



Southwest ABLA Resource Center

# Exposure

## 6th Annual Professional Day

Sinclair Community College — Building 12  
 Friday, October 17, 2008 9:00 am – 3:30 pm  
 (8:30 am – Registration)

### Session Sampler

Strand	Session and Presenter(s)
GED	<i>GED Accommodations—Level 1, 2, 3</i> Connie Leading, ODE — (three sessions)
	<i>GED 2012 and Marketing</i> Joan Meyer, ODE
Content	<i>Correlating Assessments: TABE and Beyond</i> Joyce Winters, NWRC
	<i>Transitional Vocabulary Strategies</i> Jennifer Davis, SWRC
	<i>Writing: Transitioning Beyond the Essay</i> Dianna Baycich, OLR
	<i>ABLE Teachers Meet College Math Students</i> Laurie Duren, MVCTC
ESOL	<i>Teaching with Thematic Units</i> Mary McDonald, MVLC
	<i>Connecting Family Literacy to ESOL: It's Easier than You Think!</i> Katie Miller, Deb Perkins, Lynn Hendricks, Kettering ABLA
	<i>How to Teach so Students Remember: ESOL and Brain-based Learning</i> Kathy Olson — (double session)
Support Services	<i>Personality Profiles: What's Type Got to Do with It?</i> Patty Santoianni, SCC — (double session)
	<i>Dealing with Difficult Students</i> Tom McElfresh, SCC — (double session)
Leadership	<i>Career Pathways—What and Why?</i> Nick Wilson, MV Tech Prep
	<i>Using Technology in the Classroom: TABE and Pre-GED</i> Hysaan Goode, Contemporary
	<i>Communication Tools</i> Jennifer Davis, SWRC
	<i>Roundtable with ODE Consultant</i> Karen Scheid, ODE

We look forward to seeing **YOU** at Professional Day!  
**Registration deadline: October 1**

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### Some Numbers from SWRC

- SWRC has over 2045 resources available for check-out in our lending library.
- SWRC currently offers 4 online trainings, 6 Media Packages and 5 Literacy Trunks. Watch for more offerings in FY09 related to Reading and Writing.
- SWRC is partnering with Ohio Economic Regions 1, 4, 5.
- SWRC serves 22 programs and 6 corrections connections in the 15 counties in our region.

## Spotlight on Library Resources

### **ENCOUNTER** by Jane Yolen

It is said that Christopher Columbus discovered a new world, yet what he really found was a people with an established culture and civilization of their own. This is the story of that first meeting as seen through the eyes of a Taino boy - an encounter that changed the world forever. This picture book can work well in the adult classroom, providing a catalyst for discussion of the impact of European civilization on "New World" civilization.

### **ESL TEACHER'S HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES KIT**

by Elizabeth Claire

This book provides 175 complete, ready-to-use, reproducible activity pages featuring holidays and special events celebrated in the U.S. It gives ESOL students at all levels a solid grasp of English vocabulary, reading, and language skills. The Halloween and Columbus sections include approximately 10 activities each.

### **ENGLISH FOR YOU: Halloween in the United States**

by Maria Latona

What do Americans do on Halloween? These three audiotapes and accompanying set of six booklets provide entertaining information for language learners while helping them to improve their English proficiency. Tape 1: Side A contains a conversation, repeated four times to incorporate the slight variations that occur in casual speech; Side B contains the conversation recorded with pauses to encourage students to practice their speaking skills. Tape 2: "The History of Halloween" is narrated at two speeds to accommodate different comprehension needs (85-95 wpm and 140-150 wpm). Tape 3: "Halloween Traditions in the U.S." is also narrated at two speeds.

### **ON COMMON GROUND.**

With national elections just weeks away, you may be teaching lessons on what it means to be an active citizen. The *On Common Ground* videotape series addresses key civics and government concepts for EL civics and citizenship education. The programs emphasize what it means to be a U.S. citizen and the rights and responsibilities associated with citizenship. Dramatic stories take on controversial issues, usually in situations that lack a single right answer. Each episode concludes with an important event from U.S. history that is relevant to the theme of the program.

