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Upcoming Events

February 12, 2011 9:30-3:00 p.m.	New Teacher Orientation	Northeast ABLEResource 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
February 25, 2011 9:30-3:30 p.m.	ESOL Basics	Northeast ABLEResource Center/Henn Mansion – Euclid, OH
February 25, 2011 9:00-3:00 p.m.	Using Web 2.0 Tools to Enhance Instruction (Alternative Delivery/Face to Face)	Sinclair Community College
March 4, 2011 9:00-3:00 p.m.	Assistive Technology Training: Dragon and Text Help Read Write GOLD	Online Computer Library Center – Dublin, OH
March 4, 2011	Instructional Strategies for Reading Comprehension	Sinclair Community College
March 10, 2011 10:00-11:00 a.m.	Support Staff: Accountability	Webinar-Alternative Delivery
March 11, 2011 9:00-3:00 p.m.	New Teacher Orientation	Northeast ABLEResource Center/Henn Mansion Euclid, OH
March 14, 2011 9:00-3:30p.m.	Learning to Achieve	Youngstown
*Spring PD Day April 14, 2011	Making Decision about Contextualized Curriculum	Location TBA
*Spring PD Day April 14, 2011	BEST Plus Training	Location TBA
*Spring PD Day April 14, 2011	ESOL Basics	Location TBA

*OAAACE and Spring PD Day scheduled for April 14, 15, 2011. Stay tuned for details.

List of New Design Your Own PD Titles

Listed below are new titles for the alternative delivery professional development training, *Design Your Own PD*. To register for this training, please go to the Training Calendar and scroll to the General Interest category under Alternative Delivery.

Future: English for Results Teacher Training DVD

Curriculum 21: Essential Education for a Changing World

Building Academic Literacy: An Anthropology for Reading Apprenticeship

Pragmatics: Teaching Speech Acts - TESOL Classroom Practice Series

Multilevel and Diverse Classrooms - TESOL Classroom Practice Series

Connecting Diverse Cultures: A Video Guide for A New Day and Be Who You Are

Citizenship Workshop

Are you an ESL teacher, EL/civics teacher, citizenship teacher, volunteer, administrator, or trainer? If so, the USCIS Office of Citizenship would like to invite you to a **free** Citizenship Workshop on March 4, 2011 from 1-4pm.

The event will be co-hosted by the Healing Center and take place at 11345 Century Circle W., Springdale, Ohio 45246.

Please see the attached flyer and registration form for additional information. Please note registration ends February 21, 2011.

For more information, please contact:

Lisa Curley
Community Relations Officer
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
(216) 622-4616

New Caal Publication

A new CAAL publication was released February 8, 2011. **DOING BUSINESS TOGETHER: Adult Education and Business Partnering to Build a Qualified Workforce.**

It results from a project to stimulate more and effective business involvement in planning for and providing basic and workforce skills to current and potential workers. The report has a heavy focus on what works in states where excellent models already exist in adult education and business collaboration. It discusses elements of successful partnerships, outlines exemplary models in 16 states, and provides suggestions for future action by adult education and business leaders.

The report is available from www.caalusa.org/Doing.pdf.



The Resource Room

Popular Titles

All New Very Easy True Stories: A picture-based first reader

by Sandra Heyer

These 14 real believe-it-or-not tales are adapted from newspapers and magazines for beginning students of English. The stories are told as simply as possible and are written exclusively in the present tense.

Get With It! : 101-PLUS Pop Culture Idioms and Expressions

by Harry Collis

Non-English speakers and native speakers alike will find endless uses to this creative approach, whether one reads it for pleasure, interweaves it with language lessons, or commits to an "idiom-a-day" personal learning mission! Discover what's up with over 125 idioms, including: give it to someone straight? stick up for someone? Chill out ? get a grip? burned out? on edge? pissed off? that's tight? way to go? let's blow this joint? to rock? get carried away? no big deal? get the hang of something? to start from scratch? have a clue? what's up?? to stay on one's toes? to fill someone in.....

Matt's Tech Tips



The LearningExpress Library, is a collection of targeted skill-building interactive courses in math, reading, writing, software applications such as Microsoft Office, Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator, as well as hundreds of online interactive practice tests that prepare students for several types of exams including grade school achievement tests, the SAT, GED, U.S. Citizenship, nursing, fire fighter, plumbing, civil service positions and more.

