



Friday NewsBriefs

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Northeast ABLEResource Center Professional Day

This NEOEA Day join us for a great professional development opportunity. The Northeast Resource Center is pleased to offer four unique opportunities to complete your professional development for the year. The trainings that will be offered on the Northeast Professional Day (October 12, 2007) include:

- Math Kick-Off
- Make It/Take It
- Technology 102
- ESOL 4 Skills

Sign up for these great trainings on our calendar of events at: www.neable.org

Get in the Loop



If you feel you are missing out on information that you need to know, then sign up for OhioLit. OhioLit is the Ohio Literacy Resource Center's electronic information list for ABLEResource Center practitioners in the state of Ohio. Information that comes out on the list includes professional development opportunities, current grant applications, updates in policy, and general adult education news. Most information is Ohio specific and carefully selected to keep your mailbox from filling up. Signing up is easy: Send a message to majordomo@literacy.kent.edu. In the subject line type "subscribe ohioelit." If you have questions or need help, contact Dianna Baycich at dbaycich@literacy.kent.edu



Canton ABLEResource Center PD Practices 2007-2008

One idea for professional development that is working for the Canton City Schools ABLEResource Center program is having the entire staff working together with a single topic for the

school year. In addition to the professional development activities that staff select from the Resource Center's offerings, a topic is chosen for all staff to work on collaboratively at staff meetings throughout the year. Last year's topic was *Transitions*. The activities chosen to support the topic included evaluating research on *Transitions*, touring the One-Stop, and hosting speakers from local colleges to talk about enrollment and services for non-traditional students. This year's professional development focus in Canton is *Teaching and Learning*. Who knows what next year will hold.

For more information about this professional development practice contact Jane Meyer at: meyer_j@ccsdistrict.org or call 330.438.2559 ext. 130

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 ABE teachers and staff to contribute to the field and attend the Ohio TESOL Conference!

Register through the Northeast ABE Resource 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.

See attached flyer for full details.



43rd Annual PAACE Midwinter Conference on Adult Education

The 43rd Annual PAACE Midwinter Conference on Adult Education, the largest gathering of adult educators in Pennsylvania, will be held at the Hershey Lodge, February 6-8, 2008. Adult educators and those from related areas will convene for the premier professional development and networking opportunity for all aspects of adult education in Pennsylvania.

The theme, *Opening Windows*, will provide a focal point for exploring educational opportunities for all types of adult students, more efficient delivery systems, transition to postsecondary education and training, new research, professional development, workforce development, public policy supporting adult education, and an optimistic eye to the future.

PAACE invites you and your colleagues to submit a proposal for a concurrent session, or a more informal roundtable. Proposals are being accepted now until October 1, 2007. For more information, or to submit a proposal online visit: http://www.smartwebsolutions.net/paace_rfp_2008.htm

"Competitive Learning in a Global Economy"



The National Literacy Summit Webcast will unite global thought leaders to discuss and demonstrate how technology drives the definition of literacy and learning required in a competitive global economy. This Webcast will be held on Monday, October 15, 2007 at 1:00pm. Through this Webcast, participants will:

- Examine the global context that drives the urgency to improve literacy and educational achievement in America.
- Define the literacy skills that are driven and enabled by technology and that are required for competitiveness in the U.S. and global economies.
- Establish a clear definition of the "literate community."
- Demonstrate resources and technology-driven solutions that enable communities to increase access and achievement to empower today's workforce.

For more information visit: <http://literacynetwork.verizon.org/index.php?id=207>



OLRC News

The Ohio Literacy Resource Center website has a wonderful page of links to a variety of online publications covering a variety of topics. There are links to publications addressing such topics as family literacy, Even Start, literacy instruction, math, resources, news, technology and much more! Visit:

<http://literacy.kent.edu/Oasis/publications.html> for access to all of these excellent resources.

Employment Opportunities



- **Executive Director**

The Columbus Literacy Council, one of the premier non-profit organizations in central Ohio, seeks an Executive Director. This position will provide day-to-day leadership for the council as it works to increase the level of functional literacy among adults in central Ohio.

Qualifications include: Bachelor's degree and previous non-profit management experience, 3 to 5 years experience managing people or working for a non-profit agency, excellent communication and interpersonal skills, and a high level of experience with fund-raising activities.

Please submit resumes to:

Columbus Literacy Council

Attn: Search Committee
195 N. Grant Avenue
Columbus, OH 43215

For more information visit: www.columbusliteracy.org



Grant Opportunities

- 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>
- "NEA Foundation Learning & Leadership Grants"
NEA Foundation Learning & Leadership Grants support public school teachers, public education support professionals, and/or faculty and staff in public institutions of higher education for one of two purposes: grants to individuals fund participation in high-quality professional development experiences, such as summer institutes or action research; grants to groups fund collegial study, including study groups, action research, lesson study, or mentoring experiences for faculty or staff new to an assignment. Maximum award: \$5,000. Deadline: October 15, 2007. Learn more at: <http://www.neafoundation.org/programs/Learning&LeadershipGuidelines.htm>
- "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

Standards-Based Resources

- <http://literacy.kent.edu/eureka/>
Eureka! has many ideas for instructional planning; including strategies and thematic collections to help you start your lesson planning process.
 - <http://literacy.kent.edu/eureka/lessonplans/index.html>
If you're interested in already developed lessons then visit this site for the Lesson Plan of the Month. It will provide you with a new lesson posted each month that can be used immediately in your classroom or added to your bank of lessons.
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Thoughts on Leadership

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