### **VOICES OF FREEDOM English and Civics** by Bill Bliss

This popular content based English and civics text offers beginning-level learners a basic introduction to U.S. history and government and features enhanced activities to promote civic participation. The text is designed to serve as a simple English/Civics social studies course for adult and secondary school learners as well as a preparatory course for students who will be applying for citizenship.

## October Holidays and Celebrations

**October 13 is Columbus Day** — celebrated each year on the 2nd Monday of October, Columbus Day reminds us of Christopher Columbus' discovery of North America aboard the Niña, Pinta and Santa Maria ships on October 12, 1492. It is a great way to explore geography and history in your lessons.

**October is National Reading Group Month** — reading groups are a great way to support the literacy development of your students. These groups can meet inside or outside of class. They can involve questions and/or discussion. SWRC also has a number of class sets of books to allow for multiple student involvement. Go start a group and get reading!

To check out other October events, visit:

- <http://www.holidayinsights.com/>
- <http://library.thinkquest.org/2886/INDEX.HTM>
- <http://brownielocks.com/month2.html>

## Staff Appreciation Corner for October

Fall is full of beautiful scenery as the leaves turn color. Bring that beauty inside with decorations of leaves and mums. If your budget allows, try picking up miniature mums or pumpkins for your staff.

Also take advantage of the Halloween season with some fun ways to show your staff how "Spook-tacular" they are:

- Have a "boo-tiful" weekend with lollipops turned into ghosts with Kleenex and yarn.
- Candy corn mixed with lightly salted peanuts is a tasteful Halloween seasonal treat.
- Halloween falls on a Friday this year. Instead of a "casual" Friday, consider a "Costume Day." You will be amazed at the creativity of your staff. You can also encourage students to partake in the festivities.



## ODE Website Change

ODE has a new website. If you bookmarked your SAFE account for log in or the ABLE Web site, you may not find them. Please visit the **NEW** ODE website ([www.ode.state.oh.us](http://www.ode.state.oh.us)) where you will see the SAFE log in at the top of the page. To find the ABLE Web site, you will need to click on Career-Tech at the top, then adult education on the left side of the page, then ABLE.

# Integrating Technology into Your Classroom (Intermediate Technology Training)

Friday, November 14  
9:00 am to 3:30 pm  
SCC Library Computer Lab

In this **Intermediate-level** session, explore how you can effectively integrate technology into your planning and instruction. The focus will be on using the Internet and Microsoft Word/PowerPoint software. We will create lesson plans, design presentations and explore more classroom supports within Microsoft software.

This session is for those who feel comfortable creating and opening documents and presentations in the Microsoft applications and who have experience searching on the Internet. We will meet in a computer lab so each participant will have a hands-on learning experience.

Register at [www.ohioable.org](http://www.ohioable.org)



## Help Revise Ohio's Content Standards

We need your help in doing vital work for the ABE system in Ohio. It is time to review and update Ohio's ABE content standards. Revisions to the standards will ensure alignment with the Basic and Advanced Skills Certificate competencies.

The OSU ABE Evaluation and Design Project is facilitating the revision of the standards and benchmarks for math, reading and writing. To get ready for this work, we are asking for volunteers with expertise in at least one of the three content areas.

The standards revision process will involve convening math, reading and writing task forces to:

- Review the current Ohio ABE standards along with standards materials from other sources (e.g., state, national, international),
- Revise existing benchmarks and/or writing new benchmarks based on field expertise and content,
- Review multiple draft benchmark statements throughout the revision process and
- Synthesize appropriate statements/content through evaluation and consensus.

If you can help with this important process or if you can recommend a staff member, please complete an online application at: [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=SFtyiLY3\\_2f3VcsPp5uxymmw\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=SFtyiLY3_2f3VcsPp5uxymmw_3d_3d)

For more information, contact Traci Lepicki at [lepicki.1@osu.edu](mailto:lepicki.1@osu.edu) (614-292-7033). Thank you in advance for your valuable insights and input!

## USCIS Regional Training

The Northeast ABLE Resource Center is pleased to announce the USCIS Regional Training Conference for Civics and Citizenship Teachers of Adults as an Ohio TESOL Pre-Conference sponsored by the Ohio Resource Center Network on Thursday, October 30, 2008. This training is designed to help adult civics and citizenship teachers and volunteers improve their skills in teaching U.S. history, civics and the naturalization process to immigrant students. The regional training conference will include sessions on how to effectively teach the history and ideals of our founding documents; to learn the process on how lawful permanent residents become citizens; and to impart information on the redesigned naturalization test. This regional training conference is open to the public. Interested parties can register at [www.uscis.gov/files/article/Registration\\_Form.pdf](http://www.uscis.gov/files/article/Registration_Form.pdf).

