



Friday NewsBriefs

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<http://www.neable.org/misc/stay-connected>

OAACE



With the OAACE Conference quickly approaching, here is some important information you may need. The RCN recognizes the professional development opportunities provided at the OAACE Conference and provides financial support for eligible ABLEResource Center staff to attend this year's Conference being held on April 20-21 at the Holiday Inn in Worthington.

Eligibility:

To receive financial support for the Conference, you must:

- Work more than 7 hours per week paid by ABLEResource Center
- Have been employed more than 12 months in an ABLEResource Center program
- Have the OAACE Conference as a professional development choice on your IPDP
- Have received no financial support from the Resource Center for professional development activities attended or completed during this program year

Financial Support:

To attend the OAACE Conference, the RCN will:

- Pay your registration fee directly to OAACE for Full Conference attendance (\$200.00) or One Day attendance (\$100.00).
- Provide up to \$50.00 as a reimbursement for hotel accommodations (room only) incurred for OAACE Conference attendance. Original receipts are required. Follow your regional resource center guidelines for reimbursement requests.
- Pay the Conference registration fee at the OAACE member rate only. If you are not a member, you will need to join the organization or pay the difference between member and nonmember registration fees. Those fees will be directly billed to you by OAACE.
- Pay the Conference registration fee prior to March 31. No support will be provided for late or on-sight registrations.

OR

- Pay a \$70.00 stipend if you attend OAACE as your second required PD activity for the year. The conference will be treated as a one day PD activity. Registration fees and accommodation fees are paid by the attendee with no

reimbursement offered by the RCN.

Contact Us

www.neable.org

info@neable.org

All OAACE registrations will be done online at: www.oaace.org. Choose the RCN Supported Registration Form. Complete all sections in a screen so that you can continue to the next page of the form. When you have completed all pages, you will see this statement in bold red on the third page: **You are NOT registered yet!!!** Please confirm your information and click the button below to complete the registration process.

Charley will be missed



Ohio Literacy efforts lost a great friend and champion this week with the passing of Charley Flaig. There have been many inquiries about the arrangements for Charley. There is not going to be a service, per his wishes. In lieu of flowers, Charley wanted donations made to the Max Way Scholarship Fund. The Max Way Scholarship is for a student who has earned a GED and wants to attend college. The student must live in southeast Ohio.

Donations may be sent to the following address. Be sure to mention that the donation is in Charley's memory.

OAACE
Max Way Scholarship
PMB 103, 1601 W. Fifth Avenue
Columbus, OH 43212-2310

Thrity Umrigar Lecture



The book club lecture, hosted by the Northeast ABL Resource Center on March 9, 2007, was a smashing success! Thrity Umrigar spoke on class, gender and economics in India as discussed in her book *The Space Between Us*. She eloquently read passages from her book as well as offered a first person account of the social situation in India. It was a truly engaging activity.



Free Adult Reading Instruction

Susan McShane, Reading Initiative Specialist for the NCFL, will offer a training on using assessments and new instructional methods in adult literacy education. The training is based on the book, *Applying Research in Reading Instruction for Adults*.

The opportunity is open to volunteer and paid instructors. Participants will receive a free copy of the book and 12 hours of training on research-based assessment and instructional strategies for improving adults' reading skills.

This training will be held on April 12th-13th from 9:00am-3:30pm @:
Cleveland Reads
1331 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44115

*Lunch will be provided

Please RSVP by April 1st to Jessica Koppen @ 216 436-2043 or jkoppen@uws.org

Repetition: 21 Activities Using One Reading Selection

TRAINING: March 29, 4-6:30 or March 30, 1-3:00pm

at The Henn Mansion, Euclid, OH

Repetition is important in any learning situation, but repetition needs novelty to maintain student interest. Kathy Olson will share many creative activities derived from one reading passage to provide valuable repetition for all learner levels and in all skill areas. The session will include time for participants to create materials for use in their classrooms.*

This is part one of a two part training. The second part will be online where you will be able to post and share ideas on how you used activities presented in the training. A full day stipend will be paid upon completion of the online activities.

*Please bring several copies of a reading you plan to use in your classroom.

