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ESOL TAPAS

TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL APPETIZERS

How Do You Use Technology in Your Classroom?

What technology do your students use to help them improve their skills? Do you have a computer in your classroom, do students visit a computer lab and/or do they work online outside of class time? Please share what works and doesn't work for you and your students by emailing tapas@neable.org.

The CAELA Network through the Center for Applied Linguistics has just released a new brief entitled *Uses of Technology in the Instruction of Adult English Language Learners*. The brief details three types of uses for technology - onsite, blended and online instruction - and provides good examples of each. It also includes considerations for implementing technology. To read the article, visit the link below:
http://www.cal.org/caelanetwork/pd_resources/usestechnology.html

Web Resources

Women's History Month

Milpitas Chat - ESL conversation practice with audio and video resources
<http://milpitaschat.blogspot.com/2009/02/esl-lessons-for-womens-history-month.html>

Text-to-Speech Technology

Students can type in a word, a phrase, a sentence, etc. and have it read back to them. <http://www.research.att.com/~ttsweb/tts/demo.php>

NERC Library Resources

In honor of Women's History Month, select a title from our multicultural collection

*Nine Parts of Desire:
The Hidden World of Islamic
Women* by Geraldine Brooks

A Thousand Splendid Suns
Khaled Hosseini

*Kabul Beauty School: an American
woman goes behind the veil /
Deborah Rodriguez with Kristin
Ohlson*, by Deborah Rodriguez

Visit www.neablelibrary.org, choose the title search, type in the title, reserve the book and we will send it to you with return postage. If you have any difficulty with this process, please call the resource center at 1-800-361-7076.



Immigration Fraud Website

The American Bar Association Commission on Immigration has just launched a new website - www.fightnotariofraud.org - dedicated to the immigration fraud issue. The website contains a variety of legal resources including statutes, pleadings, consumer education, and training materials accessible to the public at http://www.abanet.org/publicserv/immigration/notario/notario_fraud_resources.shtml.

Upcoming PD Opportunities

Free Webinar from New Readers Press: "Using *News for You* in the Classroom"

March 31, 3-4 p.m.

"Newspapers can be great instructional tools for teachers, but most are written at too high a level for literacy and ESL students. *News for You*, published by New Readers Press, is America's only weekly newspaper for adult learners. The stories are short, informative, adult oriented, and full of practical vocabulary. A new online feature lets students read and listen to two of the articles each week. In this workshop, you'll learn how to use *News for You* with your students to strengthen reading, writing, listening, speaking, and critical thinking skills." To register, send an e-mail to Nancy Ascenzo at webinar@proliteracy.org. Include the name of the webinar.

TESOL Convention

March 26-28, 2009 in Denver, CO

www.tesol.org

ABLE Spring PD Day - BEST Plus, Learning Disabilities, Portfolio Connection and Transitions

April 2, 2009 in Columbus, Ohio

Register on the Calendar of Events at www.ohioable.org.

COABE Conference

April 18-22, 2009 in Louisville, KY

Register at <http://coabe2009.org> *Early-Bird ends March 15!

BEST Plus Training

June 26, 2009 in Euclid, Ohio

Register on the Calendar of Events at www.ohioable.org.