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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month gets underway this year by honoring a memorable milestone. This week marks the 50th anniversary of the [Greensboro sit-ins](#).

THE CHARACTER COUNCIL of Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky [has posted](#) the quality for February: Resourcefulness (vs. wastefulness). It ties in with the environmentally-friendly recycle/reduce/reuse theme.

KROHN CONSERVATORY BUTTERFLY SHOW

Butterflies of Japan at Krohn Conservatory in Eden Park, April 17 - June 20, 2010. The Krohn Conservatory (Eden Park, Cincinnati) Butterfly Show will give your students a unique opportunity to experience the wonders of nature at their fingertips! Highlighting the rich culture of Japan, the showroom features butterflies in free flight surrounded by a Japanese garden. New - a Sakura display about the rich traditions of cherry blossom trees and a display called *Insects as Pets* in the desert house. We encourage all schools to pre-register for a better, less crowded experience. [Click here](#) for further information, or call Patti at (513) 421-5707. To [register](#) please complete the [electronic form](#). Discounts for early registration.

OHIO RIVER FOUNDATION RIVER EXPLORER field trip season is only a few months away, but its popularity has your colleagues making early bookings. ONLY 6 trip dates remain for you to reserve for your students. Don't delay! This is the best educational trip value in the tri-state! [Reserve your class trip!](#) Questions? [Click here](#) or call them at 513-460-3365.

NEW CINCINNATI ZOO WILD PACKS Teachers of grades 4-6 are invited to "test-drive" (free) the new Cincinnati Zoo Wild Packs, grade level units for groups of students to explore scientific methods while enjoying a zoo visit. Bring a friend or your family (free) on: Saturday, February 13th 10 AM- 12 PM, Thursday, February 18th 3-5 PM, or Saturday, February 20th 2-4 PM. Each Wild Pack contains three inquiry investigations with enough supplies for 10 students per group. Supported by the National Science Foundation, the Wild Packs advance your students understanding of valuable scientific inquiry methods. These investigations include clear and detailed steps on how to engage students in observation, questioning, data collection and recording. The best part is that everything is formatted in an easy and fun way that any chaperone can lead and all students can enjoy! For more information on the Wild Pack, please [click here](#). To sign up, please email [Katherine Aug](#), Cincinnati Zoo School Liaison or call 513-559-7726.

PLAN NOW! [Professional Learning Communities at Work Institute](#), June 10-12, 2010, St. Charles Convention Center, One Convention Center Plaza, St. Charles, MO.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

AUTISM WORKSHOP The Catholic Schools Office of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will sponsor a two day workshop, June 15-16, for educators who work with students on the Autism Spectrum.

Day 1: No More Meltdowns: Handling Challenging Behaviors & Teaching Social Skills for Elementary Students **Day 2: Transitioning to Adulthood: Self-Management and Social Skills Training for High School Students**

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (Registration begins at 8:30 AM) Place: Kings Island Inn and Conference Center Cost: \$10 per day. You may register for one or both days. (No substitutions are allowed.) .5 CEU per day (AOC funded) - Educator ID required. **Limited to 75 participants.** Lunch will be provided. **On-line registration due by March 30th** Cancellations received after May 15th will be charged \$20.00. For additional information, check the School Office website, [workshops](#).

MISS FRIZZLE - Create classroom businesses, tour the museum and explore science with Miss Frizzle. A great day which you'll enjoy and be able to **bring back great lessons** to share with your students. **Parking and lunch provided.**

[Miss Frizzle at the Museum Center](#) (Grades 3-5) When: Saturday, February 13, 2010 (8:30am-3:30pm) Where: Museum Center at Union Terminal Cost*: \$55 Registration Fee [Register Today!](#) **This is a popular workshop and seats are limited.**

[GEOGRAPHY AND WORLD HISTORY: Resources and Lessons for Student Engagement](#) (Grades 6-8) Engage in the classroom activities, discuss creative ideas with your colleagues and discover great new classroom resources. Participants will receive a copy of one of these CEE teacher resource manuals: "Focus: Economics and World History" or "Focus Economics and Geography." When: Thursday, February 11, 2010 (4:30pm-7:30 pm) Where: Raymond Walters College, Muntz Hall, Room 111 Cost*: \$55 [Register Today!](#)

THERMOCOMPACTION DEMONSTRATION This two-day workshop will show you how your school can reduce waste costs, demonstrate a commitment to recycling and the environment, and make money. According to Patrick Gallager of the Manatee County School District in Florida, "by compacting the Styrofoam food trays, I will probably save \$8,000-10,000 this year on waste costs at my high school, and that is with just one school in the district." Date: Wednesday and Thursday, March 3 and 4 Time: 9:30 am - 12 pm Location: Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services, 250 William Howard Taft Road, First Floor Contact: [Keebler Holley](#), Education Specialist at 946-7736. *Pre-registration is required by February 17.* [Click here](#) for the workshop flyer.

