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## NCSDAE

### New Advocacy Resource Page



Where would an adult educator find:

1. Who the state Single Point of Contact is?
2. How to contact a member of Congress?
3. Who the members of the House and Senate Appropriations Committee are?
4. A copy of the Council/Coalition's proposed legislation that members of Congress are using?
5. Fact sheets on adult education?
6. Fact sheets that can be modified for their congressional district?
7. A place to email for help?

Coming soon: Where will your practitioners soon be able to find information on each member of Congress and current data on your stat's program?

In collaboration with the National Coalition for Literacy and the Commission on Adult Basic Education, the Council has added an Advocacy Resource Page to the Council website.

<http://www.ncsdae.org/advocacyresource.htm>



## BEST Plus and BEST Literacy

The Northeast ABLEResource Center will now have BEST Literacy tests available for purchase at a reduced rate. We will continue to provide the BEST Plus tests in addition to BEST Literacy tests, forms B, C and D. The pricing is as follows:

BEST Plus Tests \$0.90  
BEST Literacy Tests (A, B, C) \$1.50

Please see attached order form for full details. If you wish to order tests, please complete the form and either fax, mail or email the form to the Resource Center.

# Programs Offering Summer Classes



- **Ashtabula**.....440-576-6015 Ex. 1057
  - **Canton**.....330-438-2559
  - **Cleveland/University Hts**.....216-371-7138
  - **Cuyahoga Community College**.....216-987-2136
  - **Elyria**.....440-284-8251
  - **Geauga**.....440-279-1700
  - **Lorain**.....800-995-5222 Ex. 4523
  - **Lorain County JVS**.....440-774-1051 Ex. 285
  - **Mahoning County Career & Tech**.....330-729-4100 Ex. 1431
  - **Massillon**.....330-830-1836
  - **Merrick House**.....216-771-5077
  - **Painesville**.....440-354-5551
  - **Parma**.....440-885-8797
  - **Strongsville**.....440-572-6596
  - **Trumbull County**.....330-847-0503 Ex. 1611
  - **Willoughby/Eastlake**.....440-946-3336
  - **Youngstown**.....330-744-8714
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## Fundraiser for Earthquake Relief in China

In solidarity with the victims of the recent earthquake in China, the Cleveland Council on World Affairs, in partnership with Cleveland State University and Tenax Corporation, invites you to a fundraising concert for Earthquake Relief in China. Two of our region's most renowned musicians, Angelin Chang and Erich Eichhorn have generously agreed to perform at a benefit concert on Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Donations will go directly to the Red Cross Society of China, and will provide aid to victims, including medical care and relief item distribution. All donations are tax-deductible and can be made out to the Red Cross Society of China – Earthquake Relief.

Admission is \$35 with any further donations appreciated. All proceeds will go directly to the Red Cross Society of China. Please make checks payable to the Red Cross Society of China – Earthquake Relief. No cash or charge cards will be accepted.

For more information: [www.ccwa.org](http://www.ccwa.org) or 216-781-3730 ext. 102. Tickets will be available at the CSU Box Office one hour before the performance.

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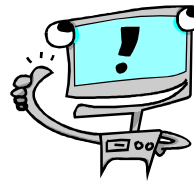
" (Volume 9, Issue A) is now available at [www.worlded.org](http://www.worlded.org). Published by World Education, the theme is Numeracy.

Articles include:

- Using part-whole thinking in math
- The importance of numeracy in adult basic education
- Designing instruction that addresses all of the components of numeracy
- Techniques for introducing new types of activities into the math classroom
- The cultural aspects of mathematics
- Teaching algebraic thinking in lower level mathematics classes
- TIAN: a professional learning model for ABE math teacher

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## Matt's Tech Tips



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New Technology Titles in the Library:

**Conquering InfoClutter: Timesaving Technology Solutions for Teachers** (2004) Ormiston, Meghan J.

**Web Literacy for Educators** (2008) November, Alan

**Literacy in the Digital Age**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition (2008) Burniske, R.W.

**Effective Teaching with Internet Technologies** (2007) Pritchard, Alan

**Digital Storytelling in the Classroom: New Media Pathways to Literacy, Learning, and Creativity** (2008) Ohler, Jason

Titles can be checked out online at [www.neablelibrary.org](http://www.neablelibrary.org) or by contacting the Northeast ABLE Resource Center.



## Employment Opportunities

- Westlake ABLE is seeking a Basic Skills/GED instructor for four mornings a week (M-TH) beginning in September. Position is 12 hours per week. Rate of pay is \$22 per hour. Previous ABLE experience preferred. Computer

knowledge is necessary.

- Westlake ABLÉ is looking for both an a.m. and p.m. Orientation Instructor. Positions orient both ESOL and Basic Skills/GED students. Approximately 12-14 hours per month. Applicants need to be BEST Plus trained, or willing to complete training prior to September 2008. Rate of pay \$22 per hour.
- Westlake ABLÉ is seeking an ESOL instructor for two mornings per week (M & W). Previous ABLÉ experience preferred. Position is 6 hours per week from September to early June. Rate of pay is \$22 per hour.

