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# Supplementary Articles for Classroom Use

## **“Do the thing you think you cannot do”: The imperative to be an adult learner in order to be a more effective adult educator**

Despite the fact that we are learning more and more about the particular challenges and possibilities of teaching adult learners, we may still be overlooking – or forgetting – some of the most fundamental aspects of what makes an effective educator of adults. This paper addresses this oversight by reminding adult educators of the imperative of being adult learners to gain continuous new insights into their craft. The reader is taken on the author’s own journey of realizing and enacting this imperative. *You gain strength, experience, and confidence by every experience where you really stop to look fear in the face... You must do the thing you think you cannot do. (Eleanor Roosevelt)*

## **Theories of Intelligence, Learning, and Motivation as a Basic Educational Praxis**

This article begins with an examination of the early building blocks of intelligence and learning through signs and symbols and moves into a discussion connecting with students by addressing their multiple intelligences as well as their level of emotional intelligence. Finally, the article wraps up with a contemplation of learning goals toward self-actualization.

## **Exploring the contribution of play to social capital in institutional adult learning settings**

This paper explores how play as an educational tool can enhance social capital for adult learners in institutional settings and focuses on cooperative forms of play in which pretend, role-play, improvisation, playful activities and a playful mindset were key components. These play experiences are investigated in terms of their implications for nurturing adult learners’ social capital. The preliminary findings reveal that play contributes to social capital by enriching adult learners’ engagement, cooperation and sense of connectedness with one another as well as with other people, resources and information beyond their group.

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## **Fall Conference Thank You**

All of us at CIAESC wish to thank all of you who joined us at our Fall Conference in Bloomington. We really appreciate the conference presenters who were willing to take the time to share their expertise to support the conference. Thanks also to the ICCB & IACEA staff who attended and participated, the conference vendors, and to our keynote speaker, Thomas Sticht.

We hope that those of you who registered for our yearly staff development event found that the ideas and strategies shared by our conference presenters will be useful to you in your roles of administrators, teachers, tutors, or support staff in adult education programs. Thanks too for your continued support of other CIAESC staff development efforts. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact us.

# CIAESC Staff Development Events

**Illinois "More Than Meets the Eye" • Wednesday, November 5, 2008, 05:00PM - 06:00PM**  
Online using Horizon WIMBA

**Reviewing the NAAL Results • Wednesday, November 5, 2008, 11:00AM – 12:00PM**  
Online using Horizon WIMBA

**Use the Web to Help Your ESL Learning with Reading! • Thurs, November 6, 2008, 04:00PM - 05:00PM**  
Online using Horizon WIMBA

**ESL Provider Workshop (On-Site) • Friday, November 7, 2008, 09:00AM – 12:00PM**  
Urbana Adult Education, 211 N. Race Street, Urbana, IL 61801 • Contact CIAESC to register.

**Graphs and Charts 2008 • Friday, November 7, 2008, 12:30PM - 03:30PM**  
Macon-Piatt Adult Education, 432 N. Water St., Decatur, IL 62523 • Contact CIAESC to register.

**Using Excel: Using Macros • Wednesday, November 12, 2008, 02:00PM - 03:00PM**  
Online using Horizon WIMBA • Contact CIAESC to register.

**Sensational Sentences, Terrific Text Organization and Puzzle Paragraphs • Thurs, November 13, 2008, 01:00PM - 04:00PM**  
DACC Adult Education, 2000 E. Main Street, Danville, IL 61832 • Contact CIAESC to register.

**Preparing for College Reading • Thursday, November 13, 2008, 09:00AM – 12:00PM**  
DACC Adult Education, 2000 E. Main Street, Danville, IL 61832 • Contact CIAESC to register.

**Predicting! Help Your Readers Be Active Readers • Wednesday, November 19, 2008, 05:00PM - 06:00PM**  
Online with Horizon WIMBA • Contact CIAESC to register.

**Jigsaw and Information Gap Activities for ESL Classes • Thurs, November 20, 2008, 02:00PM - 03:00PM**  
Online using Horizon WIMBA • Contact ALRC to register.

**Workplace Skills Across the Curriculum-Customer Service • Fri, November 21, 2008, 09:00AM – 12:00PM**  
Richland Community College, One College Park, Decatur, IL 62521 • Contact CIAESC to register.

**Phonics Overview • Wednesday, December 3, 2008, 05:00PM - 06:00PM**  
Online with Horizon WIMBA • Contact CIAESC to register.

**Predicting! Help Your Readers Be Active Readers • Wednesday, December 3, 2008, 11:00AM – 12:00PM**  
Online using Horizon WIMBA • Contact CIAESC to register.

**Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics • Wednesday, December 10, 2008, 02:00PM - 03:00PM**  
Online using Horizon WIMBA • Contact CIAESC to register.

There are no registration fees for any of these workshops. To register for any WIMBA session, go to the Calendar of Events at [www.excellenceinadulthood.com](http://www.excellenceinadulthood.com) - click on the entry of the WIMBA session you wish to attend – register by telephone at the contact number indicated. Call CIAESC at (800) 572-9033 to register for on-site workshops.

## Web Spotlight



<http://liveclassroom2.wimba.com>

WIMBA has made significant updates, which require you to update your computer by going to this address and running the Setup Wizard (even if you have previously gone through the WIMBA setup procedure).

# 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.

## **Creating the Story: Guides for Writers**

The book is a valuable resource for anyone looking to learn the craft and art of fiction. The exercises that conclude each section not only help writers develop essential skills, but also yield ideas for stories. (1993)

## **Games for Language Learning**

Games provide meaningful and enjoyable language practice at all levels and for all age groups. They can be used to practice any of the skills - speaking, listening, reading and writing - at any stage of the learning process. This book gives clear advice on preparation and classroom procedure, with many illustrations and examples. (1983)

## **Integrating Mathematics Across the Curriculum**

The resource demonstrates how teachers can stretch their math curricula across disciplines and convince students that math is related to almost every area of life. The book's "real world" problems that teach essential skills and principles conform to the learning objectives in the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics' standards for school mathematics. Grades 5-10 (1996)

## **Loops for Learning**

Get students into the learning loop with interactive activities adaptable to any subject and discover how to add excitement and challenge to reviewing material and practicing skills. Use loops to teach concepts in context rather than through rote memorization. This resource provides a variety of reproducible activities to get started using Math loops, Language loops, Social Studies loops, and Problem-solving activities. (2000)

## **High-Impact Presentation and Training Skills**

This comprehensive manual is packed with valuable tips from some of the nation's top presenters and trainers. It teaches how to beat down your fears of public speaking, hold your audience's attention, cover your mistakes, and build rapport and credibility with even rude and hostile audience members. (2000)