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Upcoming Events

Medical Readiness Course of Study Workshop

May 14, 2010

**Northeast ABLEResource Center (Henn Mansion)
Euclid, OH**

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

Spring Directors' Meeting

May 24, 2010

**Online Computer Library Center
Dublin, OH**

Assistive Technology Training

May 27, 2010

**Northeast ABLEResource Center (Henn Mansion)
Euclid, OH**

Advanced ABLELink Training

May 28, 2010

**Columbus City Schools
Columbus, OH**

LD 202

June 5, 2010

**Northeast ABLEResource Center (Henn Mansion)
Euclid, OH**

(Rescheduled from the February 27, 2010 training)

Northeast ABLEResource Center (Region I)

**This online course is now available. Please register on the Alternative Delivery page of
the training calendar under New to ABLE.**

We are currently offering 80 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

National Teacher Appreciation Week

*"A good teacher is like a candle: it consumes itself to light the way for others."
Anonymous*

It's officially National Teacher Appreciation Week 2010, beginning May 3 and lasting until Friday, May 7.

The history of National Appreciation Week, and National Appreciation Day, is [not certain](#). The movement for such an observance is commonly thought to have begun around the time of World War II and Eleanor Roosevelt made a major push for the day in 1953.

Congress declared a National Teacher Day in 1980 and in 1985 the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) established National Teacher Week as the first week of May. It has been celebrated annually since.

eTech Ohio Free Webinars

Each week during the month of May, eTech Ohio presents quick and meaningful professional development during your lunch hour. Each webinar is designed to be an interactive, engaging, learning experience with stated objectives for participants.

No advance registration required! But seating is limited, please be sure to login. Webinars will be posted online after the series is complete. All session times listed are Eastern Standard Time.

Technology Requirements

1. To view the hardware and software pre-requisites for Elluminate Live! please visit: <http://www.illuminate.com/support>
2. Institution firewalls: Port 2187 and/or Port 80 must be open to have access to these webinars.
3. To participate, a headset /w microphone is recommended (although not necessary)

To view the Webinar schedule, please go to:

<http://dl.dropbox.com/u/4054686/eTech%20Ohio%20May%20Webinars.pdf>

NAASLN's Webinar Series' May 24 Internet-based Seminar

Along with Academics, what are the Soft Skills that Adult Learners with Dyslexia, ADHD and related disorders, Need For Success?

Robin Rennick, Program Director for the Dyslexia Research Institute, will help you discover ways that you can recognize the soft skill breakdowns and learn strategies for assisting adult learners with Dyslexia, ADD and learning differences in developing more effective ways for

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communicating in all areas of their lives.

Register ONLINE for this upcoming NAASLN Internet-Based Seminar.

www.naasln.org/webinars.htm

Effective Transitions Conference 2010

Call for Presenters

The National College Transition Network at World Education invites you to submit a proposal for its fourth annual national conference on Effective Transitions in Adult Education to be held on November 15 - 16, 2010 in Providence, RI. The submission deadline is June 4, 2010. All sessions are 90 minutes long and accommodate between 40-60 attendees.

For more information and to submit your proposal go to:

<http://collegetransition.org/callforpresenters10.html>

WWII Vet Finally Receives GED

Charlie Cagle, a veteran who served in World War II and went on to serve in the Korean war, finally received his GED at the age of 85. To read his story, please go to:

www.knoxnews.com/news/2008/oct/22/never-too-late

Free Training Opportunity: Tuesday, May 11th in Columbus

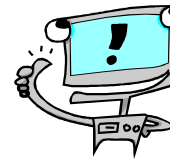
The Ohio Literacy Network, Consumer Action and Capital One formulated this special training round table to educate you on three modules from the MoneyWi\$e multilingual financial education system which is free and includes: teacher's guides, student materials and online learning resources for all ages and skill levels.

Attend the FREE train-the-trainer event, Tuesday, May 11th in Columbus and get everything you'll need to educate your staff and your community on a wide array of financial education topics.

Learn about financial hot topics: Money Management Basics, Rebuilding Credit/Bankruptcy and Successful Home Ownership/Foreclosure.

ONLY 15 seats remain ... Register Today online at www.ohioliteracynetwork.org

Matt's Tech Tips



Tip of the week:

Sony eReader Review

I had the opportunity to test drive a Sony eReader over the past month and while initially very skeptical of the technology, I have to admit that I found the overall experience to be very positive. The actual device has the heft of a thick paperback and feels similar when held. The electronic ink display is easy on the eyes and is a dramatically different experience than reading off a computer monitor. Learning to navigate the device took some time, but I was able to load PDF files, as well as some free ebooks, and start reading. The features I found really appealing were the ability to re-size text and a touch-screen display. In a first generation device, not everything is perfect, but there is a lot of potential.

