

*A collection of information and links to
websites concerning
Early Language Learning*

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NNELL Professional Development Seminars 2008

In the Winter/Spring of 2008, NNELL has sponsored four professional development seminars. On January 25, 2008, NNELL President Terry Caccavale began the four-part series with a presentation to the Indiana Network for Early Language Learning (IN-NELL) at Park Tudor School in Indianapolis, Indiana. This day-long workshop, entitled *Empowering Students Through Reading in World Languages, Pre-K-8* was the first event of a two-day conference on early language learning. At this conference, IN-NELL President Pamela Valdes Gemmer presented Terry with the IN-NELL Ambassador of Early Language Learning Award for 2007.

In March and April 2008, the Connecticut Department of Education contracted NNELL to present this same workshop on two different occasions, each to a group of forty participants. All three workshops were very well received and evaluations were very positive. All workshops were free to participants, as they were funded under the CT Department of Education FLAP Grant.

On April 12, 2008, NNELL Vice-President Paula Patrick and Virginia State Representative Beatrix Preusse-Barr, both of whom work in Fairfax County Public Schools, facilitated a

professional development workshop entitled, *Early Language Learning: A Tool for Success in the 21st Century* at the Floris Elementary School in Herndon, Virginia. ACTFL Teacher of the Year Janet Glass was the Conference Keynote Speaker, delivering a speech entitled, *Just Talk Amongst Yourselves* and another workshop, entitled *Themes With Wings and Saying Things*. NNELL sends special thanks to all of the Fairfax County teachers who offered their time to provide a choice from among 22 different workshops to the day's participants! Congratulations to Paula Patrick and Beatrix Preusse-Barr and the Fairfax County World Languages Staff for an outstanding workshop!

NNELL summer institute

NNELL's annual summer institute will take place on July 11-14, 2008, at Iowa State University. It is co-sponsored by the National Foreign Language Resource Center at Iowa State and the theme of this year's institute is *Empowering Teacher Leaders Through the Implementation of Content-Based Best Practices in Early Language Learning, Pre-K-8*. Institute speakers will include Dr. Helena Anderson Curtain, who will lead a one and a half-day seminar on best practices, and Dr. Scott Hamilton of Park Tudor School in Indianapolis, Indiana, who will present findings on brain research and second language learning. For the first time in NNELL history, NNELL will allow members who are not state and regional representatives to attend this institute, on a paid basis. More information will be forthcoming on the NNELL website at www.nnell.org

Professional Development Opportunities

The National Capital Language Resource Center (NCLRC) in Washington D.C. has a variety of summer institutes available in May, June, and July. Early registration must be completed by May 1.

Click here for more information about the [NCLRC's summer institutes](#).

The Center for Advanced Research on Language Acquisition (CARLA) at the University of Minnesota in St. Paul offers a variety of summer institutes available in June and July. Check the online registration site to see if the course is available. If the course is not listed, it is full and you need to contact CARLA to get put on a waiting list. Early registration is on or before May 31.

Click here for more information about the [CARLA summer institutes](#).

The Language Acquisition Resource Center (LARC) at San Diego State University offers summer workshops in June, July, and August. Full or partial scholarships are available to applicants without other available funding.

Click here for more information about [LARC summer workshops](#).

The Center for Advanced Language Proficiency Education and Research (CALPER) at Penn State has opened registration for its summer workshops. The workshops are from June 20-28.

Click here for more information about the [CALPER summer workshops](#).

The Center for Educational Resources in Culture, Language and Literacy (CERCLL) at the University of Arizona in Tucson is offering workshops in June.

Click here for more information about [CERCLL summer workshops](#).

French resources

On the Espace Francophone Louisiana website, you will find *French around the World*, *Immersion Schools*, *Info on France*, *Media/Cinema*, *All About Louisiana*, and *French as a Foreign Language*. There are links to French television and radio and a resources section that includes audio programs in French, virtual trips to New Orleans and Louisiana, and printable posters. This website welcomes submissions from other French programs around the country.

Click here to access the resources on the [Espace Franchophone Lousiana website](#).

A new and exclusive service of the Audiovisual Bureau is also available for any French teacher in United States.

Click here to preview [program descriptions and video excerpts](#). Once you've chosen the series you wish to download, subscribe to this service by emailing:

media@espacefrancophone.org

Once you subscribe, you will be able to download the entire series, not just a

short sequence. You will be able to download the study guides of each series on this page. After downloading the programs, you may duplicate them onto CD-ROMs, DVDs, or cassettes, or copy them to your school's computer lab server.

Most Commonly Spoken Languages

The Modern Language Association (MLA) has data from the 2005 American Community Survey about the thirty languages most commonly spoken in the United States. You can see results for the entire US or broken down by region, division, or state for 2005.

Click here to see the [most commonly spoken languages](#).

NNELL NOTE: The MLA's current Vice-President is Dr. Catherine Porter, former Professor of French at SUNY Cortland and Cornell University in New York State. Dr. Porter is known as one of the foremost French-English translators, worldwide. Dr. Porter is the mentor and advisor of current NNELL President Terry Caccavale and has recently become a member of NNELL. Welcome, Dr. Porter!

Online Teaching Guides

The National Capitol Language Resource Center (NCLRC) offers online teaching guides for teaching learning strategies. These include the following:

Sailing the 5 Cs with Learning Strategies

Developing Autonomy in Language Learners

Elementary Immersion Learning Strategies Guide

Click here to access the [NCLRC's online teaching guides](#).

Dual Immersion

The US Department of Education's website, the National Clearinghouse for English Language Acquisition and Language Instruction Education Programs has forty-four on-line articles available to read on dual-immersion education. There is a link to the Center for Applied Linguistic's directory of Two-Way Bilingual programs. There are also web links to educational resources on the topic.

Click here to learn more about [Dual-Immersion Education](#).

1000 NNELL members

To celebrate our 20th anniversary, NNELL wants to reach 1000 members. You can do your part with this goal by renewing your membership in July of 2008 and encouraging your colleagues and administrators to join this organization. Remember, with your membership you receive 2 issues of *Learning Languages*, 3 issues of E-NNELL notes and access to the Members Only portion of the NNELL website. Members who join NNELL this month will receive the Spring

edition of *Learning Languages*, and for a fee of \$2.00 additional, will receive the Fall 2007 edition as well.

Please encourage parents and PTA groups to become individual or institutional members of NNELL!

Click here to join [NNELL](#).

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