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Techniques for Tutoring Individuals with Learning Disabilities

A Cleveland Reads Workshop for Volunteer Tutors

Wednesday, May 28th

5:30-8:30pm

The American Red Cross Building

3747 Euclid Avenue

(Secure, well-lit, and free visitor parking lot at building)

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

Seating is limited. Contact Jennifer at 216-436-2116 or jfrigolette@uws.org to register.



League of Women Voters Civics Web-Based CD Now Available

The Civics web-based CD is now available at www.ohioimpact.org. The information presented includes: government, state facts and state government, the elections process and much more. Check it out today!

Vocabulary Practice from www.freerice.com



This is a deal no educator can resist. Increase your vocabulary and that of your students, have fun and help in the fight against world hunger—all at the same time, and all for free.

At freerice.com, you and your students can play a vocabulary game, and for each word you get right, the site donates 20 grains of rice to hungry people. The website earns money from advertising and then gives cash to the World Food Programme. Some \$100,000 have already gone to buy rice to feed survivors of a recent Cyclone

in Bangladesh. The founder, John Breen, also hopes to increase awareness of world hunger but has no political, religious or corporate affiliations, according to National Public Radio.

The site is simple to navigate. It gives you a word and four possible definitions. You choose the one you believe is correct. At first, you receive words at different levels of difficulty and then, based on how you do, you are assigned an approximate level. For every three words you get correct, you move to a higher level of difficulty. For every three words you get wrong, you move to an easier level.

There are words for everyone from those just learning English to the most scholarly of professors. In all, the site contains words at 50 levels, but information on the site says it is rare for people to get above level 48. A scale at the bottom of the website shows you where you rank.



TESOL Post-Convention Book Sale

Order by May 31st

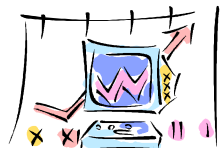
Take advantage now of special convention prices for the following best-selling books:

- CALL Environments: Research, Practice, and Critical Issues (2nd Edition, \$25)
- New Ways Series: Reading, Speaking, Writing, and Listening (Each, \$15)
- Developing a New Curriculum for Adult Learners (\$20)
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Upcoming History Channel Educational Programming



- Journey to 10,000 BC, Monday, May 26th at 8:00pm
- The Hunt for John Wilkes Booth, Tuesday, May 27th at 2:00pm
- Modern Marvels: The Manhattan Project, Friday, May 30th at 6:00am
- The Machine: Ben Franklin, Friday, May 30th at 2:00pm



Literacy Studies Available Free Online

The National Commission on Adult Literacy was formed in 2006 to examine the

current adult education and literacy system and make recommendations to establish adult education and literacy as a vital part of the national education system. For some fascinating reading, visit their website at:

www.nationalcommissiononadulthoodliteracy.org and click "Publications," to find the first eleven reports.

The Commission is also studying changing demographic trends and the role and impact of adult education on American life and the U.S. economy. In the coming year, the Commission will announce their recommendations.

Literacy Listservs



In 1995, the National Institute for Literacy established online discussion lists to "give literacy stakeholders a way to discuss critical issues; share resources, experiences and ideas; ask questions of subject experts; and keep up to date on literacy issues." Each discussion list is moderated by a national organization with expertise in the topic area. Currently the institute has 11 discussion lists, often called listservs, including: Adult English Language Learners, Assessment, Learning Disabilities, Special Topics Discussion, Adult Literacy Professional Development, Family Literacy, Focus on Basics, Health Literacy, Poverty, Race, Women & Literacy, Technology & Literacy and Workplace Literacy.

Each listserv addresses relevant topics. For example, the Poverty, Race, Women and Literacy Discussion List, moderated by Daphne Greenberg, covers topics such as the relationships among those factors in the U.S. and in other countries; health as it pertains to those issues; the hidden rules of persons living with the effects of poverty, the intersection of these effects with gender and race, and the misunderstandings these can cause in the teaching/learning process.

To join in on the discussions go to www.nifl.gov/lincs/discussions/discussions/html



Employment Opportunities

- Westlake ABE 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 ABE experience preferred. Computer knowledge is necessary.
- Westlake ABE 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 ABE is seeking an ESOL instructor for two mornings per week (M & W). Previous ABE 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 ABE is seeking an ESOL instructor for two mornings per week (M & W) beginning in September. Position is 6 hours per week. Rate of pay is \$24 per hour. Previous ABE 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 ABE 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

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 and check us out!

Hodges, Diane.

Looking Forward to Monday Morning :

Ideas for Recognition and Appreciation Activities and Fun Things to Do at Work for Educators. Corwin Press, 2005. The author, a former human resources director and school administrator, shares numerous staff appreciation and recognition activities that can be implemented to promote a positive environment and inspire staff members to look forward to beginning each new week.

Hodges, Diane.

Looking Forward to More Monday Morning :

How to Drive Your Colleagues Happy. Corwin Press, 2007. The author, a former human resources director and school administrator, share a new collection of low-cost staff appreciation and recognition activities that can be implemented to promote a positive environment and inspire staff members to look forward to beginning each new week.

Intrator, Sam M.

Leading from within :

poetry that sustains the courage to lead / Sam M. Intrator and Megan Scribner, editors ; foreword by Madeline K. Albright ; introduction by Parker J. Palmer ; afterword by David Whyte.

Jossey-Bass, 2007. "In this beautiful collection of 93 poems, accompanied by a brief personal commentary, leaders reflect on how poetry helps make sense of the challenges and possibilities in their work.

Kaagan, Stephen.

30 Reflective Staff Development Exercises for Educators. Corwin Press, 2004. The author presents a unique guide for educators who enjoy challenging themselves and who hunger for new ideas and a fresh perspective of staff development.

McGrath, Mary.

The Teacher's Reflective Calendar and Planning Journal :

Motivation, Inspiration, and Affirmation. 2006 : Corwin Press. This week-by-week calendar provides teachers with a wealth of opportunities to consider each day's successes and challenges and to set new goals for the next day, week, or year.

Schmitt, Norbert

Why is English like that? :

historical answers to hard ELT questions / Norbert Schmitt,



Richard Marsden. University of Michigan Press, 2006.

Thoughts on Leadership

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