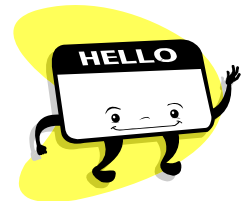
Register for this event on the training calendar at www.neable.org



Partnerships that work

This year at the Spring Director's Meeting many innovative ESOL practices surfaced. Suzanne Bernardini and Susan Eschrich of Ashtabula County JVS/ABLE shared what's been keeping them busy this year. The ABLE program has partnered with Ashtabula City Schools to provide on-site instruction to LEP/ESOL students in K-12. They have created a variety of forms and resources (some bilingual) to meet the needs of the parents during registration and throughout the year with student information that parents may not understand. ABLE teachers attend all school events including orientation, open-houses, and parent-teacher conferences to help parents through the process. In addition, the program has created ways to involve the parents in the community. There are on-site family centers, after school programs with parent presentations and countywide family literacy activities. The partnership has been successful in serving nearly 300 students. Good work!

Multiple Perspectives Conference



Building & Design – Work & Organizational Climate – Advocacy, Society & Participation – Education & Transition; Technology Updates

Each year Multiple Perspectives strives to provide a program that can serve as a catalyst for change; providing a springboard for collaborations among individuals with and without disabilities working in education, business, government and non-profits. The Conference's presenters have included faculty, authors, entrepreneurs, and advocates as well as representatives from the U.S. Access Board, The EEOC, The Ohio Civil Rights Commission, The American Institute of Architects, The U.S. Department of Education, and The Department of Justice.

For more information visit:

<http://mpconference.osu.edu/http://ada.osu.edu/conferences.htm>

FY 2008 Database Forms

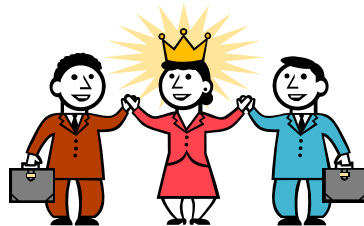
The FY 2008 Database Forms are out. The new form can be accessed as an attachment to the Friday NewsBriefs or on our website.

Last Chance for BEST Plus

You only have one more opportunity for BEST Plus training this year. So, sign up today. The final session will be held on:

April 19, 2007 preceding the OACE Conference

Sign up for this training on our calendar of events today.



Volunteer Recognition Reception

Every year during Volunteer Month, Cleveland Reads invites Lit Net member organizations to join them in celebrating the critically important contributions being made by volunteer literacy tutors.

As a Lit Net member, you are invited to attend this reception with up to 10 guests from your organization. Your volunteers will be recognized in the program and will take home recognition gifts from the evening. Start building your guest list now so you can reserve your places by Monday, April 9th.

The Volunteer Recognition Reception will feature a light buffet and a program with prominent speakers, learners, and volunteers, culminating in the announcement of the 2007 Volunteer of the Year.

**Contact Cleveland Reads at 216-436-2222 if you have not renewed your Lit Net membership for 2007, or if you have an exceptional volunteer to nominate for Volunteer of the Year and need a nomination form. The deadline for nominations is Friday, March 30th. The winning nominator and volunteer will be the guests of honor for the evening and the volunteer will receive an engraved plaque and other valuable gifts. An article in Cleveland Reads' quarterly newsletter will further celebrate the contributions that this outstanding individual has made to literacy.*

The Resource Room



<http://www.english-4u.com/>

Ready-to-use ESL lesson plans for teaching adult learners

http://www.wviz.org/edsvcs/teacherline/Module_Offerings_Spring.asp

This site shows a complete list of all PBS/WVIZ online courses for the spring session. ABLE teachers can get reimbursed for the cost of these classes according to ODE's PD guidelines.

<http://www.tda.gov.uk/sflplanner>

The Training and Development Agency for Schools in the United Kingdom has a Skills for Life planner aimed toward administrators who develop staff in schools or other learning institutions. The website, developed by educational experts, includes advice, downloadable checklists, links to other organizations and case studies.

<http://www.literacyvolunteers.org/downloads/WorkforceLiteracy.pdf>

ProLiteracy America and Verizon have collaborated to offer a free PDF download of their brochure titled "Workforce Literacy: Equipping your Workforce for the 21st Century." This booklet speaks to business people and discusses the benefits of providing basic education to workers.

<http://www.readinga-z.com/newfiles/preview.html>

Reading A-Z has 30 free downloadable books available online in English, Spanish, and French. These books include reading levels so you can quickly find a book that matches the student's skill level. Some of the online books also include accompanying worksheets.

<http://www.frbsf.org/community/webresources/bankersguide.pdf>

The Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco offers a free online guidebook titled "Guide To Financial Literacy Resources," which includes information and resources available to help educate individuals on financial literacy topics such as credit rehabilitation, asset building and homebuyer preparation.

<http://www.eslflow.com>

Multi-level lesson plans, resources, tips, and materials

<http://tefl.net/esl-lesson-plans/index.htm>

ESL worksheet generator, games, activities and tips

Thoughts on Leadership

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