In addition, Dr. Jones will attend the Ohio TESOL Conference on Friday morning, October 31<sup>st</sup>, for a concurrent session on the redesigned Naturalization Test. The new test becomes available for use nationwide on October 1, 2008. Please join Michael for updates on the components of the test and instructional materials for helping students prepare to take the test.

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## The 2008 Ohio TESOL Conference



Ohio Teachers of English To  
Speakers of Other Languages

Once again the Resource Center Network is offering a special PD opportunity for all ABLE ESOL teachers to attend the Annual Ohio TESOL Conference this October 31-November 1, 2008 as an additional PD activity. Teachers can register by completing the "ABLE" Registration Form (and Membership, if applicable) located on [www.neable.org](http://www.neable.org) under "Highlights." ABLE participants are eligible to receive paid registration for a one (\$70/50) or two-day conference (\$95), plus a reimbursement up to \$105 from the Regional Resource Center. Please note:

registrants must be current members of the Ohio TESOL organization. The \$25 membership can be paid upon registering for the conference. You must register by October 10<sup>th</sup>!

The Ohio TESOL Conference: *Access to Education, Access to Technology* includes an exciting lineup of speakers and sessions! Don't miss these presenters: plenary speaker and TESOL technology standards development team, Dr. Paige Ware of Southern Methodist University; Dr. Michael Jones of the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services; State ABLE Director, Denise Pottmeyer; and Chancellor Eric Fingerhut of the Ohio Board of Regents and the University System of Ohio (invited).

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## OAACE Update

OAACE is the oldest professional organization in Ohio for adult educators. Its mission is to represent and serve the providers of adult education. Members include teachers, administrators, volunteers, instructional aides, trainers, and others dedicated to educating Ohio's adults.

October starts the annual Membership drive each year. Whether you are renewing your membership or becoming a first time member, consider making OAACE your first choice for a professional organization. Visit [www.oaace.org](http://www.oaace.org) for more information.



Lynne Alexander, the director of London ABLE, is the OAACE representative for the Southwest Region. If you would like to learn more or have questions, please contact her at [teach179@aol.com](mailto:teach179@aol.com).

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# Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location
Oct 14-15	<b>Fall Directors' Meeting</b>	Crown Plaza Dublin, Ohio
Oct 17	<b>SWABLE Professional Day</b> <b>DEADLINE TO REGISTER: Oct 1</b>	Sinclair Community College
Oct 30	<b>Statewide RCN Training Day</b> * LD 202 * BEST Plus * * Write Skills for Success * * CASAS ESL * Portfolio Connection * * Math! Math! Math! * * Regional Training Conference for Civics & Citizenship *	Easton Hilton Columbus, Ohio
Oct 31- Nov 1	<b>TESOL Conference</b> <b>DEADLINE TO REGISTER: Oct 10</b>	Easton Hilton Columbus, Ohio
Nov 14	<b>Integrating Technology into Your Classroom (Intermediate Tech 102)</b>	Sinclair Community College
Dec 12	<b>Reading Strategies for Word Skills and Vocabulary (REA 102)</b>	Sinclair Community College

## SWABLE's Ongoing Alternative PD

Online Training	Media Packages
REA 101: Reading Overview	How to Improve Your Questioning Techniques
WRT101: Writing Overview	Building Academic Background Knowledge (Vocabulary)
Writing for the GED (from KET)	Comprehending Content
Developing Writers: Writing for Different Audiences	Thoughtful Reading
	Reading in the Content Areas
	Focus on Spelling

We also have **Literacy Trunks** for check-out in our library. Trunks contain "ready-to-go" lessons and activities, including user's guide, resources, handouts and online sites.

For information on upcoming trainings, please contact SWABLE at 800-558-5374 or 937-512-5375. You can also visit [www.ohioable.org](http://www.ohioable.org) to register for workshops across Ohio and to see what other Resource Centers are offering for Alternative PD.