As the Sony eReader, Kindle, iPod/iPad, and similar tablet devices continue to proliferate, the publishing world and others are taking notice. A recent report looks at a five-year projection of the textbook market predicting that digital textbooks will comprise almost 1/5th of the all books sold. You can read the report summary here:

<http://blog.xplana.com/reports/digital-textbook-sales-in-u-s-higher-education-%E2%80%93-a-five-year-projection/>.



The Resource Room

New In the Library

Faces: Characters in Search of Authors by Patrick Moran

This is a book of 50 faces and represents people of five different ages: children, teenagers, young adults, middle aged adults, and the elderly. Through students' imaginations and guided by the teacher, learners create these characters. Learners introduce their characters to the class, share their biographies, have them interact with one another, and together construct another world, fictional but real, like any work of art. To create the characters and their world, learners need to learn and use language. Students will use their imagination to create meaningful interactions for language development and cultural exploration.

How Are You Doing Today: HealthCare Edition: A Contextualized Approach to Learning English as a Second Language for Intermediate Level - New York, NY: 1199 SEIU League Training and Upgrading Fund, 2006.

The "How Are you Doing Today?" Health Care Edition provides lessons with more general health content relevant to students' personal lives as well as their work in the health care industry. The lessons in this book are designed for intermediate learners but also provide useful learning tools for more advanced students.

Easy Vocabulary Games: for Beginning English Language Learners by Linda Schinke-Llano

A set of 32 word games designed for beginning ESL students.

Cultural Adventures

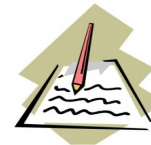
The Asian-American community will celebrate **Asian American Heritage Month and the lunar Year of the Tiger** on Monday, May 10, 2010, 12:00 noon at a program that highlights the energy of a young, ascendant community.

There will be craft displays, martial arts demonstrations and Asian foods in the Rotunda of Cleveland City Hall. The event is sponsored by the Asian Pacific American Federation.

Cleveland Asian Festival will be held Saturday, May 22, 2010 from 11 am-8 pm in ASIA TOWN, Payne Avenue & East 30th Street.

The Cleveland Asian Festival is a collaborative effort by the organizations and communities in Greater Cleveland. It is coordinated by the volunteer leaders within the Asian Pacific communities to foster, educate, and promote Asian culture and traditions, while celebrating Asian Heritage Month. It is free and open to the public. <http://clevelandasianfestival.org>

Speaking of Lesson Plans



Teacher's Guide to Avoid Teacher Burnout – Teaching is stressful. There is probably not one teacher who would tell you otherwise, and if they did, they are lying! So, teaching is stressful, but you do it because it is your passion to teach kids and build a better tomorrow. Take a look at some ways you can avoid teacher burnout, and keep your momentum in the right place. www.worksheetlibrary.com/teachingtips/teacherburnout.html

The modern **Mother's Day** holiday was created by Anna Jarvis as a day for each family to honor its mother. Mother's Day was first proposed in North America by Julia Ward Howe, author of "The Battle Hymn of The Republic." Howe, distraught over the devastation wrought by the US Civil War, made a public appeal for mothers everywhere to protest battle. She called for an international Mother's Day, to encourage peace. Despite Howe's passion, Mother's Day didn't catch on for another 30 years. (Read the full history of this May celebration in the United States and how the holiday is celebrated in other countries at -

Wikipedia.org To view lesson plans, please go to:

www.lessonplanspage.com/MothersDay.htm

Websites to Explore

The May 2010 e-newsletter "What's New" in Health Literacy Consulting can be found at:

<http://campaign.constantcontact.com/render?v=001FD0CiKT5DjoO6ehP4KSnXW1U2TEQknvmonSAyvqBBECWvmjqEAg1lZYgGHAGWZII-wl6zCGuXbGz7-VCHMThm2cUr-CIucdT7yea0qD7nFTyfkQ56EAlkkiLr66ZilStFnEACgdexHs%3D>

Show Me the Money: Tips and Resources for Successful Grant Writing

Many educators have found that outside funding, in the form of grants, allows them to provide their students with educational experiences and materials their own districts can't afford. Learn how they get those grants -- and how you can get one too. Included: Practical tips to help first-time grant writers get the grants they need.

www.educationworld.com/a_curr/profdev/profdev039.shtml

Thoughts On Leadership

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