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OCEA The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center is hosting a FREE open house for teachers from 5:30-8pm on Thursday, Oct. 8. Come to the OCEA, hop over to the Freedom Center (only 6 blocks away) for food and great exhibits, then come back to the hotel for entertainment! Special OCEA sponsored Event: Come join the party!
Hyatt Hotel Ballroom (across from Convention Center)
Thursday October 8th 8 – 11pm Great Music and Dancing with DJ Pillo More information to come!

CONVENTION CEU DOCUMENTATION FORM This is an [optional but helpful form](#) for educators who are attending the OCEA Convention to document the sessions attended and determine the number of CEUs to request. This form is intended as help to the principal or assistant principal who verifies the CEUs to be awarded. Do not send this form to the Archdiocese - use the regular CEU Request Form. This form is not the documentation requested by Linda Thompson for use of Title IIA funds for Hamilton County. Questions: Contact [Cathy Bever](#)

Economics Center for Education and Research: Reading for Comprehension: Literature and Critical Thinking Skills
Wednesday, Sept. 30, and October 7, 2009, 4:30pm – 7:30pm Maple Dale Elementary School, 6100 Hagewa Drive, Blue Ash Instructor: Gail Budkie, Reading Specialist Topics: Choices, Language Arts, Opportunity Cost, Teaching Resources Add some energy to your literature discussions! Incorporate comprehension strategies into your teaching - text coding, question write-around, in-depth page analysis, the want-satisfaction chain and a decision-making apron – using the compelling novel, *Stone Fox* by John Reynolds Gardiner. Non-credit participation fee: \$55 1 quarter hour graduate credit: \$199
[Click here](#) for information and registration.

iSPACE - Join the supporters and staff of iSPACE in dedicating its new facility with demonstrations, tours, and refreshments. Ribbon cutting ceremony will take place on Thursday, October 1st, from 5:30pm -7pm. State Representative Connie Pillich will be performing the honors starting at 6:00pm. iSPACE is located on the Scarlet Oaks Campus, 3254 East Kemper Rd in Sharonville. iSPACE offers programs for students, educators and families which support and enhance science, technology, engineering and mathematics education that reaches beyond the formal classroom setting. To learn more about [iSPACE](#), visit them online

This year the United States Census Bureau will again be taking a census of the country. Since a census only happens every ten years, it is will be new to all K-8 students, and worth noting and celebrating. Explore the significance and the information that comes from this special event. Scholastic has teamed with US Census 2010 to offer a variety of [quality activities](#) for grades 1-8. Plan now to lead up to **Census Day, April 1, 2010!**

Family Science Nights at Cincinnati Public Libraries Begin September 19, 2009. Plug into the power of energy efficiency at the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County! Electrifying science demonstrations and hands-on activities will enlighten the whole family to Get Energy Smart! Learn how electricity gets into your home, how to safely harness its power, how to save money on energy bills, and more at the Library's Family Science Nights. These programs will be hosted by Get Energy Smart State Coordinator Michelle White, a certified science teacher and owner of **Crystal Clear Science**. [Click here](#) for more information.

NATURE Club - a service provided by WVIZ/PBS ideastream®? NATURE, produced by WNET in New York, in partnership with Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and The Holden Arboretum have come together to create a FREE online club for teachers. The NATURE Club now offers a series of book discussions. The books chosen will engage the participants in current science literature and provide a basis for classroom enrichment. The authors are leaders in their respective research fields. The book discussions are schedule friendly, offered with college credit, and provide engaging discussions.
Books: *The Future of Life* by E.O. Wilson, *The Botany of Desire* by Michael Pollan, *The Elephant's Secret Sense* by Caitlin O'Connell
2 for 1: If you are a member of NATURE Club, you and a friend can both sign up for the cost of just one class! Use the code "NATURE" AND your friend's name in the "Comments" field when you register... but be sure you're a NATURE Club Member first! Don't delay - classes are starting soon. [Click here](#) to register for the book discussions. Questions about the NATURE Club? Email [Dean Kinkoph](#).

American history Social Studies teachers, you'll love the FREE [e-newsletter](#) from Colonial Williamsburg! Sign up for your own copy. See also www.history.org/teach

The West End Branch Library (805 Ezzard Charles Drive) invites students in grades 6 to 12 who go to school or live in the West End to write an essay about what the Public Library means to them. It's all part of the 9th Annual Mary E. Finley Essay and Speech Contest, sponsored by retired librarian George Ferguson, Steve Rousseau, and the Friends of the Public Library.

BORDERS REWARDS BORDERS BUCKS! EDUCATOR APPRECIATION WEEK! September 29 – October 7, 2009 at all Borders Bookstores. You can now earn Borders Bucks with a Borders Rewards card. Join today, it's free.

WIKIS FOR TEACHERS Wikispaces offers basic [wikis](#) at no charge to K-12 teachers at These simple group websites contain no advertising, allow easy editing, and work well for classroom use. Students also can create their own wikis as a class project.