



Southwest ABLA Resource Center

Exposure

On-site Math Trainings Available

Math is a critical issue in adult education. Our assessment survey from last fall provided a clear indication that we need to move beyond the preconceived notion that the GED is "fractions, decimals and percents." In response, the State ABLA Office, in conjunction with the Math Task Force, facilitated by OLRC, has developed a math training opportunity for all ABLA teachers in Ohio. We now have experienced trainers available to help all ABLA staff in Ohio become more confident and competent in teaching math.

There is no cost to the program. We would like participation from all teachers who teach math. Free materials will be provided to participants! These site-based trainings can accommodate up to 12 attendees. Collaboration with neighboring programs is encouraged. Programs should register for these interactive workshops through the OLRC site at:

<http://literacy.kent.edu/math>

The four trainings available are:

ALGEBRA CONTENT: This interactive workshop will NOT focus on teaching techniques, but on the content needed to be successful for the GED test as well as the Basic Stackable Certificate. Topics will include the coordinate grid, tables, graphs, equations, expressions, substitution, slope-intercept equation of a line, slope, distances, the distributive property, operations with integers, absolute values, powers and roots, scientific notation, solving one and two-step equations, etc. Time suggested: 2-3 hours.

GEOMETRY CONTENT: This interactive workshop will NOT focus on teaching techniques, but on the content needed to be successful for the GED test. Topics will include: vocabulary, points, lines, angles, measurement, triangles, quadrilaterals, circles, Pythagorean Theorem, perimeter, areas, volume, surface area, etc. Time suggested: 2-3 hours.

GED MATH: What is on the test? How can I help my students succeed? This interactive workshop will focus on the content of the GED math test, along with ideas for student success. Ideas for effective structure of a multi-level classroom will be explored. Time suggested: 2 hours.

PROBLEM SOLVING: This interactive workshop will provide teachers with an opportunity to explore and learn problem solving methods that will help both students and teachers become better problem solvers. Time suggested: 2-3 hours.

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Learning About the FAFSA

FAFSA stands for "Free Application for Federal Student Aid." It is the portal to all federal and state financial aid. The official FAFSA website is www.fafsa.ed.gov.

While the 2009-2010 FAFSA does not open until January 1, 2009, you can be learning about the process now. *Completing the FAFSA*, an introductory publication for students, provides instructions on how to complete the online or paper version of the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)*. This version is available in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

You can also download *Completing the FAFSA, 2008-2009*, in PDF format in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Notes on SWRC's Professional Day

This year marked our 6th annual Professional Day with over 120 regional teachers, administrators and support staff attending the PD day on October 17th. Lynn Reese, SWRC Coordinator, welcomed the group and shared the news of our recent move and provided updates on the Resource Center. Denise Pottmeyer, the State ABL Director, then introduced Chancellor Eric Fingerhut from the Board of Regents who spoke on the new University System of Ohio. He outlined the needs and the roles of ABL in adult education for Ohio.

Participants then adjourned to sessions in five strands: Content & Instruction, GED, ESOL, Leadership and Support Staff Services. A total of seventeen sessions were offered throughout the day.

Vendors were also in attendance and included publishers, community agencies and marketing suppliers.

Some evaluation comments included:

- "very nice event—thank you for all the hard work"
- "good chance to share with others"
- "appreciate the free materials"
- "I learned a lot and had fun—thanks!"
- "we always run out of time—great information"
- "liked hearing on the state level what is going on with our field"



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November Holidays and Celebrations

November is Family Stories Month — with many family gatherings during November and December, consider encouraging students to collect some favorite family stories. These can be turned into great writing lessons on audience and editing. Plus you can help students create a family journal.

November is Aviation History Month — we are fortunate to have the National Museum of the Air Force in the southwest region. Located on Wright Patterson Air Force Base, the museum is open daily with FREE admission. To learn more about the museum, go to www.nationalmuseum.af.mil. To get some ideas for aviation lesson plans, visit <http://www.suelebeau.com/aviation.htm>.

To check out other November events, visit:

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

Staff Appreciation Corner for November

November is a time for saying "thank you" to those we appreciate in our lives. A great way to include all your staff and students is to thank them in their native language. Consider creating a wall of "thank you's" in many languages. To see this phrase of appreciation in over 465 languages, go to www.elite.net/~runner/jennifers/thankyou.htm.

