



Southwest ABLA Resource Center

Exposure

Statewide PD Day is a Success!

It was great to see so many of you at the Statewide Professional Development Day on October 2. How exciting to be all together with the purpose of learning more about the best methods to help our students meet their goals. There was energy and a buzz in the air as colleagues exchanged ideas and caught up with friends not seen for awhile. We expect that change is already underway in many classrooms with the participants putting into practice what they learned.

Mark April 23, 2010 on your calendars as the next Statewide PD Day. It will be in the central Ohio area but details are not yet available. In the meantime, take advantage of the regional trainings in the southwest area, use the library, and network with your colleagues. Good ideas are contagious! And, if you want something at your local program, contact the SWRC and let's figure out where, when and how to make it happen.

PS: We have received your IPDPs and will be looking through them in the next few weeks to determine what your professional development requests are and how best to meet them.

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Learning Disabilities Brochure

Learning Differences and Disabilities: What Every Employer & Employee Should Know is now available. Produced by the Central/Southeast ABLA Resource Center, this is a valuable resource for all staff. To receive the brochure, please contact the Southwest ABLA Resource Center at 800-558-5374. Requests are limited to 25 per program.

National Day on Writing — October 20

Established by the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), the National Day on Writing:

- highlights the remarkable variety of writing we engage in today;
- provides a collection for research on whether writing today has risen to new highs or sunk to new lows; and
- helps us help others to write better.



In the National Gallery of Writing, NCTE is collecting all kinds of writing from people from all walks of life. Stories, poems, recipes, emails, blogs, and more can be submitted to <http://ncte.org/dayonwriting>. The gallery opens on October 20th. Teachers can encourage students to submit their work as well as view others once the gallery opens. Write something today!

Flu Information

Is it the flu or a cold?
How do I treat the flu?

[Flu.gov](#) provides one-stop access to U.S. government H1N1, avian, and pandemic flu information.

The site includes "Flu Essentials" fact sheets for different demographic groups. It also provides "Prevention" tips and the latest flu updates for Ohio and other regions.

Helpful information to stay healthy this flu season.



Spotlight on Library Resources

Trigonometry for Dummies: The Fun & Easy Way to Get an Angle on Sines, Cosines and Tangents, by Mary Jane Sterling

Excuse the “dummy” reference, but as a former ABLÉ instructor, I thought this resource might be helpful for teachers as well as students. This friendly guide takes the worry out of trigonometry by explaining the basics in plain English, offering lots of easy-to-grasp examples, and adding a dash of humor and fun. You’ll see how trig applies to everyday life—and why it’s important to a wide variety of careers. By the way, this is the same book that was distributed to participants in our Math Kickoff training on October 9!

Plagiarism: A How-Not-To Guide for Students, by Barry Gilmore

Recognizing and avoiding plagiarism is an important concept for all students, whether transitioning to postsecondary education or not. But it can be difficult to understand exactly what plagiarism is, how it happens, and how to avoid it. This book will help teachers and students understand academic dishonesty better and make sure students’ work is their own. Its strategies will help students:

- find out how to use search engines well and document their results
- learn to summarize and paraphrase third-party material
- learn MLA and APA citation
- understand what is and isn’t “common knowledge”
- discover why it’s important – and more satisfying – to resist the cut-and-paste urge.

Tech Tip

Looking for quick lessons on technology? Try www.180TechTips.com.

There you can sign up for technology tip emails which go out on weekdays from September to June. Each email will consist of an overview of the day’s technology tip and a hyperlink to more information. Each daily technology tip should only take about 5 minutes to read and to do the practice activity.

Let’s Celebrate

October is Health Literacy Month. The theme for Health Literacy Month 2009 is “Why Health Literacy Matters: Sharing Our Stories in Words, Pictures, and Sound.” Health literacy is personal with each person’s experience being the heart of what matters. To learn more, please visit:



- www.healthliteracymonth.org
- www.nifl.gov/mailman/listinfo/healthliteracy



November is Family Stories Month. November is the month to be spent with friends and family, which is the perfect time for sharing and saving family stories. This is a fun time for everyone and will help bring family and friends closer together and build pride in those who you are closest to. To learn more, please visit:

- www.storyarts.org/classroom/roots/family.html

To check out other monthly events, visit:

- <http://www.holidayinsights.com/>
- <http://brownielocks.com/>

Fall Directors’ Meeting

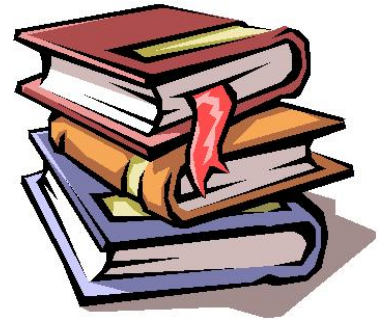
The Fall ABLÉ Directors’ Meeting will be held on November 9th and 10th at the Columbus Marriott Northwest. This year’s Fall ABLÉ Directors’ Meeting will focus on Educational Leadership. The first day will include a keynote address by Dr. Cristine Smith and breakout sessions by the Resource Center Network and local ABLÉ program practitioners. The second day will consist of breakout sessions as well as the annual Retirement Recognition Luncheon.

