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Upcoming Events

- **Statewide ABLE PD Day**
4/16/2008
9:30am-3:30pm
Columbus, OH
- **OAAACE**
4/17-4/18/2008
The Crowne Plaza North
Columbus, OH
- **Advanced ABLElink**
05/08/2008
9:30-4:00pm
Ohio University - Lancaster



Cleveland Reads Summer Volunteer Fair

Cleveland Reads will be hosting a volunteer fair on May 6th. This is a free opportunity for literacy programs to display information about their organization and volunteer opportunities. Prospective volunteers and trained tutors will have a chance to make connections with representatives and discover opportunities that interest them.

Cleveland Reads Summer Volunteer Fair
Tuesday, May 6, 2008
4:00-7:00pm
The American Red Cross Building
3747 Euclid Avenue

Contact Jennifer at (216) 436-2116 or jfrigolette@uws.org to RSVP

OAAACE



Preparing for the OAAACE Conference

By now you've registered for the conference, reserved your hotel room and planned out who is driving and if you'll have a roommate. To get an idea of what will happen during the conference, visit the OAAACE web site www.oaace.org where you'll find the conference schedule. You will also want to think ahead about what you might contribute to the Silent Auction with all proceeds going to the OAAACE Scholarship Fund. Of course, you might want to empty your piggy bank to buy a few raffle tickets for the quilt or bid on one of the goodies offered at the Silent Auction. See you at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North on April 17 and 18.



Techniques for Tutoring Individuals with Learning Disabilities

A Cleveland Reads Workshop for Volunteer Tutors

Wednesday, May 28, 2008

5:30-8:30pm

The American Red Cross Building
3747 Euclid Avenue

Presenters include: Doris Schoning, Maplewood Career Center ABLE Coordinator
Joyce Horning, Maplewood Career Center

Contact Jennifer at (216) 436-2116 or jfrigolette@uws.org to RSVP

Hands on Banking



Everyone – kids, teens, young adults and adults – is interested in money and how to be a better money manager. It's never too early, or too late, to gain new knowledge and skills to create a brighter financial future.

Developed by Wells Fargo as a free public service, this innovative, entertaining program contains no commercial content. The curriculum is designed for self-paced, individual learning as well as for classrooms and community groups. The lessons are narrated, animated, colorful and fun!

Visit: www.handsonbanking.org for more information



Headstrong Nation

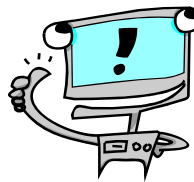
This is a free, 26-minute online film by Ben Foss, called "Headstrong Nation." It gives you a glimpse into what it feels like to have dyslexia or AD/HD, as well as the civil rights case that opened the door for people with learning disabilities. You can see it at:

www.headstrongnation.org

Cleveland City Council Taskforce

Last year the International Community Council (ICC) in collaboration with Cleveland City Council established a special Task Force to explore *Cleveland as an International Community*. Recently, members of the Task Force including Christina Theuerling of the Northeast ABLE RC met with members of City Council and the Mayor's office to report findings. The Task Force examined how Cleveland might become more "international friendly" in order to better recognize Northeast Ohio's diversity and be more welcoming for its immigrant and refugee populations. Recommendations included posting Welcome Signs throughout the city and airport, a new Welcome Center and increasing cultural sensitivity within the community services. The Mayor's office and City Council agreed to follow up on the recommendations and work with the ICC and Task Force members toward implementation.

Matt's Tech Tips



Spring Cleaning for Windows 2000 and XP

Part I

(Please note you may need Administrative privileges to install software and perform some of the operations described.)

Well, it is that time of year, the snow is melting, birds are chirping, and your computer is slowing to a crawl. All signs indicate time for a little housekeeping.

First, hopefully your system is updated; you are running antivirus and spyware/adware removal. If not, there are some good, free programs available that will help rid your system of nasties and gremlins.

