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Upcoming Events

November 4, 2010

**Support Staff Training: Introduction to PD
Illuminate Webinar-Alternative Delivery**

November 11, 2010

**BEST Plus Training (Fall PD Day)
Hyatt Regency
Columbus, OH**

November 11, 2010

**Explicit Instruction: A Proven Method for Teaching Adults (Fall PD Day)
Hyatt Regency
Columbus, OH**

November 11, 2010

**ESOL Basics (Fall PD Day)
Hyatt Regency
Columbus, OH**

November 11, 2010

**Learning to Achieve (Fall PD Day)
Hyatt Regency
Columbus, OH**

November 11, 2010

**Accountability: What Does All This Data Mean to Me? (Fall PD Day)
Hyatt Regency
Columbus, OH**

November 11, 2010

**Along the Lines of Linears – Not Just a Jumble of Numbers & Letters (Fall PD Day)
Hyatt Regency
Columbus, OH**

November 11, 2010 *This is the last scheduled training for FY11

TABE CLAS-E Assessment Training (Fall PD Day)
Hyatt Regency
Columbus, OH

November 11, 2010
Using Instructional Technologies in the ABLE Classroom (Fall PD Day)
Hyatt Regency
Columbus, OH

November 12-13, 2010
Ohio TESOL 2010 Conference
Hyatt Regency
Columbus, OH
(Registration available at www.ohiotesol.org)

November 18, 2010 – 10:00 -11:00 a.m. and 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Internet for Developing Lesson Plans and Ideas
Illuminate Webinar – Alternative Delivery

December 2, 2010 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Transitions in ESOL
Webinar-Alternative Delivery

January 28, 2011
Support Staff Training: Instructional Support
Webinar-Alternative Delivery

February 10, 2011 4:00-5:00 p.m.
PreLiteracy in ESOL
Webinar-Alternative Delivery

February 12, 2011
New Teacher Orientation
Northeast ABLE Resource Center/Henn Mansion
Euclid, OH

February 23, 2011 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Support Staff Training: Instructional Support
Webinar-Alternative Delivery

February 24, 2011 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Transitions in ESOL
Webinar-Alternative Delivery

March 10, 2011 10:00-11:00 a.m.
Support Staff: Accountability
Webinar-Alternative Delivery

March 11, 2011
New Teacher Orientation
Northeast ABLE Resource Center/Henn Mansion
Euclid, OH

April 8, 2011
Making Decisions about Contextualized Curriculum (Spring PD Day)
Location TBA

April 8, 2011
BEST Plus Training (Spring PD Day)
Location TBA

April 8, 2011
ESOL Basics (Spring PD Day)
Location TBA

Ohio Statewide PD Day

Ohio Statewide Professional Development Day will be held Thursday, November 11, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency Columbus, Columbus, OH. Register on the Calendar of Events at www.ohioable.org

This is a Preconference to the Ohio TESOL Conference. Hotel rooms will be available at a group rate of \$149.00. Please mention "Ohio TESOL" to get this rate if you are reserving by phone. In order to get the special rate, rooms must be reserved by **October 25, 2010**.

For reservations, visit <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/OhTesol>

Complete informational flyer is attached.

Ohio TESOL 2010 Conference

Ohio TESOL 2010 Conference will be held Thursday and Friday, November 12-13, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency Columbus, Columbus, OH. Register at www.ohiotesol.org
Early Bird registration deadline is October 29, 2010.

To reserve a hotel room, visit <http://resweb.passkey.com/go/OhTesol>. Be sure to ask for the Ohio TESOL Conference discounted rate. Reservations must be booked by **October 25, 2010 to receive the discount.**

Complete informational flyer is attached.

Dr. Richard Cooper's Internet-Based Seminar - Test Anxiety

NAASLN's **October 26 Webinar** offers another opportunity to attend an online

presentation by **Dr. Richard Cooper**, the well known learning specialist in the field of learning disabilities. Anyone who has ever attended one of Dr. Cooper's conference or training sessions will appreciate another chance to learn more practical teaching techniques at a very low cost and in the comfort of their own home or office.

ONLINE registration for this upcoming NAASLN Internet-Based Seminar accepted up to October 23, 2010. www.naasln.org/webinars.htm

"Creating An Inclusive Environment For Many Voices" - **Call for Proposals**

The 15th annual State-of-the-State Conference will be held in Lima, Ohio, March 24, 2011, on the campus of Rhodes State College.

