



Friday NewsBriefs

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Welcome Back!

We hope you enjoyed your summer! Now it's time to get back to work. The Northeast Resource Center will be offering several beginning-of-the-year trainings that you shouldn't miss. Upcoming events include:

BEST Plus (Euclid)

August 17, 2007
9:30am-3:30pm

Make It/Take It (Euclid)

August 23, 2007
9:30am-3:00pm

Make It/Take It (Euclid)

September 7, 2007
9:30am-3:00pm

NTO Part II (Euclid)

September 14, 2007
9:30am-3:00pm

Make It/Take It (Euclid)

September 14, 2007
9:30am-3:00pm

BEST Plus (Columbus)

September 28, 2007
9:30am-3:30pm

Beginning ESOL (Columbus)

September 28, 2007
9:30am-3:00pm

Math Kickoff (Euclid)

October 12, 2007
9:30-3:00pm

Make It/Take It (Euclid)

October 12, 2007
9:30am-3:00pm

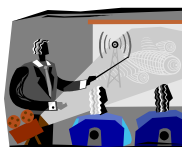
LD 202 (Euclid)

October 27, 2007
9:30am-3:30pm

Sign up for all of these great trainings on our calendar of events at:

www.neable.org

ABLE PD Day



ABLE PD Day will be held on September 28, 2007 in Columbus, Ohio. A variety of first-class trainings will be offered. This is a great opportunity to get your PD out of the way! The trainings available on ABLE PD Day include:

- Learning Disabilities 202
- Ohio STARS Reunion
- Basic ESOL Training
- BEST Plus Training
- WRT 102: The Writing Process: Assessing & Instructing
- Assessment Fundamentals
- CASAS ESL
- CASAS Adult Life Skills for Developmental Disabilities
- How Standards-Based Education Works in Your Classroom
- Preparing Students to Write for Beginnings: the Ohio Writers' Conference

Register for all of these trainings at: www.ohioable.org (Training Calendar)



Got Volunteers?

Do you need volunteers? Cleveland Reads has supplied us with a list of recent participants of the *Building Literacy Skills* tutor training who are available to work with your program. If anyone is interested in contacting these volunteers please call the Northeast Resource Center for a list of names. (216) 261-7076

Job Fair



Looking for work? Want to improve work skills? Interested in job programs? Come to Brookside's Annual Job Fair on Wednesday, September 12, 2007 from 9:00am-12:00pm at:

Brooklyn Memorial UMC
2607 Archwood Avenue

For more information, call Cathy at (216) 749-4295



Thinkfinity

Proliteracy would like to hear from you if you have used Thinkfinity to meet your PD needs (formerly the Verizon Literacy Network). If you have taken any of their online courses, they would like to know your experiences—was it good, not so good, etc... You can email your responses to Jane Hugo at: jhugo@proliteracy.org. If you would like to know more about Thinkfinity, please visit www.thinkfinity.org

Advocacy Course



Proliteracy is offering a new online course entitled “Gear Up for Capitol Hill: Essential Skills and Strategies for Federal-Level Advocacy.” In this course, experienced advocates will share key skills and strategies for getting heard. Through this course you will gain inside perspectives on how adult education policies are made, plan for that first contact with your legislator, practice simple strategies for communicating effectively with legislators and staff, learn how to build effective community e-networks, and identify actions that position you as a resource for your legislators. Registration opens August 20th, 2007. To register go to www.proliteracy.org, and click on Professional Development. If you have any questions call (315) 422-9121 ext. 283 or email profdev@proliteracy.org

Help
Wanted

Employment Opportunities

- **Director of Development and Volunteers**

Learning Disabilities of America (LDA) of Cuyahoga County is seeking someone for the position of Director of Development and Volunteers.

Requirements include:

- Master’s Degree in Non-Profit Management/Fundraising/Org. Development or related field
- Education background a plus
- Experience in Fundraising/Grant Seeking

Please mail resume and salary requirements to Ellen S. Fishman, Executive Director, 4800 East 131st Street, Suite B, Garfield Heights, Ohio 44105 or email to efishman@ldacc.org

- **Program Assistant**

The Center for Applied Linguistics is seeking someone to fill the position of Program Assistant. This is a full-time position. Salary range \$35K-\$40K. Send resume and cover letter to:

Center for Applied Linguistics
4646 40th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20016-1859
Attn: Recruitment 07-11
Or email to:
jobs@cal.org, Attn: 07-11

Grant Opportunities



- **“NEA Foundation Learning & Leadership Grants”**
NEA Foundation Learning & Leadership Grants support public school teachers, public education support professionals, and/or faculty and staff in public institutions of higher education for one of two purposes: grants to individuals fund participation in high-quality professional development experiences, such as summer institutes or action research; grants to groups fund collegial study, including study groups, action research, lesson study, or mentoring experiences for faculty or staff new to an assignment. Maximum award: \$5,000. Deadline: October 15, 2007. Learn more at:
<http://www.neafoundation.org/programs/Learning&LeadershipGuidelines.htm>
- **“Grants to Assist Nonprofits in Developing Strong Leadership”**
The American Management Association (AMA) and Leader to Leader Institute scholarship program is intended to assist social sector nonprofit organizations in developing strong leadership. The AMA Scholarship is designed to provide nonprofit leaders with an opportunity to step out of the day-to-day, interact with peers across the sectors and develop practical skills they can apply immediately within their organizations. Maximum award: one-year scholarship. Deadline: November 15, 2007. Learn more at:
<http://leadertoleader.org/collaboration/ama/index.html>
- **“Research Grants for Adult Education Math Practitioners”**
The Adult Numeracy Network (ANN), a national organization of adult education math teachers, has released the application for this year’s adult education math practitioner research projects. The Adult Numeracy Network will support two opportunities for teachers of adult mathematics to conduct research. These grants provide a chance for teachers of adult math to conduct some quality classroom research. To learn more, visit the OTAN Website at:
<http://www.otan.us/index.cfm?fuseaction=ShowMoreNews&newsid=3504&catid=3027>
- **“ABE Career Connections Grant Opportunities”**
The Workforce Strategy Center and the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, invite local adult basic education (ABE) programs across the country to apply for the ABE Career Connections project. Five sites will be selected to receive support in the development and implementation of new or improved approaches to build upon their current involvement in career pathways. The ABE Career Connections project will demonstrate how ABE programs can operate within career pathways to prepare students for postsecondary courses leading to a degree or occupational certificate targeted toward an industry important to a regional economy. Each winner will receive \$75,000, technical assistance, and national recognition. For more information visit the Workforce Strategy Center Website at:
<http://www.workforcestrategy.org/>