**For the above positions, please contact Paula Kertes at (440) 899-3075 ext. 2028**

- Mayfield ABLÉ is seeking a GED instructor for two evenings per week (M & W) beginning in September. Position is 6 hours per week. Rate of pay is \$24 per hour. Previous ABLÉ experience is preferred. Computer knowledge is necessary. Contact Paula Kertes at (440) 995-7480 for more information.
- The Wayne County Schools Career Center is accepting applications for the position of Adult and Community Education ABLÉ Coordinator beginning July 1, 2008. Position is up to 32 hours per week. Please send application, letter of interest, resume, transcripts and a copy of certification to:  
Bernadette Meyer, Adult Education Administrator  
WCSCC  
518 West Prospect Street  
Smithville, OH 44677  
(330) 669-7070

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## Grant Opportunities



### "Comcast Foundation Grants Support Youth Leadership Development"

The Comcast Foundation is awarding grants to maximize the impact of community investments so they yield tangible, measurable benefits to the neighborhoods Comcast serves and the people who live there. The foundation's primary focus is in funding diversity-oriented programs that address literacy, volunteerism and youth leadership development.

**Maximum Award:** \$570,000.

**Eligibility:** 501(c)3 organizations operating within communities that Comcast serves.

**Deadline:** N/A.

<http://www.comcast.com/corporate/about/inthecommunity/foundation/comcastfoundation.html>

### "Labels for Education"

Campbell's Labels for Education Program gives schools free educational equipment

in exchange for labels from Campbell products.

**Maximum Award:** N/A.

**Eligibility:** Schools or parents coordinate label drives to raise resources for schools.

**Deadline:** N/A.

<http://www.labelsforeducation.com/about.aspx>



## The Resource Room

**Classes are coming to an end and perhaps you are planning your vacation. Don't forget to take along a "good read". Pack one of these books from the NEABLE library with your beach gear! Go to [www.neable.library](http://www.neable.library) and check us out!**

### **MULTICULTURAL COLLECTION**

**Asgedom, Mawi**

**Of Beetles & Angels: a boy's remarkable journey from a refugee camp to Harvard.** Little, Brown, and Co., 2002. This is the true story of a young boy's remarkable journey: from civil war in east Africa to a refugee camp in Sudan, to a childhood on welfare in an affluent American suburb, and eventually to a full-tuition scholarship Harvard.

**Hirsi Ali, Ayaan.**

**Infidel.** Free Press, 2007. The author tells her astonishing life story, from her traditional Muslim childhood in Somalia, Saudi Arabia, and Kenya, to her intellectual awakening and activism in the Netherlands, and her current life under armed guard in the West.

**Hosseini, Khaled.**

**A Thousand Splendid Suns.** Riverhead Books, 2007. Khaled Hosseini's second novel is "breathtaking" and "set against the volatile events of Afghanistan's last thirty years ....from the Soviet invasion to the reign of the Taliban." Just as he painted the lives of young boys and their families, so does Hosseini now portray the lives of young women. This is "a remarkable chronicle of three decades of Afghan history and a deeply moving account of family and friendship."

**Lahiri, Jhumpa.**

**The Namesake.** Houghton Mifflin, 2003. Meet the Ganguli family, new arrivals from Calcutta, trying their best to become American even as they pine for home. The name they bestow on their firstborn, Gogol, betrays all the conflict of honoring tradition in a new world.....conflicts that will haunt Gogol on his winding path through divided loyalties, comic detours, and wrenching love affairs. (The book outshines the movie: a must read!).

**Lee, Chang-Rae.**

**Native Speaker.** Riverhead Books, 1995. "Korean American Henry Park is "surreptitious, B+ student of life, illegal alien, emotional alien, Yellow peril: neo-American, stranger, follower, traitor, spy..." or so says his wife, in the list she writes upon leaving him. Henry is forever uncertain of his place, a perpetual outsider looking at American Culture from a distance. And now, a man of two worlds, he is beginning to fear that he has betrayed both - and belongs to neither."

**Mengestu, Dinaw.**

**The Beautiful Things That Heaven Bears.** Riverhead Books/ Penguin, 2007. "Seventeen years ago, Sepha Stephanos fled the Ethiopian revolution. Now he finds himself running a grocery store in a poor African-American neighborhood in Washington, D.C. His only companions are fellow African immigrants from the Congo and Kenya who share his feelings of frustration and nostalgia for their home continent. This novel clearly pictures what it means to lose family and country and what it takes to create a new home."

**Pamuck, Orhan.**

**Snow.** Random House, 2005. "In *Snow*, Pamuk uses his power to show us the critical dilemmas of modern Turkey.... The author's high artistry and fierce politics take our minds further into the age's crisis than any commentator could." *The Daily Telegraph* (London)

**Santiago, Esmerelda.**

**When I Was Puerto Rican : A Memoir.** Da Capo Press, 1993. "In "When I Was Puerto Rican," Esmerelda Santiago tells of a childhood in Puerto Rico full of both tenderness and domestic strife, a childhood bursting with tropical sounds and sights, and mired in poverty.

**Tolan, Sandy.**

**The Lemon Tree: An Arab, A Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East.** New York : Bloomsbury, 2006. "This wonderful human story vividly depicts the depths of attachment to contested ground. An excellent choice for general readers." *Library Journal* (Starred review).

**Umrigar, Thrity.**

**If Today Be Sweet.** William Morrow, 2007 New York. Tehmina Sethna's husband has died and she is visiting her son in his suburban home in Ohio. She must decide if she should move from her beloved India and join her son and his American wife and young son. This is an honest and affectionate look at both cultures and the choices one makes when deciding to immigrate.

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## Thoughts on Leadership

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

