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TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL APPETIZERS

Welcome to FY2012! This is an introductory issue of TAPAS to reacquaint you with some of the services and resources available through the Resource Center Network (RCN): the Northeast, Central/Southeast, Southwest and Northwest ABLE Resource Centers as well as the Ohio Literacy Resource Center.

FREE Resources

Bodega

Bodega is the Spanish word for corner store. This unique online store has over 170 free resources for the classroom. Teachers can order materials online at no charge, the Resource Center will mail them and teachers may keep the materials.

Browse one of the 17 topics, such as Low Literacy ESL, Speaking & Listening, Transitions or Workforce Education, to find a resource that can help you and your students. Then, click "Order Now," complete the form and click "Send Email" to submit your request. You will receive your material(s) within a few days. No need to return them, because all Bodega materials are free! Get started shopping by visiting:

www.neable.org/resources/bodega/bodega

Web Resources

In addition to the resources available through the *Bodega* and for loan through the library, a large collection of web based resources is maintained on our website organized under 20 topical headings. There is also a tag cloud* mirroring the collected resources created by the social bookmarking site www.delicious.com found at the bottom of the page.

Take some time to browse the available web resources found here: www.neable.org/resources/

*Tag clouds are visual representations of word frequency. The more often a word appears in a set, the larger that word is displayed in the tag cloud.

Ohio ABLE Library.org

The Ohio ABLE Resource Center Network Library has an extensive collection of over 15,000 textbooks, audio and video tapes, CD's, DVD's, professional reference books, classroom materials and kits available for loan to preview. Library items can be reserved online with your ABLE ID or by contacting the Resource Center staff. Requested items will be sent to you with a return label and postage for shipping. The loan period is six weeks and items can be renewed online before their due date or by contacting the Resource Center staff.

Start browsing the online catalog here:

www.ohioablelibrary.org

Culture Corner

The Hmong embroidered storycloth is used to pass down their traditions and history.

On Speaking and Cultural Terms, 2006

ESOL Professional Development Offerings



Face to Face Trainings:

- TABE CLAS-E in Cincinnati September 16th
- BEST Plus in Euclid October 14th
- ESOL Basics in Euclid October 14th
- BEST Plus in Dublin November 4th
- ESOL Basics in Dublin November 4th

Self-Directed/Alternative Delivery Activities:

There are 122 activities offered in a variety of formats, including online course, video, text and audio. These activities can be completed in your free time at your own pace. Select one of the activities, such as BEST Plus Refresher, CASAS Implementation training, or Teaching ESOL to Adults: Classroom Approaches in Action and register using your ABLE ID. The resource center will send you the instructions and training materials for you to get started. Once you've completed the activity, return the materials in the postage-paid envelope. You will then receive a certificate of participation.

Register for any RCN training on the Calendar of Events at www.ohioable.org.

Ohio TESOL Conference

November 11-12, 2011, Hyatt Regency, Columbus
Bridging Divides: From the Classroom to the Real World

ABLE offer – first 100 staff to apply receive **paid conference registration** courtesy of the Ohio Board of Regents! Special instructions include applying through the Resource Center Network and then registering on the official conference website with a special discount code. Registration will be available this week and more details TBA. Stay tuned!

Reimbursement of mileage, lodging and meals not included, but may be available through your program. Contact your program administrator.

TESOL Convention

March 28-31, 2012, Philadelphia, PA
A TESOL Declaration of Excellence
Registration is now available at www.tesolconvention.org/registration.cfm.

LESSON PLANS

EL/Civics lessons can be accessed by visiting www.neable.org and clicking on “EL/Civics Lesson Plans” at the bottom of the screen under Resources.

Eureka is a warehouse of standards-based lesson plans which can be accessed at <http://literacy.kent.edu/eureka/agora.html>.