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## Upcoming Events

May 6, 2011	New Teacher Orientation	Northeast ABLEResource Center Henn Mansion Euclid, OH
May 11, 2011	Speaking Student-to-Student, An Online Student Panel on Transitions to Post-Secondary and Self-Advocacy	Alternative Delivery
May 18, 2011	Speaking Student-to-Student, An Online Student Panel on Transitions to Post-Secondary and Self-Advocacy	Alternative Delivery
May 25, 2011	2011 Spring Directors Meeting	Online Computer Library Center – Dublin, OH
May 27, 2011	Technology PD: Graphic Organizers & Smart Art	Alternative Delivery
June 1, 2011	Accessible Tech: Choosing the Appropriate Technology	Alternative Delivery
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June 7, 2011	Technology PD: Office 2007 – Excel Basics	Alternative Delivery
June 7, 2011	Speaking Student-to-Student, An Online Student Panel on Transitions to Post-Secondary and Self-Advocacy	Alternative Delivery
June 15, 2011	Technology PD: Open Forum	Alternative Delivery
June 22, 2011	Accessible Tech: Scientifically Speaking	Alternative Delivery

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# End of the Year Stipend Procedure

**In order to receive a stipend for your alternative delivery professional development training, you must submit for a stipend by June 15, 2011 through the Ohio ABE PD System**

**Please have the library materials, your reflective paper, math charts, feedback sheets and evaluation form returned well in advance of June 15, 2011 so your professional development can be approved through the Ohio ABE PD System allowing you to submit for a stipend.**

**If you have any questions, please contact the Northeast ABE Resource Center at 800-361-7076 or [info@neable.org](mailto:info@neable.org).**

## EMSI Helps Ohio Adult Learning Program Give Training and Career Guidance

Ohio's [Adult Basic and Literacy Education \(ABLE\) program](#) stretches into every part of the state with 66 locations altogether. Each site operates with the same focus: to provide free classes for adult learners on topics ranging from GED preparation to English-speaking training.

The grant-funded state program also assists adults who need career or postsecondary education guidance, and that's where EMSI has helped meet a need.

ABLE instructors and administrators use EMSI's [Career Pathways tool](#) to show students across the state the best training and job opportunities available based on regional job trends, wages, education levels and regional completions, job listings, and skills. The tool also allows ABLE to help students with career transitions, easily showing them what it will take to move from one job to another that pays more or has a better outlook.

"All the students who attend classes, our primary goal is for them to get their GED, write better, etc.," said Stephanie Schab, who works for the Parma City School District in the greater Cleveland area.

"But we don't want them to stop there," Schab continued. "We want them to transition to a school or good-fitting job."

"Students like how easy (EMSI's tool) is to navigate. They really enjoy all the different occupations they can find. ... It's easy to understand and they get a little lesson on the economy at the same time."

— Stephanie Schab,  
Parma City Schools

Schab and her colleagues at Parma City Schools — along with other ABLÉ programs in Ohio — travel to many different sites every week to train students. And often ABLÉ instructors will include EMSI-generated career talks in their lesson plans.

Instructors will run through the job trends and projections, an overview of in-demand skills, training, and other relevant career info using EMSI. During her presentations, Schab typically includes time for interested students to use Career Pathways themselves to get a feel for the job market and what local education providers offer.

“Students like how easy it is to navigate,” she said. “They really enjoy all the different occupations they can find. ... It’s easy to understand and they get a little lesson on the economy at the same time.”

*For more on Parma City School District’s ABLÉ program, [click here](#).*

## ***Reading Opens Doors! Reading Brochure from SW ABLÉ Resource Center***

The Southwest ABLÉ Resource Center is sharing a reading brochure that their staff put together to keep reading in the mix for ABLÉ colleagues and programs. It is a brief overview of how reading impacts student performance in the classroom and out.

The purpose in doing the brochure was to keep the idea of teaching reading at all stages of learning in the forefront of ABLÉ program/staff thinking.

They focused this brochure on reading as the gateway to success in a variety of areas for adult learners. The brochure can be found at

<http://www.sinclair.edu/facilities/swable/pub/Reading%20Opens%20Doors.pdf>

## **TESOL Virtual Seminars**

Register today for four **upcoming TESOL virtual seminars**.

