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TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL APPETIZERS

WELCOME BACK!

We hope you had a great summer and are ready to kick off the year with us! While you were relaxing in your hammock and sipping lemonade, the Northeast ABLE Resource Center was busy preparing its resources for the new school year.

New Library System!

We are pleased to announce our new online **Library System: Websafari**. This new system will allow you to maintain a personal account and reserve books from the comfort of your living room. The Resource Center will mail the books to you with a postage-paid envelope to return them in. The library is located at www.neablelibrary.org or can also be accessed through the Northeast ABLE Resource Center website.

There are many features to the system. "Recommendations" illustrates special resources of interest. "Popular Titles" are catalogued, as well as the periodicals that the Center subscribes to.

Having a personal account designates a "Book Bag" for you to track the books you are interested in, and then reserve those you want to be mailed to you. You can also Review any of the items so that other teachers will have more information on the text before requesting.



If you are outside the NE region and would like to create a personal account, please contact the Northeast ABLE Resource Center for a login and password at (800) 361-7076 or info@neable.org.



Euclid ABLE ESOL in Amish Country

EL/CIVICS LIBRARY RESOURCES

Compass Point Books

Easy Readers for High Beginning students available in the NEABLE Library

The set includes 14 titles such as:

- The National Anthem
- The Presidency
- The White House
- The U.S. Congress
- The Supreme Court
- The Lincoln Memorial
- Our National Holidays
- The Statue of Liberty
- Voting and Elections
- Our National Parks

ABLE PD Day: September 28, 2007



The Resource Center Network (RCN) is sponsoring a day of professional development for all ABLÉ staff next month in Columbus. You can register at www.ohioable.org on the Calendar of Events. All workshops will be held at the *Online Computer Library Center in Dublin, Ohio.*

The following trainings will be offered:

- Assessment Fundamentals
- Basic ESOL Training
- BEST Plus Training
- CASAS ESL
- CASAS Adult Life Skills for Developmental Disabilities
- How Standards-Based Education Works in Your Classroom
- Learning Disabilities 202
- Ohio STARS Reunion
- Preparing Students to Write for Beginnings: the Ohio Writers' Conference
- WRT 102: The Writing Process: Assessing & Instructing

Professional Development Fieldtrip

This summer the Northeast Resource Center sponsored a fieldtrip to Dearborn, Michigan for its ESOL teachers to gain cultural awareness of the Arabic Culture. Dearborn has the largest concentration of Arabs in the country.

The teachers attended workshops, toured the Arab-American National Museum, ate Arabic food and visited a mosque.

There was also an opportunity to get some EL/Civics lesson ideas from a visit to the Henry Ford Museum and Colonial Greenfield Villaae.



ABLE Staff visit the largest mosque in the country in Dearborn, MI.

Ohio TESOL

Speaking of professional development, once again the Resource Center Network (RCN) will offer the opportunity for ABLÉ teachers to attend the Ohio TESOL conference as an additional professional development activity. The conference takes place November 17-18 in Columbus. Stay tuned for registration information!