The Resource Room

The Northeast Resource Center Library is full of exciting new resources for the new year! Here are some great ideas for your classroom:

For EL/Civics:

American Civics-This set of 20 books comes in its own book display holder. There are 4 titles of 5 books each, all by David Heath. Each book contains a glossary of terms, bibliography, useful addresses and Internet sites. The set comes with a Teacher's Resource Book containing a skills correlation chart, lesson plans, activities and answer key.

The books included in this American Civics set are:

- *The Congress of the United States*-All about the Congress; how laws are made, checks and balances, a day in Congress, the U.S. Capitol and history of Congress. 41 pages
- *The Presidency of the United States*-All about the Presidency: history of the Presidency, checks and balances, the day of a president, the White House and past presidents. 39 pages
- *The Supreme Court*-All about the Supreme Court: the Supreme Court, checks and balances, the daily duties of the court, the Supreme Court building and important Supreme Court decisions. 41 pages
- *Elections in the United States*-All about elections in the U.S.: elections in a democracy, political parties, national elections, state and local elections and Election Day. 41 pages

Compass Point Books (Easy Readers)-These books are appropriate for high beginning students. They are all approximately 20 pages long and include a glossary, addresses and Internet sights for further work and an index. The series of 14 books includes:

- The National Anthem
- The Presidency
- The White House
- The U.S. Congress
- The Supreme Court
- The Washington Monument
- The Lincoln Memorial
- Our National Holidays
- The Statue of Liberty
- The Liberty Bell
- The Bald Eagle
- Voting and Elections
- Our National Parks

- Mount Rushmore

For ESOL/GED Book Clubs:

Writer’s Voices-These two sets of ten books are appropriate for intermediate readers. They are selections from the original text, and give an accurate account of the story. Each book includes discussion questions and activities. The two books included are:

- *Coal Miner’s Daughter*-Loretta Lynn tells her story in her own words. Students will notice Lynn’s southern dialect, word choice and grammar variations. 57 pages
- *Kramer vs. Kramer*-Selections are from the book by Avery Corman. Included are notes from the author about the book and child custody in divorce cases. 44 pages

High Five Reading: Using High-Interest Nonfiction to Guide Struggling Readers-Each set of 10 books comes with a tape recording of the text and a teacher’s guide. Each book is approximately 35-40 pages long and includes an epilogue, glossary, bibliography, useful addresses and Internet sites and an index. The four sets of books include the following titles:

- *LeBron James: King of the Court*-Chapters include: “Fame, Family, Friends, Pressure and Success.” ATOS Reading Level 3.1
- *Cesar Chavez: Fighter in the Fields*-Chapters include: “The Long March, Growing Up in the Fields, Beginning to Organize, Viva La Causa!, and The Long Struggle.” ATOS Reading Level 3.7
- *Latino Legends: Hispanics in Major League Baseball*-Chapters include: “Closed Doors, A New Era, A Time of Giants, The Great One, and The Best Ever.” ATOS Reading Level 4.1
- *Long Road to Freedom: Journey of the Hmong*-Chapters include: “Caught in the War, Life Before War, From the Jungles to the Camps, Moving to America and Going Home.” ATOS Reading Level 4.4

Michigan Stories for Newcomers-These books are available in sets of 10. Written by Barbara Vaille and Jennifer Quinn Williams and published by University of Michigan Press, the stories are original fiction for adult English learners who wish to improve their reading and English skills. The stories are compelling and will become the basis for lively discussions. Each book is approximately 103 pages in length. A modified version of each story is available on www.press.umich.edu/esl/stories. The titles include:

- *Flor’s Journey to Independence*-Flor, a Mexican immigrant, and her four-year-old daughter face abandonment in a strange country, but she prevails!
- *Andrew’s Journey to a New Life in America*-Andrew, from Hong Kong, is trying to make a better life for his fiancée and himself when his identity is stolen!
- *Senem’s Journey to a New Beginning*-Senem is a Turkish woman living in the States with her husband and son. Both natural and man-made disasters challenge her strength to survive.



Drama in the Classroom

- *Celebrating American Heroes: Plays for Students of English* by Anne Siebert. Engage your students in role playing with historic background! Heroes include: Betsy Ross, George Washington, Dolley Madison, Sacagawea, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Alva Edison, John Muir, Jackie Robinson, Jonas Salk, Robert Frost, Cesar Chavez, Astronauts Armstrong, Aldrin and Collins, and Jamie Escalante. Available in a set of 10 books with a Teacher's Guide and Audio CD.
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Thoughts on Leadership

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