Please register on the Calendar of Events at www.ohioable.org. You will notice the registration fee for this conference is \$135.00 which includes breakfast and lunch on both days. We’ll see you there!

Upcoming Reading Trainings

Comprehension Strategies

**Friday, November 13
9—3 pm (registration at 8:30 am)
Middletown ABLE**



The goal for reading is to make sense of what you read. Comprehension strategies are tools for doing just that. Sometimes our students need help knowing how a strategy works and when to use it for best results. This workshop introduces a variety of strategies that readers can use all during the reading process. Participants will take on the role of both teacher and reader as they practice strategy use with many kinds of reading materials.



Working with Adult Readers at Levels 1 & 2

**Friday, December 4
9—3:30 pm (registration at 8:30 am)
Sinclair Community College**

In this interactive workshop, learn how to work with low-level adult readers who are learning to read. Discussions will center on the specific reading needs of students at these levels and the use of the Ohio ABLE Reading Standards to guide instruction. Participants will have the opportunity to learn about and practice strategies appropriate for adult students.

**To register, please go to: www.ohioable.org
and click on the Calendar of Events**

EUREKA!

Lesson Plan of the Month



<http://literacy.kent.edu/eureka/lessonplans>

Coming this fall, the **Lesson Plan of the Month** Eureka! instructional resource will be spotlighting geometry concepts by offering these 3 lessons:

October	<i>Hey, Pythagoras! Help Me Understand Your Theorem!</i>
Lesson Outcome Students will demonstrate their knowledge of the Pythagorean Theorem by creating two problems based on real-life situations.	
November	<i>Let's Plot Points</i>
Lesson Outcome Students will understand and be able to correctly solve problems using coordinate geometry to describe spatial relationships. They will specify locations using common language and geometric vocabulary, using coordinate systems to specific locations while finding the distance between points along horizontal and vertical lines of the coordinate system.	
December	<i>Flips, Turns, and Slides: Adventures with Transformations</i>
Lesson Outcome Introduce students to the concepts of transformations and explore the attributes of reflections, translations and rotations in the real world and on a coordinate grid.	

You'll be excited to find that these lessons:

- compliment the fall Math Kick-off sessions on Trigonometry by giving your students the opportunity to solve geometrical problems on angles and the coordinate system.
- have been updated to include the newly revised benchmarks for *Use Math to Solve Problems and Communicate*.
- include ideas to integrate technology into your lessons.
- are classroom ready and include activities and handouts for immediate use.

If you are interested in finding out more about the changes in the ABE Standards, please call Judy Franks at 330-672-0753 or by email at jfranks@literacy.kent.edu.

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Please contact SWRC with training questions. You can also visit www.ohioable.org to register for workshops across Ohio and to see what other Resource Centers are offering for Alternative PD.

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location
Oct 30-31	Ohio TESOL Conference www.ohiotesol.org	Hilton Easton Columbus, Ohio
Nov 13	Comprehension Strategies	Middletown ABLE 1515 Girard Ave Middletown, Ohio
Nov 20	Technology Point Person Level 1 Technology Training (only for local TPP)	Sinclair Community College Dayton, Ohio
Dec 4	Working with Adult Readers at Levels 1 and 2	Sinclair Community College Dayton, Ohio
Jan 22	Writing	Great Oaks Cincinnati, Ohio

SWABLE's Ongoing Alternative PD

Online Training	Media Packages
Reading Overview	How to Improve Your Questioning Techniques
Writing Overview	Building Academic Background Knowledge (Vocabulary)
Writing for the GED (from KET)	Comprehending Content
Developing Writers: Writing for Different Audiences	Thoughtful Reading
Creating a Community of Writers	Reading in the Content Areas
Making Writing Meaningful	Focus on Spelling
Responding to Writing: Peer to Peer	
Responding to Writing: Teacher to Student	
Teaching Multi-genre Writing	
Teaching Persuasive Writing	
Teaching Poetry	
Teaching the Power of Revision	



SWRC offers **Literacy Trunks** available for check-out in our lending library.

Trunks contain "ready-to-go" lessons and activities, including user's guide, resources, handouts and online sites.

Titles include: Flip Books, Map Skills, Graphic Organizers, Math and Earthquakes.