Please note that although these programs are free for TESOL members, you still need to register directly online before the pre-registration deadline for each program. All pre-registrants will receive access to both the live event and the playback version.

### **A TESOL Virtual Seminar on Tech Tools for Busy Teachers**

**Thursday, May 26, 2011, 10:30 am–12:00 pm Eastern time**

This virtual seminar demonstrates some easy-to-use tools, both on the Internet and in Microsoft Word that can make teachers' lives a bit easier. Participants have access to a Web site after the event that provides links to the tools, help in using the tools, and related background information. For more information, please go to:

[http://www.tesol.org/s\\_tesol/sec\\_document.asp?CID=1426&DID=13596](http://www.tesol.org/s_tesol/sec_document.asp?CID=1426&DID=13596)

## A TESOL Virtual Seminar on Developing Effective Family Literacy Programs that Serve the Needs of ELLs of All Ages

**Thursday, June 9, 2011, 3:30 pm–5:00 pm Eastern time**

The term *family literacy* was coined in the early 1980s by Denny Taylor to refer to the uses of literacy within families and communities. The past 25 years have seen the emergence of diverse family literacy programs. The most comprehensive family literacy model has four service components: adult education, child education, parenting education, and educational activities that parents (legal guardians or caretakers) do together with their children. This virtual seminar addresses current trends in family literacy-related research; family literacy program designs for both early childhood and school-aged children; program goals and quality services for ELL participants; resources for developing a program, and measurable outcomes for adults, children, and families. For more information, please go to:

[http://www.tesol.org/s\\_tesol/sec\\_document.asp?CID=1426&DID=13597](http://www.tesol.org/s_tesol/sec_document.asp?CID=1426&DID=13597)

## AHEAD ONLINE WEBINAR SERIES

(Association on Higher Education And Disability)

AHEAD announces its inaugural AHEAD Online webinar series with a special kick-off this Spring.

**Transition to Community College Postsecondary Education: Effective Outreach** will be held Wednesday, May 11, 2011 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. ET

Many students with disabilities often begin their postsecondary education at a community college, which are usually open admission institutions. Learn how you can effectively reach out to students and parents prior to enrollment and as new students begin the process of entering a college.

AHEAD will be using Elluminate web conferencing software that has enhanced accessibility features built in for this event. All information needed to access the webinar will be sent to registrants in advance.

The deadline to register is May 6, 2011. Please register at <http://ahead.org/events-and-workshops/ahead-online>

## Beyond the GED: Making Conscious Choices About the GED

Beyond the GED: Making Conscious Choices About the GED and Your Future is a series of lessons to help students consider what they would like to do once they get their GED. The 3 units are: The Labor Market, Pursuing Higher Education and What the Research Tells Us. This resource is available free from NCSALL at

[http://www.ncsall.net/fileadmin/resources/teach/beyond\\_ged\\_revised.pdf](http://www.ncsall.net/fileadmin/resources/teach/beyond_ged_revised.pdf)

# Applications Now Being Accepted for Grants from the National Book Fund

ProLiteracy's National Book Fund (NBF) supplies books and materials to adult basic education and literacy programs. The resources available through the NBF are from ProLiteracy's publishing division, New Readers Press.

In addition to New Readers Press materials, National Book Fund grants may also be used for ProLiteracy's online self-paced professional development courses.

Programs providing direct service in the areas of basic literacy, adult basic education, English as a second language (ESL), and family literacy will be considered for support.

Applications are now being accepted by mail and must be postmarked no later than **June 13, 2011** to be considered.

National Book Fund grant guidelines, application, and order forms for New Readers Press materials and online professional development courses can be found at:

<http://www.proliteracy.org/NetCommunity/Page.aspx?pid=356>



## The Resource Room

### Workforce Education and Transitions

#### "Florida Works: National Work Readiness Skills Mini-Course"

"The research based Florida Works Career Building Skills Program was developed with extensive input from Florida businesses through a grant from the Florida Department of Education Division of Workforce Development. Written at a 4th-6th grade reading level it is designed to meet the employment training needs of adults and youth with low literacy skills and limited work experience. There are two components of Florida Works: Job Readiness and Job Retention." - [www.floridaworks.org](http://www.floridaworks.org)

Download the Florida Works Mini-Course here: [FL-Works-minicourse08RevJBM2.rtf](#)

