpreting Graphs and Tables](#)
- [Application of Basic Math Principles to Calculations](#)
- [Problem Solving and Mathematical Reasoning](#)

GED Test Study Guide - <http://www.studyguidezone.com/gedtest.htm>

Cultural Adventures

Hidden Cleveland Tours

The Slovenian Museum and Archives – The national home is one of the “hidden gems” on a Sunday trolley tour sponsored by the Downtown Cleveland Alliance. The second edition of the alliance’s Hidden Cleveland Tours will also explore the Hanna Theatre on Playhouse Square and the Ukrainian Labor Temple in Tremont.

Sunday’s tour leaves at 2 p.m. from West 11th Street and Auburn Avenue in Tremont. The next tour, April 18, will visit Cleveland’s Asian Town for a sneak preview of the soon-to-open Asia Town Center.

To learn more about the tours, call 216-736-7799. To register online, go to www.hiddenclevelandtours.eventbrite.com

Speaking of Lesson Plans

What does being a teacher really mean? For starters, being a teacher means wearing a large number of very different hats, and juggling a myriad of different responsibilities all at once. If you cannot find ways to balance out your priorities and responsibilities, you may quickly find yourself backlogged and unable to stay afloat. Here are ten quick and easy time saver ideas for teachers who need help staying on schedule and completing tasks with timeliness. You will still encounter situations that are beyond your control, but if you implement some of these time saver ideas, your job effectiveness will be a whole lot better.

<http://www.worksheetlibrary.com/teachingtips/teachertimesavers.html>

Web Sites to Explore

National College Transition Network (NCTN) is a project of World Education's [New England Literacy Resource Center](#). World Education, Inc. is a nonprofit organization founded in 1951 to meet the needs of the educationally disadvantaged around the globe.

*Libraries are the heart of their communities. **National Library Week 2010** (April 11-17) will be celebrated with the theme, "Communities thrive @ your library."*

National Library Week is an annual celebration of the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians. All types of libraries - school, public, academic and special - participate.

Events:

- April is **School Library Month**
- **Monday, April 12** - "The State of America's Libraries" report will be released.
- **Tuesday, April 13** - Celebrate ALA-APA's **National Library Workers Day**
- **Wednesday, April 14** - Celebrate the first annual **National Bookmobile Day**
- **Wednesday, April 14**- ALA’s Office for Intellectual Freedom will release the “Top

- 10 Most Challenged Books of 2009” list. Visit the Banned Books Week [Web site](#).
- **Thursday, April 15** - Celebrate YALSA's [Support Teen Literature Day](#)

April is National Poetry Month

"Poets are the unacknowledged legislators of the world."— Percy Bysshe Shelley

Poets.org currently features biographies of more than 500 poets, with new pages being added all the time. <http://www.poets.org/page.php/prmID/58>

Need a computer?

CAP- Computers Assisting People

The volunteers of CAP take in donated equipment (PCs, peripherals, software, etc.) and refurbish, repair and combine them to make useful, working systems. They then give them away, free of charge, to non-profit organizations in the Cleveland area to be used in fulfilling their missions. They help with various needs from providing PCs to help with cabling, software, training, setting up labs, and technical advice.

For more information, please visit their website at www.capinc.org.

Classroom Resources

Rand McNally Education

Rand McNally Education is opening classrooms to the world. Check out their Web site for great (and free!) classroom resources: online maps, globe surveys, and an e-newsletter. Visit their [Website](#) for more details.

Books for Your Classroom from Fund for Teachers

Would you like copies of free or low cost books for your classroom? Visit the [resources page](#) on *Fellows Forum* for information about how to get books from Bedford St. Martins, Townsend Press, Read Print, and the Ayn Rand Institute.

Free Friday Giveaways from Edutopia

Edutopia wants you to have the best new products, resources, and tools for your classrooms, schools, and students. Every Friday five lucky winners will be randomly selected to win useful goodies and cutting edge products to help make 21st-century education a breeze. Sign up today on their [Web site](#).

Thoughts On Leadership

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