[Life, Inc. \(Grades 5-8\)](#)

Neale Godfrey, expert on children and financial literacy, will introduce materials that are sure to get your middle school students focused on setting goals and achieving their dreams. This interactive workshop features a full training on *LIFE, Inc.: The Ultimate Career Guide for Young People*, Program. *LIFE, Inc.* gives your students the tools to learn self-discovery, visioning, introduces them to "Virtual Role Models/Mentors", researching careers, and even building real budgets based upon their dreams. At the end of the workshop, you will be able to request your own FREE *LIFE, Inc.* materials for each student in your classroom. (materials available in both English and Spanish).

When: Saturday, February 20, 2010 (8:30am-

3:30pm) **Where:** Joesph Beth Bookstore -

Cincinnati Rookwood Commons (Hyde Park/Norwood)

Cost*: \$55 to [Register Today!](#)

EVENINGS FOR EDUCATORS:

African American Art, History and Identity

We'll help you bring the imagery and complexities surrounding African American art and history into your classroom. Perfect for teachers of all grade levels and subjects, Evenings for Educators shows you how to include the Cincinnati Art Museum in your daily curriculum with ideas for lesson plans, hands-on experiences and cross-curricular connections. Math, Science, Social Studies - we show you how it's all connected with art.

Please join us this month when Evenings for Educators tours the new exhibition Martin Puryear: Prints and takes a close look at African American artists Horace Pippin, Elizabeth Catlett, Robert S. Duncanson and Sam Gilliam.

WHEN: Wednesday, February 17th

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. light refreshments and registration at 4:00 p.m.

COST: Art Museum Members \$10

General Admission \$20

Students \$5

BONUS: Free parking included with ticket.

From NCTE's InBox: Teaching with Award-Winning Literature

This month, the [NCTE Orbis Pictus Award for Outstanding Nonfiction for Children](#) and the [American Library Association Book, Print, and Media Awards for Children and Young Adults](#) were awarded. The following resources from [ReadWriteThink.org](#) and [NCTE](#) give ideas for teaching with award-winning literature. *The Secret World of Walter Anderson* by [Hester Bass](#), illustrated by [E.B. Lewis](#), has won NCTE's [2010 Orbis Pictus Award](#) for Outstanding Nonfiction for Children. Rebecca Stead's *When You Reach Me* has won this year's John Newbery Medal for the most outstanding contribution to children's literature. Artist, author, and frequent NCTE convention presenter Jerry Pinkney has won the Randolph Caldecott Medal for the most distinguished American picture book for children for *The Lion & the Mouse*. The NCTE Orbis Pictus Award for Outstanding Nonfiction for Children awards texts that promote and recognize excellence in the writing of nonfiction for children. The name Orbis Pictus commemorates the work of Johannes Amos Comenius; his *Orbis Pictus -- The World in Pictures* (1657) is considered to be the first book actually planned for children. The *Language Arts* article "[Children's Literature Reviews: Orbis Pictus Award Winners](#)" highlights the one award-winning book, five honor books, and eight recommended books from among more than 325 titles of nonfiction for children submitted. This year, the books explore history, biography, art, and the animal world. Each year, the American Library Association (ALA) recognizes a multitude of books and authors for their quality and impact. Ranging from awards for young children's books such as the Caldecott and Newbery Medals, the Belpré award for books celebrating Latino culture, and the Sibert Medal for distinguished informational books, the ALA recognizes a wide range of outstanding material for children, young adults, and adults. This [ReadWriteThink.org calendar entry](#) provides links to and ideas on teaching with winning titles. The *English Journal* article "[What's Good about the Best?](#)" discusses three award-winning novels for young adults that are very popular with school teachers: *The Giver* by Lois Lowry, *Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse, and *Holes* by Louis Sachar. The article examines the quality of plots, characters, and themes, but also considers the artistry in details and emotional impact. There are also suggestions offered for teaching these novels in the classroom. Looking for more things to celebrate? Visit the [Children's Authors and Illustrators Week calendar entry](#) at [ReadWriteThink.org](#).