- For antivirus, AVG is free for personal home use. Find it at <http://free.grisoft.com/>.
- Another option is Comodo Antivirus found at <http://antivirus.comodo.com/>. Comodo AV promises no license fees forever for both business and personal use.
- Clamwin is an open-source option, which means a free download and no license fees, find it at <http://www.clamwin.com/>.

- For spyware/adware, try Spybot Search & Destroy, free for personal home use, <http://www.safer-networking.org/en/download/index.html>
- Windows also has a Malicious Software Removal Tool that can be obtained through Automatic Updates or from <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads>.

If you already have antivirus and spyware/adware protection, make sure they are up to date to protect against new viruses and malware. Once installed, schedule or run a full system scan on a regular basis.



Employment Opportunities

- **Adult Education Teachers**

Cuyahoga Community College is looking for Adult Education instructors for our ABLE and GED programs. We have several current part time opportunities, for day, evening, and weekend classes. The majority of the opportunities are off-site, so we really prefer candidates who have experience. Experience with ABLE is a plus as is experience with test administration. Interested candidates should contact Carmine Burkette at 216-987-3245, and send resumes to carmine.burkette@tri-c.edu.

- **Project Coordinator of Immigration Services**

Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. seeks a Project Coordinator to work in its National Programs division in Washington, D.C. CLINIC provides support to the nation's largest network of charitable immigration programs. The new position will manage diverse legal and social service projects helping charitable programs serve low-income immigrants who are becoming: citizens; voters; civically engaged; unified with family members; skilled in the English language; and integrated into the U.S. society. A Project Coordinator must have at least three years of immigrant-related program management experience. Spanish language skills desired but not required. Salary commensurate with experience. Generous benefits package. Submit resume and references by March 31, 2008 to National Programs, CLINIC, Human Resources, 415 Michigan Avenue, NE, Ste. 150, Washington D.C. 20007. Email: jnorman@cliniclegal.org. Fax: (202) 635-2649. Visit us on the web at www.cliniclegal.org. No telephone calls. EOE.

Grant Opportunities



College Bound Scholarship

Coca-Cola Food Services and Chuck E. Cheese are offering a College Bound Scholarship. Maximum Award: \$25,000 college scholarship to an accredited U.S. college or university. Eligibility: legal residents of the U.S. and Canada who are 18 years or older at the time of entry. Deadline: May 1, 2008.

<http://www.chuckecheese.com/promotions/ncaa.php>



The Resource Room

Coming soon to your local theater: *The Visitor*, a movie about immigration issues.

Highly recommended by CLINIC, the Catholic Legal Immigration Network.

"The Visitor", due in theaters in the coming months, "touches on both personal and political issues, but is never about those issues. Film-maker Tom McCarthy's story is about its people, a college professor lost in his own life and two, then three, illegal immigrants working hard in the United States, a country that can deport them at any moment.

Richard Jenkins plays Walter Vale, an economics professor specializing in globalization -- an ironic topic given the story he is about to enter. Since his wife's death, he continues to aimlessly inhabit a much too large suburban Connecticut house, where his only diversion is a struggle to learn the piano, a tribute to his late wife, a brilliant recording artist.

Forced to fill in for a colleague at a conference in Manhattan, he is startled to discover a young couple living in his seldom-used flat. A scam artist has "rented" the flat to Tarek (Haaz Sleiman), a Lebanese from Syria, and his wife Zainab (Danai Gurira), from Senegal. In a departure from what has become his abrupt and cold nature, Walter impulsively lets them stay until they find a place of their own.

McCarthy is interested in how disparate people come together to form familial ties. He sees in these random intersections of lives a means to pull characters from self-imposed solitude and to establish the possibility and wonder of friendship. The film, of course, touches on immigration issues that occupy the headlines, but the film isn't about to deliver a lecture on immigration reform. McCarthy is smart enough to

concentrate on the emotions his characters are going through and let the politics take care of itself.”

Excerpts from an article by Kirk Honeycutt, Toronto International Film Festival

Thoughts on Leadership

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