Hardcopies are available by request through the Bodega at the following link and enter the item into the web form. <http://www.neable.org/resources/bodega/bodega-request-form/> Florida Works minicourse

**English for My Job** - has interactive activities on vocabulary and grammar for the hospitality industry. [http://www.englishformyjob.com/ell\\_foodandbeverage.html](http://www.englishformyjob.com/ell_foodandbeverage.html)

# Matt's Tech Tips



## Tip of the week:

### Five Way Headphone Splitter

Recently I had someone inquire about having multiple pairs of headphones plugged into one device like a CD or mp3 player to create a listening station for multiple students. After a little searching, I found a headphone splitter that will split one headphone jack into five for under \$20. Just plug the splitter into the headphone jack of any device and connect up to five pairs of headphones. To see a description of the splitter, check out this link:

<http://mobileaccessories.bestbuy.com/belkin-5-way-headphone-splitter-35mm/11A75A3925.htm>

## Cultural Adventures



### Summer of History 2011 – *Cleveland Plain Dealer*

Beginning May 10 and continuing until October 1, the Summer of History—a celebration of life in the Western Reserve from the earliest times until the cost of the Civil War in 1865—will be held at various sites. Twenty-four Northeast Ohio historical societies, museums, cemeteries and parks have banded together with the aim of increasing the appreciation of a frequently ignored period of Western Reserve history, and to heighten public awareness of the many local organizations dedicated to its preservation. The kickoff event will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 10, at Tower City Center in downtown Cleveland. A complete calendar of events will be available at <http://www.positivelycleveland.com/summerofhistory>

### Croatian Cultural Garden – *Cleveland Plain Dealer*

A Croatian Cultural Garden will rise in Rockefeller Park this summer and with it will come a new monument to Cleveland's immigrant roots. The centerpiece of the garden will be a bronzed sculpture of a woman in a shawl clutching a baby and leading a girl by the hand. It will be the fourth replica worldwide of Joseph Turkaly's "Immigrant Mother."

Turkaly, a Croatian-American sculptor of international renown, created "Immigrant Mother" in 1985, while an art teacher at Gilmour Academy. Before his death in 2007, he told the Plain Dealer the 350-pound figure cast in Croatia "embodies the sacrifice and hardship so many immigrants experienced when they first came to the New World."

[http://www.newsnet5.com/dpp/news/local\\_news/cleveland\\_metro/cleveland-cultural-gardens-growing-again-with-groundbreaking-for-new-croatian-garden-on-saturday](http://www.newsnet5.com/dpp/news/local_news/cleveland_metro/cleveland-cultural-gardens-growing-again-with-groundbreaking-for-new-croatian-garden-on-saturday)

### Italian Ambassador to the United States Visits Cleveland

For the first time in 80 years the Italian Ambassador to the United States visited Cleveland as a result of the efforts of the Cleveland Council on World Affairs (CCWA), the City of Cleveland, Consulate of Italy, Detroit and, the Northern Ohio Italian American Foundation (NOIA).

In an event at the Union Club which included Ohio Governor John Kasich, Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson was knighted by the Ambassador, at the direction of the President of Italy, Giorgio Napolitano. He received the honorary rank of Cavaliere dell'Ordine della Stella della Solidarietà.

Photos and video can be found at:

<http://www.clevelandpeople.com/groups/italian/2011/ambassador.htm>

## *Speaking of Lesson Plans*

**Bright Ideas for Teaching ESL** ESL Mania is for adult learners & teachers. Here's your chance to learn new idioms, practice your grammar, improve your accent, get lessons in business English, read ESL book chapters, get teaching tips, and much more!

<http://www.eslmania.com/teacher/teacher.htm>

**Interactive monthly calendar** that includes the various May holidays and special events. Find links to great resources.

<http://www.theteacherscorner.net/calendars/may.php>

### **GED Teacher Resource Center**

Free online resources and teacher-to-teacher support for GED educators can be found at:

<http://www.newreaderspress.com/ged/index.asp>

## **Websites to Explore**

**Visit OTAN**, the Outreach and Technical Assistance Network, for free resources for adult literacy. Visit OTAN by following this link <http://www.otan.us>

### **May is Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month**

The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in paying tribute to the generations of Asian and Pacific Islanders who have enriched America's history and are instrumental in its future success. <http://asianpacificheritage.gov/about.html>

## *Thoughts On Leadership*

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