Other ideas for November:

Have staff members with great senses of humor? Honor them as the "Turkey of the Week" complete with a turkey sign or button.



With all the hustle of the holiday season starting, lunch can sometimes be forgotten. Celebrate your super staff by attaching a note to a soup can that reads "Our staff is 'Souper' - enjoy some lunch!"

GameBuilder on Wisc-Online

Wisc-Online is a great resource for learning objects created for students. Now Wisc-Online can help you build your own student games. Templates allow you to enter your content into a variety of game formats. Reinforce learning and build excitement into your courses and training. Let learners build their own games in these formats: Baseball, Hangman, Jeopardy, Matching, Build Your Fortune, Tic-Tac-Toe, LearningLand, Quiz, Game Show, Case Study, and BINGO.



To get started, create your free Wisc-Online ID. Then sign in to Wisc-Online and select the GameBuilder link. Visit www.wisc-online.com for step-by-step instructions. For a peek at the games, click on Game List at <http://www.wisc-online.com/tempobjects/preview.asp>.

The Ohio Literacy Network Fall Institute

A one day gathering focused on *Building Literacy Communities: Communication, Cooperation, and Collaboration* will be held on Monday, November 10. The institute features both state and nationally recognized speakers. Registration opens at 8:00 AM at the Conference Center at North Pointe in Lewis Center, Ohio 43035. There is a \$100.00 per person registration fee and that includes all meals. To register, go to www.ohioliteracynetwork.org or call 1-800-223-7323.

Spotlight on Library Resources

WRITING TO COMMUNICATE 1: Paragraphs, by Cynthia Broadman

With a combined process and product approach, Writing to Communicate puts students on a fast track to clear and effective academic writing. Writing to Communicate 1 teaches students to write well-organized paragraphs in key rhetorical modes.

WRITING TO COMMUNICATE 2: Paragraphs and Essays, by Cynthia Broadman and Jia Frydenberg
Writing to Communicate 2 continues the work students begin in Writing to Communicate 1 by expanding paragraphs into essays.

MEMORIZING STRATEGIES & Other Brain-Based Activities, by LeAnn Nickelsen

Help students review the content they need to know with this collection of fun and easy activities. Students draw cartoons to help remember vocabulary words, toss dice to review math skills, create similes to relate a new concept to a more familiar one, and much more. Includes the latest in brain research, plus study aids for every student.

OAACE Membership Drive

Advocacy, Networking, Support, and Information are all benefits of membership in the oldest professional adult education organization in the state of Ohio. One of the most essential services in these times of change and challenging economic conditions is access to advocacy information at the federal, state, and local levels. OAACE works hard to see that you are kept up to date on what is happening with our governing bodies. The association also promotes the importance of educating adults who seek to improve their lives through educational opportunities. To do this, a strong professional association is needed— OAACE is that organization.

To access membership information, please visit www.oaace.org and click on "Membership."



Integrating Technology into Your Classroom

(Intermediate Technology 102)

Friday, November 14
9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Sinclair Community College Library Computer Lab

Registration begins at 8:30 am

Lunch is on your own. Sinclair Cafeteria available.

Space is Limited to 24 participants

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

This session is for those who feel comfortable creating and opening documents and presentations in the Microsoft applications, and those who have experience searching on the Internet. We will meet in a computer lab so each participant will have a hands-on learning experience. Each participant will also receive a flash drive for use in the session and to take home.

To register, please go to: www.ohioable.org

Note: This is the second session in a three-part series on Technology. An advanced session will be held April 24, 2009.

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Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location
Nov 10	OLN Fall Institute www.ohioliteracynetwork.org	Lewis Center, Ohio
Nov 14	Integrating Technology into Your Classroom (Intermediate Tech 102)	Sinclair Community College
Feb 21	New Teacher Orientation (NTO II)	Sinclair Community College
March 6	Writing Event	OCLC Dublin, Ohio
April 24	Advanced Technology	Sinclair Community College
May 1 NEW DATE	Reading Strategies for Word Skills and Vocabulary (REA 102)	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 to register for workshops across Ohio and to see what other Resource Centers are offering for Alternative PD.