Submissions for presentations on any of the following 14 diversity issue areas will be considered: Workplace Affinity Groups, Immigration Issues, Pay Equity, Asian Issues, Generational Differences, Sexual Orientation, Recruitment & Retention, Expanding Minority Access, Latino Issues, Disability Issues, Religious Tolerance, Diversity & Mediation, Unions and Diversity, Equity Issues and Foreclosures. Other subjects that address the conference theme and that relate to strategies to advance diversity and inclusion from different perspectives will also be considered.

For more details and information, and to submit a presentation proposal, please visit our website at: <http://iis.stat.wright.edu/sos/15proposalInstructions.htm>

Matt's Tech Tips

Tip of the Week:

Sweet Search

<http://www.sweetsearch.com/>

I am a bit of a search engine fanatic, what can I say, it's the librarian in me. That said, not all search engines are created equal. You may be familiar with the giants of search, like Google and Yahoo, but you may not have heard of a search engine named Sweet Search.

What makes Sweet Search unique is that it bills itself as "a search engine for students" where "every Web site in Sweet Search has been evaluated by our research experts." What this search engine excels at is providing access to vetted resources from reliable sources, which differs from Google's approach of indexing all of the Web's content and letting their search

algorithm sort it out. In short, Sweet Search is one of the best tools available for finding primary and authoritative sources on the Web.

Several other resources are available created with students and teachers in mind derived from the Finding Dulcinea digital library (www.findingdulcinea.com) including:

[SweetSearch4Me](#) is our search engine for emerging learners.

[SweetSearch2Day](#) is where students Learn Something New Every Day.

Visit our [SweetSites](#) for teachers and students, organized by subject and academic level.

Visit [SweetSearch Biographies](#) for profiles of 1,000+ significant people.

Visit [SweetSearch Social Studies](#) for our best social studies content.

Take our [Ten Steps to Better Web Research](#)



The Resource Room

Welcome to the Resource Center Network Library System!

Over the summer, the Resource Center Network merged its separate libraries into a common web accessible OPAC (online Public Access Catalog). The new system is now available, allowing ABLE staff to find resources from all the RCN libraries using one site located at www.ohioablelibrary.org

There are over 15,000 cataloged items in the combined system available for preview including basic classroom texts, manipulatives, audio/video resources and professional literature. A few features also worth noting are an improved Web interface that makes it easier to view and reserve materials, as well as improved search technology for more accurate retrieval of library records. Ohio ABLE staff can browse the catalog and request items by phone or through email until patron accounts are issued enabling staff to reserve materials online.

Cultural Adventures



Join the Italian Cultural Garden committee and Italian community in marking the 2nd annual Monte Grappa Commemoration on Thursday, November 11, 2010 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. in the Garden at 990 East Blvd, Cleveland OH 44108.

The Italian Garden has an inscribed block of stone hewn from the side of Monte Grappa in northern Italy, in honor of the many northern Ohio members of the 332nd Regiment of Infantry, who fought on Italian soil during World War I.

US veterans are especially invited to be present. Among those present will be some Buffalo soldiers plus Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson, Cleveland Council members Jeff Johnson and Matt Zone, as well as Marco Nobili, Consul of Italy.

Admission is free and all are welcome. Free parking will be available along East Blvd.

Refreshments will be served.

Speaking of Lesson Plans

YouTube in the Classroom!

Now that a growing majority of Internet users have broadband, [YouTube](#) and other video clip sites ([Google Video](#), [Revver](#), etc.) have become very popular - especially with young adults. These sites also provide English learners and classes with a new tool to improve listening skills. The real advantage to these sites - at least from a language learning point of view - is that they offer authentic examples of everyday English used by everyday people. Of course, this is the challenge as well. Students may enjoy watching these clips, but poor sound quality, pronunciation and slang can make these short videos even more difficult to understand. On the other hand, students are attracted to the "real life" nature of these videos. By creating context for these short videos you can help your students explore a world of online English learning possibilities.

Small Talk

Many English students are more interested in making effective small talk than knowing correct grammar structures - and rightly so! Here are some tips to improve small talk skills <http://esl.about.com/b/2010/10/11/small-talk.htm?nl=1>

Websites to Explore

America's Literacy Director

Check this great web resource, a service of the National Institute for Literacy and partners, called America's Literacy Director. You can enter your zip code as well as what kind of help you are looking for and how far away from your home you are able to travel to a program. <http://literacy.org/links>

World Education

World Education is well known for its work around the globe in environmental education, community development, maternal and child health, school governance, integrated literacy, small enterprise development, HIV and AIDS education and prevention and care, and refugee training. World Education also works to strengthen literacy and adult basic education programs in the United States. Projects are designed to contribute to individual growth, as well as to community and national development. <http://www.worlded.org/WEInternet/index.cfm>

Thoughts On Leadership

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

