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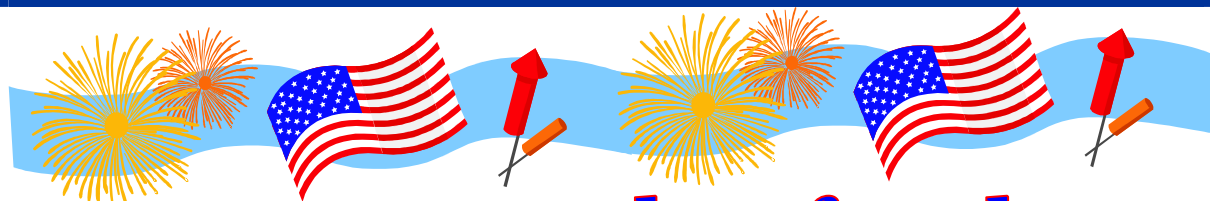
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# Happy 4th of July

The Friday NewsBriefs will take a brief hiatus and return in August.  
Happy Summer!

## Upcoming Training



- **Ohio ACTE Conference**  
7/26-28/2009  
Hyatt Regency—Columbus, OH
- **Summer Symposium 2009: Learning Disabilities**  
08/07/2009  
10:00am-4:00pm  
Inn at Hocking College—Nelsonville, OH

## Summer Classes

The following sites will be offering summer classes:

Canton CS ABLE  
June 22-August 27 – Full Schedule (330) 438-2559

Cleveland Heights/University Heights ABLE  
July 6-August 13 – Full Schedule (216) 371-7138

Elyria CS ABLE  
Tentative evening class – TBA (440) 284-8251

Lorain County Community College ABLE

July 13-August – Full Schedule (440) 366-4530

Mahoning County Career Technical Center  
All Summer – Full Schedule (330) 729-4100

Maplewood Career Center ABLÉ  
All Summer – AM/PM classes at certain locations (330) 296-2892

Merrick House ABLÉ  
All Summer – Full Schedule (216) 771-5077

Painesville CS ABLÉ  
All Summer – Full Schedule (440)354-5551

Parma CS ABLÉ  
July 6-August 14 – Full Schedule (440) 885-8797

Polaris Career Center ABLÉ  
All Summer – AM/PM GED Skills Enrichment Classes (440) 891-7647

Project Learn of Summit County ABLÉ  
All Summer – Full Schedule (Downtown Akron) (330) 434-9461

Trumbull County Career & Technical Center ABLÉ  
All Summer – GED Classes (330) 847-0503 ext. 1611

Youngstown CS ABLÉ  
All Summer – AM Classes (330) 744-8715



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## Summer Resources

Has it been a while since you visited the Northeast ABLÉ Resource Center Website? Now is the perfect time to check back and see what's new. If you need to complete some professional development, check out our numerous alternative delivery professional development options listed on the training calendar. Also, don't forget about the Bodega! If you've never visited the Bodega or it's been a while, please consider a visit. We have shelves and shelves of **FREE RESOURCES** available and ready to be mailed to your door. Your free resources are just click away! Visit [www.neable.org](http://www.neable.org) today!

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## Free Webinar



***The Nation's Dropout Crisis: The Educators' Perspectives***  
**Tuesday, July 7, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Eastern**

*On the Front Lines of Schools* is the latest chapter in a series of seminal reports that represent the critical voices in the dropout debate: students, parents, and now, teachers. The report identifies "expectation gaps" and the need for more support at home as major factors in the rising tide of high school dropouts. The study gives voice to hundreds of educators, including teachers, principals, superintendents, and

school board members. This webinar will allow even more educators and education experts to weigh in on this debate with their unique perspectives.

Content provided by AT&T and the AT&T Foundation, in association with Civic Enterprises, America's Promise Alliance, and Peter D. Hart Research Associates  
Speakers:

**John Bridgeland**, president and CEO, Civic Enterprises

**Geoff Garin**, president of Peter D. Hart Research Associates

This webinar will be moderated by Laura Sanford, president of the AT&T Foundation.

Free registration is now open.

<https://event.on24.com/eventRegistration/EventLobbyServlet?target=registration.jsp&eventid=151412&sessionid=1&key=AE92C33C8FA77B2DEABB5000A8A8F72D&sourcepage=register>



## Assessment Focus Group

CTB/McGraw-Hill is sponsoring a small number of group discussions among educators nationwide who are using adult education assessments—either computer based or paper-and-pencil. The goal of this research is to better understand the challenges involved in using the assessment products currently available for the adult education market.

The discussions are scheduled for the following days and times (EDT):

Tuesday, July 14, 4:00 PM	Wednesday, July 15, 4:00 PM	Thursday, July 16, 4:00 PM
Tuesday, July 14, 6:00 PM	Wednesday, July 15, 6:00 PM	Thursday, July 16, 6:00 PM

Each discussion will last approximately 90 minutes.

