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# Supplementary Articles for Classroom Use

## **Drug Slang IQ Survey with Answers**

A 25 multiple choice question survey compiled by Graduate students in the Western Illinois University Health Sciences Department determining understanding of current drug slang terminology. Survey answers are highlighted.

## **ALRC Tech Tips Newsletter**

Do you think that all Internet search engines will return approximately the same results? They don't. This month's newsletter features a collection of unique, interesting search engines and includes a description for each.

## **Geo-Literacy: Forging New Ground**

What is Geo-Literacy? It has been defined as "the use of visual learning and communication tools to build an in-depth understanding, or literacy of geography, geology, and local history." This article visits a classroom and outlines some of the ways they are using geo-literacy to gain a deeper understanding of larger themes, such as US history and world history.

## **Education World's 25 Ideas for Better Book Reports**

Are you a teacher who keeps saying "I wish I could find a way to make book reports more fun and interesting for my students"? Education World offers 25 ideas that might help you do just that!

## **Nonverbal Learning Disability: How To Recognize It and Minimize Its Effects**

Individuals of all ages may exhibit characteristics of NLD. People with NLD have difficulty processing nonverbal, nonlinguistic information, yet they may be very good at processing verbal information. They often fail to monitor the reactions of a listener. The reactions of others tend to leave them feeling isolated, lonely, and sad. They usually want to learn appropriate social behaviors, and they generally respond positively to instruction that leads to improved social behavior. This digest provides an overview of NLD and principles for designing and implementing instructional interventions to address its effects.

## **Web Spotlight**

### **GCF Global Learning**

*[www.GCFLearnFree.org](http://www.GCFLearnFree.org)*

This site offers 30+ free online tutorial and classes ranging in subject from computer basics (Windows, Office, Internet safety) to life skills (math basics, money basics, career development, workplace development, everyday life. ) Membership is free. Useful for students as well as a professional development resource.

# CIAESC Staff Development Events

## **Civil War Picture Book Box**

**Friday, April 27, 2007, 12:30 pm-3:30 pm**

Lakeview Library, 1137 W. Lake Avenue, Peoria, IL 61614

## **Rich Writing Across the Curriculum**

**Friday, April 27, 2007, 9 am - 12 pm**

Quincy Public Schools Adult Education TPS, 401 South 8th Street, Quincy, IL 62301

## **PowerPoint in the Classroom**

**Tuesday, May 1, 2007, 12 pm - 1 pm**

Online using Horizon WIMBA

## **Beguiling Beginnings for ESL Classes**

**Thursday, May 3, 2007, 2 pm - 3 pm**

Online using Horizon WIMBA

## **TABE 9/10**

**Friday, May 4, 2007, 9 am - 12 pm**

Carl Sandburg College The Branch Campus, 305 Sandburg Drive, Carthage, IL 62321

## **Visual Literacy**

**Wednesday, May 9, 2007, 6 pm - 7 pm**

Online using Horizon WIMBA

## **Learning Styles**

**Tuesday, May 8, 2007, 10 am - 11 am**

Online using Horizon WIMBA

## **The Individual Career Development Plan (ICDP)**

**Tuesday, May 8, 2007, 2 pm - 3 pm**

Online using Horizon WIMBA

## **Horizon WIMBA Walk-Through**

**Wednesday, May 9, 2007, 10 am - 11 am**

Online using Horizon WIMBA

## **Adapting Pre-Made Games to Increase ESL Fluency**

**Thursday, May 10, 2007, 10 am - 11 am**

Online using Horizon WIMBA

## **Workplace Skills Across the Curriculum: Healthcare**

**Thursday, May 10, 2007, 6 pm - 9 pm**

Illinois Central College North, Room 17 Birch Hall, 5407 N. University Drive, Peoria, IL 61614

## **Workplace Provider Group Meeting**

**Friday, May 11, 2007, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm**

Heartland Community College, 1500 West Raab Rd., Normal, IL 61761

## **Grouping and Cooperative Learning: How To Build Learning Skills and Improve Retention**

**Friday, May 11, 2007, 10:30 am - 1:30 pm**

Lakeview Library, 1137 W. Lake Avenue, Peoria, IL 61614

*There are no registration fees for any of our workshops. Visit our online calendar at [www.cait.org](http://www.cait.org) for workshop descriptions or to see a complete listing of workshops scheduled for Spring, 2007. Call CIAESC at (800) 572-9033 if you plan to attend.*

# CIAESC Resource Library Picks

CIAESC maintains a lending resource library of professional and classroom materials (books, videos, audiotapes, disk software and CD-ROMs) and makes the resources available at no cost to all adult education program staff in the Illinois Service Center Network service region. To check out materials listed below or to customize your search for additional resources, please go to our web site, [www.cait.org/ciaesc](http://www.cait.org/ciaesc) and click on the Resource Library graphic. To find one of the titles listed below, type the title in the search form title field and begin search. Directions to conduct your own search and to check out materials via the online shopping cart are provided. Patrons are encouraged to utilize the online system. If you do not have access to the Internet, please call (800) 572-9033 to arrange for check out.

## **The Bill of Rights in Action - Equal Protection**

## **The Bill of Rights in Action - The Right to Privacy**

## **The Bill of Rights in Action - The First Amendment**

A series of videotapes designed to present the challenge of balancing individual's rights and community welfare and to demonstrate how average communities across the nation are confronted daily with Bill of Rights issues. Topics introduced by the videos are juvenile curfews, public housing security, drug testing, AIDS in the classroom, library book selection, and underground student newspapers. (1990)

## **Qualities of Effective Teachers**

Did you have a special teacher who made a difference in your life? The best teachers share several characteristics. The author of this book synthesizes research to identify specific teacher behaviors that contribute to student achievement. (2002)

## **Empowering People: Parent Groups**

This video and its manual companion are part of a training project of the National Center for Family Literacy. The video and print materials were developed in response to the needs of practitioners implementing new program services for disadvantaged parents and their children. They are intended for staff from a variety of programs: adult literacy and adult education, Head Start and other preschool services, Chapter I, Even Start and other family literacy programs, family support services and others. (1993)

## **Math Mind Benders Warm Up**

## **Math Mind Benders Book A1**

## **Math Mind Benders Book B1**

## **Math Mind Benders Book C1**

This is a 4-part book series using puzzles to combine mathematical operations with deductive reasoning. As students work these puzzles, they will develop their own strategies for incorporating their knowledge of basic facts and mathematics operations. Class discussion and argument is recommended for teaching these puzzles so that all students can benefit from hearing the reasoning process applied by other students. (1989)

## **Introducing the USA**

The text, a beginning reader for students of English as a Second Language, features 28 units that introduce typically American people, places, and things. Each unit contains a short reading passage, vocabulary/comprehension/ grammar exercises and discussion questions. (1996)