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## Ohio TESOL

The annual Ohio TESOL Conference is fast approaching and once again the Resource Center Network is offering the special professional development opportunity for ABLEResource Center teachers and staff to contribute to the field and attend the Ohio TESOL Conference!

Register through the Northeast ABLEResource Center and your registration will be paid. Upon submission of an article or lesson plan, you will be eligible for up to \$105.00 reimbursement for hotels and/or meals. (Individuals are responsible for making their own hotel reservations). Slots are limited.

**COMPLETE THE ATTACHED REGISTRATION FORMS AND SUBMIT THEM TO THE NORTHEAST RESOURCE CENTER BY OCTOBER 26.**



## Online Courses from ProLiteracy

ProLiteracy is hosting five short online courses in November and December. The following subjects will be covered:

- Young Adult Education: Strategies and Materials (November 5-16)
- Young Adult Education: Program Design (November 26-December 3)
- Facilitating Adult Learning: Conducting the Training Event (November 12-December 7)
- Managing the Multilevel ESL Classroom (November 12-December 17)

Space is limited, so please register early. Registration opens Friday, October 12. To register, go to [www.proliteracy.org](http://www.proliteracy.org) and click on Professional Development. Select the appropriate topic area on the left navigation bar to find the course title.

Questions? Please call 315.422.9121 ext. 367

## Free Nutrition Lessons for English Language Learners



San Diego Community College has free nutrition lessons for English Language Learners at various levels and a resource list of free nutrition-related materials. Free online training on how to use the lessons will be available to adult educators outside of California this fall. The website also has special links for ELL teachers. These materials were developed with federal funds and are designed for agencies that serve adults eligible for food stamps. For further information visit the website at: <http://www.sdcoe.net/eatingwell/>



## Free Public Lecture

Sari Nusseibeh will discuss his book “Once Upon a Country—A Palestinian Life” on Sunday, October 14, 2007 at 3:30pm at the Cleveland Hillel Foundation, 11291 Euclid Avenue. This event is free and open to the public. Parking for this event is available at:

- Metered lot (corner of Euclid Ave. and Ford Road)
- Cornell Road Garage (entrances on Mayfield and Cornell Roads)
- Severance Hall underground lot (entrance on East Boulevard)

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## Free Webinar



Thinkfinity Literacy Network and ProLiteracy America Invite you to attend the free webinar series *Keys to Better Spelling*. The series has two parts and you are invited to attend either or both of them.

1. ***Keys to Spelling Single Syllable Words***—October 17, 2007 from 2:00pm- 2:45pm
2. ***Keys to Spelling Multi-Syllable Words***—November 14, 2007 from 2:00pm-2:45pm

To register for either or both of the webinars, send an email to [thinkfinitywebmaster@dmtdcommunications.com](mailto:thinkfinitywebmaster@dmtdcommunications.com). In the subject line, type “Register for Keys to Better Spelling.” In the body of the email, indicate if you want to register for Part 1, Part 2, or both. Registration is limited, so hurry if you’re interested!



# Grant Opportunities

- **“Verizon Foundation: Building More Literate Communities”**  
Verizon Foundation Literacy grants are available to organizations committed to basic literacy skills in the United States. Verizon has invested in a network of collaborative literacy partners, offering a wide variety of programs with a focus on e-learning. Verizon’s leadership in technology and communications provides the distribution network. Maximum Award: Varies. Deadline: November 30, 2007.
- **“Grant to Support Job Skills and Education”**  
The Staples Foundation for Learning provides funding to programs that support or provide job skills and/or education for all people, with an emphasis on disadvantaged youth. Maximum Award: \$25,000. Deadline: December 7, 2007.
- The Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy is pleased to announce the 2008 national grant competition. The Foundation’s grant-making program seeks to develop or expand projects that are designed to support the development of literacy skills for adult primary care givers and their children. A total of approximately \$650,000 will be awarded; no grant request should exceed \$65,000. To download the application, go to the Barbara Bush Foundation website at: <http://www.barbarabushfoundation.com/wn.html>
- **“Grants to Assist Nonprofits in Developing Strong Leadership”**  
The American Management Association (AMA) and Leader to Leader Institute scholarship program is intended to assist social sector nonprofit organizations in developing strong leadership. The AMA Scholarship is designed to provide nonprofit leaders with an opportunity to step out of the day-to-day, interact with peers across the sectors and develop practical skills they can apply immediately within their organizations. Maximum award: one-year scholarship. Deadline: November 15, 2007. Learn more at: <http://leadertoleader.org/collaboration/ama/index.html>
- **“Research Grants for Adult Education Math Practitioners”**  
The Adult Numeracy Network (ANN), a national organization of adult education math teachers, has released the application for this year’s adult education math practitioner research projects. The Adult Numeracy Network will support two opportunities for teachers of adult mathematics to conduct research. These grants provide a chance for teachers of adult math to conduct some quality classroom research. To learn more, visit the OTAN Website at: <http://www.otan.us/index.cfm?fuseaction=ShowMoreNews&newsid=3504&catid=3027>
- **“ABE Career Connections Grant Opportunities”**  
The Workforce Strategy Center and the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Vocational and Adult Education, invite local adult basic education (ABE) programs across the country to apply for the ABE Career Connections project. Five sites will be selected to receive support in the development and

implementation of new or improved approaches to build upon their current involvement in career pathways. The ABE Career Connections project will demonstrate how ABE programs can operate within career pathways to prepare students for postsecondary courses leading to a degree or occupational certificate targeted toward an industry important to a regional economy. Each winner will receive \$75,000, technical assistance, and national recognition. For more information visit the Workforce Strategy Center Website at:


<http://www.workforcestrategy.org/>



## The Resource Room

**The NEABLE Resource Center Library invites you to check out the following additions to our multicultural collection. Go to [www.neablelibrary.org](http://www.neablelibrary.org), log in, and search by title in the online catalog.**

- ***The Namesake*** by Jhumpa Lahiri  
"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!).
- ***The Lemon Tree*** by Sandy Tolan.  
"This wonderful human story vividly depicts the depths of attachment to contested ground. This is an excellent choice for general readers." Library Journal. Arabs and Palestinians seek understanding through personal interactions on shared land. Reviewed on NPR at <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=5405369>
- ***Three Cups of Tea*** by Greg Mortenson.  
The author owes his life to local tribesmen and becomes a philanthropist and educator. "Once there are pencils, let us use them as a peaceful weapon in the war against terrorism" That unlikely rallying cry has been the hallmark of Montana climber Greg Mortenson's remarkable humanitarian campaign to build schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan". Seattle Post-Intelligencer.
- ***A Thousand Splendid Suns*** by Khaled Hosseini.



The author'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 in *The Kite Runner*, 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."

- ***If Today Be Sweet*** by Thrity Umrigar.

This novel, by the author of *The Space Between Us*, is set in the suburbs of Cleveland. Tehmina Sethna's husband has died and she is visiting her son in his suburban home. 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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