Educators selected to participate will receive a toll-free conference-call number and can join the discussion from any telephone.

**Participants will receive a \$75 honorarium—but space is limited.**

To find out if you are eligible to participate in this research, click on the link below and answer the questions in our three-minute online questionnaire.

<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s/146940/ctb-mcgraw-hill-adult-education-focus-groups>

The company responsible for coordinating this study (Saperstein Associates) will notify those selected to participate no later than 5:00 PM on Wednesday, July 8. Feel free to forward this email to colleagues familiar with adult education assessments, who, like you, may value a chance to express their opinions.

# Learning Disabilities Webinar



- \* Do your students with learning or attention problems seem to be unable to get through their course materials?
- \* Are they "spinning their wheels" trying this and that and making little progress?
- \* Want to help them?

Then you don't want to miss-

Dr. Richard Cooper's next Internet-Based Seminar - Structured Learning

NAASLN's July 13 Webinar offers another opportunity to attend this popular 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.

Register ONLINE for this upcoming NAASLN Webinar/Internet-Based Seminar - [www.naasln.org/webinars.htm](http://www.naasln.org/webinars.htm)

July 13 - 4:00 - 5:00 ET

Online registrations accepted up to July 10

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## Matt's Tech Tips



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#### How to dry your electronics

If you have ever spilled something on your laptop or drop a cell phone in a puddle, there are a few simple steps you can take to try to save your electronics.

First, if the item is turned on, then you need to turn the power off immediately to avoid shorting out the circuits. To do this, press and hold the power button until the device turns off and then remove the battery.

Second, try to get as much liquid cleaned up as possible. Tip your laptop to the side to let anything run out and use a damp cloth to wipe up anything sticky.

Third and most important, wait for the device to dry (a day or two) before trying to turn it back on. Using a small fan to blow air on the device may help speed up dry time. Popular Mechanics suggests placing your wet cell phone into a bowl of dry rice to help absorb liquid from the device ([http://www.popularmechanics.com/technology/how\\_to/4269047.html](http://www.popularmechanics.com/technology/how_to/4269047.html)).

Above all, remember to immediately turn off any device that gets wet and leave it off. Leaving it on will ruin it and probably ruin your day.

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## Employment Opportunities



Help  
Wanted

- **Cleveland Reads**

**Position Description: Program Manager** (previously Volunteer Coordinator)  
Reports to Executive Director

June 2009

**Qualifications:**

Required:

- Bachelors Degree in education, business administration, or a related field and
- 3 or more years relevant experience
- Excellent interpersonal, organizational and communication skills
- Above average computer skills with experience using Microsoft Office applications

Preferred background:

- Desktop publishing skills a plus.
- Tutoring experience preferred.
- Some experience with special event and meeting planning a plus.

\*Cleveland Reads is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Scofield, Interim Executive Director, at 216.436.2223 or send cover letter and resume to [jscofield@uws.org](mailto:jscofield@uws.org)

- **Lakewood ABLE**

Lakewood ABLE requires an ABE instructor to work in a contracted position with an outside agency. This year round program is from 1:30-4:00 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting July 14<sup>th</sup>. Planning time is built in to the salary schedule. Additional hours with Lakewood ABLE may be available.

Interested parties must have a minimum of a Bachelor's degree and Ohio teacher certification. The applicant should have experience working with students from challenging backgrounds. The applicant should be familiar with ABLE state guidelines, and should be able to plan, organize and implement an instructional program using the OPAS model. He /she must be able to create a learner-centered environment which allows learners to acquire the needed skills, self esteem and goals that will facilitate transition to post secondary options.

If you are interested in this position, please contact Terry Hamovitch at 216.227.5165 or [terry.hamovitch@lakewood.k12.oh.us](mailto:terry.hamovitch@lakewood.k12.oh.us)



## The Resource Room

Summer Reading

If you are looking for some summer reading, then you have come to the right place. Check out one of these great summer reads from the Northeast ABLE Resource Center Library "Multicultural Collection."

**Cruz, Nilo. Anna in the Tropics.**

Anna in the Tropics is a poignant and poetic play set in 1929 Florida in a Cuban-American cigar factory, where cigars are still rolled by hand and "lectores" are employed to educate and train the workers. A new lectore arrives and he unwittingly becomes a catalyst in the lives of his avid listeners.

**Friedman, Thomas L. The World Is Flat : A Brief History of the Twenty-first Century.**

Freidman explains how the flattening of the world happened at the dawn of the twenty-first century and what it means to companies, communities, and individuals and how government and societies must adapt.

To reserve your summer reading, visit [www.neablelibrary.org](http://www.neablelibrary.org) and type "Multicultural Collection" in the subject search box.

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## Thoughts on Leadership

*Thoughts on Leadership* is an attachment to the Friday NewsBriefs.