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## Upcoming Events



- **CCIP Training**  
2/6/2008  
9:00am-12:00pm  
Polaris Career Center
- **Activities for Improving Listening Skills in the ESOL Classroom**  
2/28/2008  
3:00pm-5:30pm  
Henn Mansion
- **The Portfolio Connection: Connecting Teaching & Learning**  
2/29/2008  
9:30am-3:30pm  
Henn Mansion
- **New Teacher Orientation Part II**  
3/7/2008  
9:30am-3:00pm  
Henn Mansion
- **Spring Directors' Meeting**  
3/11/2008  
9:00am-4:00pm  
Great Wolf Lodge-Sandusky
- **New Teacher Orientation Part II \*SATURDAY\***  
3/15/2008  
9:30am-3:00pm  
Henn Mansion
- **BEST Plus Training**  
4/16/2008  
9:30am-3:30pm  
Columbus, OH

# FREE Classes at the Cleveland Public Library



**Take a computer class at the library, for FREE!**

Check out the calendar of events at your local library for upcoming computer classes. Times and availability will vary and most require registration for the events. Sign up early and don't miss out. CPL website: <http://clc.cpl.org/>

The Cuyahoga County Public Libraries  
(<http://www.cuyahogalibrary.org/EventFinder.aspx>),

Lake County Public Libraries  
(<http://www.lakecountyohio.org/publiclibrary/library.htm>)

Geauga County Public Libraries  
(<http://www.geauga.lib.oh.us/>)

Lorain County Public Libraries  
(<https://www.lorainpubliclibrary.com/calendar.asp>)

Akron-Summit County Public Libraries  
(<http://www.akronlibrary.org/events.html>)

Also available at the Cleveland Public Library, “Newspapers from around the world on demand.” There are 245 titles in 30 languages from 70+ countries. Visit <http://www.cpl.org/index.php?q=node/13> for details.



## Teach in China!

**Summer Teaching Positions:**

**English Instructors to Teach at Wuhan University (July 14 – August 8)**

The Wuhan University Summer Intensive English Program (WUSIEP) is a collaborative project between Wuhan University and The Ohio State University. In 2008, they will hold their 5<sup>th</sup> program. They are looking for 30 instructors to teach intensive English and American culture for 4 weeks at Wuhan University. Please visit <http://people.cohums.ohio-state.edu/li28/wuhanweb/index.htm> to see photos and learn more about this program.

## Multiple Perspectives



**The Eighth Annual Multiple Perspectives On Access, Inclusion & Disability: Looking Back & Thinking Ahead**

**Pfahl Executive Education and Conference Center, The Ohio State University  
Pre-conference April 21 – Full Conference April 22-23, 2008**

Over 30 concurrent sessions and two Pre-conference Sessions

Registration Open

<http://mpconference.osu.edu/>

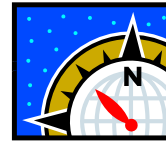


## Websites for Older Beginning Readers

To access a full list of websites designed for older beginning readers as well as descriptions and links, click on the following link

<http://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org/2008/01/23/the-best-websites-for-beginning-older-readers/>.

## Northwest Regional Institute



**Northwest Regional Institute**

**February 28-29, 2008**

**University Place, Portland, Oregon**

**Sponsored by ProLiteracy and COABE**

Featuring three intensive and interactive workshops:

- Data Analysis for Program Decision-Making (Dollar General/ProLiteracy Performance Accountability Initiative)
- Models and Strategies for Adult Transitions
- Student Retention Through Student Success

The registration deadline is February 3. For more information visit:

[http://www.newreaderspress.com/default\\_prolit.aspx](http://www.newreaderspress.com/default_prolit.aspx)

or call

315.422.9121 ext. 283



## Even Start Application Readers Needed

If you are interested in assisting by reading and rating Even Start applications, please complete the bottom portion of this form and **return by April 11, 2008**, to:

**Helen O'Leary**

**Ohio Department of Education**

**Center for Students, Families and Communities**

**Office of Early Learning & School Readiness**

25 South Front Street, Mail Stop 305  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-4183

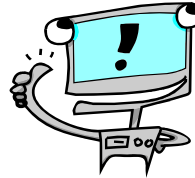
or

Fax to: (614) 728-2338 Attn: Helen O'Leary

**See attached form for details.**

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## Matt's Tech Tips



### Troubleshooting

The World Wide Web is my first stop when something goes haywire, unless of course when the Internet goes down. If you are having problems making columns in a Word document, using a flash drive, or getting your formulas to work in Excel, check out the information and tutorials available online. Just go to your favorite search engine, query your problem, and see what kind of results you get. You'll be surprised to see how many people have had similar problems posting them online.

For a place to start, take a look at this article from (<http://www.techsoup.org/learningcenter/internet/page5722.cfm>) for some advice and links on how to learn to use the Web to solve some of those pesky technology problems.

### Technology Integration Mentor Academy (TIMAC)

<http://www.otan.us/timac/>

#### What Is TIMAC?

*TIMAC is OTAN's Technology Integration Mentor Academy. The goal of the academy is to support individual adult education teachers to become the technology mentor for their program(s). Although instructors from any program area may apply, the focus is on mentoring instructors in basic skills (ESL, ABE, ASE, GED). Fifteen new participants have been added for each year starting in 2004. Annual reports for years 04/05 (Year 1), 05/06 (Year 2), and 06/07 (Year 3) have continuously showed increased mentoring and technical skills as self reported by the participants and their colleagues/mentees.*

Take some time to view how adult education teachers are already integrating diverse technology into their classrooms. You can experience some of the failures, frustrations, and successes for projects including adaptive technology, databases for student assessment and goals, technology integration training, portable keyboards for word processing and more.

\*Please note you will need a high speed internet connection to view the videos.

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# Employment Opportunities

These websites offer listings of over 10,000 jobs available in Northeast Ohio. They could be quite useful to your students. Please pass these resources on!

[www.neotechjobs.com](http://www.neotechjobs.com)

[www.jobmagnet.com](http://www.jobmagnet.com)

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## Grant Opportunities



### **Dollar General Adult Literacy Grants**

During this request for proposals period, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation will award grants to direct service providers in one or all of the following focus areas ONLY:

- Adult Basic Education
- GED Preparation
- English for Speakers of Other Languages

The deadline for proposals is March 4, 2008. For more information, eligibility and applications, please visit: [www.dollargeneral.com](http://www.dollargeneral.com)

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## The Resource Room

### ***DO YOU SPEAK AMERICAN?***

If you are a GED or ESOL teacher, you may want to register for this new alternative delivery professional development activity which has just been added to the Northeast ABE training calendar.

This comprehensive professional development allows you to join **Robert McNeil**, noted author and former anchor of the McNeil/ Lehrer Report, on his travels across the United States. The 3 one-hour DVDs and book seek to answer important sociolinguistic questions such as: What is Standard English? What is the current state of written English? Do we engage in dialect bias? Is language part of social identity? What is the future of American English?

**What is involved?** View the DVD's, read the book, and write a reaction paper focusing on how the content of the materials relate to your teaching experience. Please go to [www.neable.org](http://www.neable.org) to register on the alternative delivery training calendar. You will be delighted with this new offering!

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# Thoughts on Leadership

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