Also included in the LearningExpress Library is the Job & Career Accelerator program that provides step-by-step assistance for job seekers through exploration, helping patrons match suitable occupations from over 1,000 detailed occupation profiles. Job & Career Accelerator patrons have access to job postings in their area, pulled from a database of over 5 million up-to-date listings, as well as resume and cover letter building tools.

Ohio students and residents can have 24/7 access to this service after signing up for an account. The LearningExpress Library can be accessed through the Ohio Public Library Information Network at <http://www.learnatest.com.proxy.oplin.org/LEL/index.cfm/>. The site will ask you to authenticate that you are an Ohio resident and a public library card is necessary to create an account.

Cultural Adventures



Mobile Walking Tours Available

By Mark Tebeau

At long last, we have incorporated the Cultural Gardens into Cleveland Historical, <http://app.mobilehistorycleveland.org>, the smartphone application that was developed by the Center for Public History + Digital, <http://csudigitalhumanities.org>. Available for Apple iPhones, iTouches, and viewable on your iPad, our team produced great text, located photographs, and included oral history audio.

We will be conducting more oral histories this spring and adding more content, including panoramic movies with descriptive narratives. Additionally, version 2 of Cleveland Historical will be available in March with improved functionality that includes social media connectivity (i.e. Facebook and Twitter), as well as more formal tour functionality. This should add a new dimension to visitor's Garden experience and is a great outgrowth of our efforts at the Center to study and promote the Gardens.

Chopin at Severance for the Polish Cultural Garden February 14, 2011

By Bill Jones

If you missed Ms. Mitsuko Uchida's performance in the Polish Cultural Garden this past fall, don't miss this extended reprise.

The Polish Cultural Garden brings her back for an extended performance of Chopin, Beethoven and Schumann piano pieces in a jewel of a setting at Severance Hall.

Click on: <http://blog.culturalgardens.org/index.php/2011/01/chopin-at-severance-for-the-polish-cultural-garden-monday-february-14th-2011/> for more information.

Speaking of Lesson Plans

Teaching English as a Second Language

by Kenneth Beare,

About.com Guide to English as 2nd Language

These teaching English as a second language resources will help you understand the basics of the profession and develop your understanding of tried and trusted teaching techniques.

Detailed ESL lesson plans include step-by-step instructions and classroom handouts are provided by learner level and topic area.

Finally, information on getting qualified and finding an ESL teaching job will help those wishing to enter the profession. <http://esl.about.com/od/teachingenglish/u/teach.htm?nl=1#s2>

Lesson Plans for Adults

Easy, Effective Lesson Plans for Teaching Adults

By Deb Petersen

Lesson plans for [adult education](#) don't have to be difficult. Follow these easy steps and see how effective you can be.

<http://adulthood.about.com/od/teachers/a/coursedesign.htm>

Websites to Explore

An Educational Virtual Museum for Primary Students

The virtual museums on George Washington and Abraham Lincoln are designed for primary students and classroom use. Students will enjoy browsing through the respective museums individually, with a partner or as a part of a group. Teachers will find a number of President's Day Activities, Literature Recommendations and a Bibliography to assist them with their studies of Lincoln and Washington.

In addition, interested teachers are encouraged to e-mail the author for PowerPoint Presentations on Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. These presentations can be shown whole class, utilized in a computer lab or viewed on individual computers. Please indicate in your message which version of Microsoft PowerPoint you currently operate under.

<http://score.rims.k12.ca.us/activity/presidentsday/>

HISTORY features Black History Month programming and online content!

Every February, classrooms and communities throughout the country observe Black History Month. HISTORY Classroom and History.com feature study guides, video clips, and other resources for Black History Month lesson plans, projects, and activities.

http://emailupdates.history.com/History/history-classroom/hosted-2011-0207.htm?et_cid=21299916&et_rid=705391081&linkid=http%3a%2f%2femailupdates.history.com%2fHistory%2fhistory-classroom%2fhosted-2011-0207.htm

HISTORY Classroom programming in February for Black History Month:

King, This unforgettable 2-hour documentary event presents the epic story of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to a new generation of viewers. Monday, February 14 & Monday, February 21 at 6:00 a.m. (two parts)

[View the teacher's guide.](#)

History.com features a special Black History Month website with original articles, short video clips, and additional background information. [Check out Black History Month resources.](#)

Thoughts On Leadership

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

