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April 30, 2004

"It is another's fault if he be ungrateful; but it is mine if I do not give." Seneca

Hello everyone,

International Days observed by the U.N.

- April 23 – World Book and Copyright Day
- May 3 – Sun Day
- May 3 – World Press Freedom Day
- May 15 – International Day of Families
- May 17 – World Telecommunication Day
- May 21 – World Day of Cultural Diversity
- May 22 – International Day for Biological Diversity
- May 25 – Africa Day
- May 29 – International Day of the U.N. Peacekeepers
- May 31 – World No-Tobacco Day

Enjoy!



The Arts

There are some new craft web sites that offer many ideas and how-to's. They offer step-by-step instructions as well as patterns and ideas. The web sites are designed by theme and are as follows;

- Paper Snowflakes for Everyone!
<http://www.papersnowflakes.com>
- Paper Valentines for Everyone!
<http://www.papervalentines.com>
- Scissorcraft
<http://www.scissorcraft.com>
- Paper Chrismons
<http://www.paperchrismons.com>

Rediscovering Dave Brubeck with Hedrick Smith

<http://www.pbs.org/brubeck/>

Dave Brubeck

<http://www.abbess.demon.co.uk/brubeck/>

Born in California in 1920, Dave Brubeck has been an icon of jazz music for over five decades, and shows few signs of slowing down as he continues to perform and compose. The first site for consideration here was designed to complement a television program produced for PBS that explored Brubeck's life and contributions to jazz throughout the second half of the twentieth century. The second site contains a rather impressive Brubeck discography, a mailing list for Brubeck fans to join, and photographs of Brubeck from his many concerts and live performances. The site also

features a photo gallery containing some of the fine album cover art featured on Brubeck recordings throughout the years.



English Language Arts

Children's Literature website is designed and created for librarians, teachers, and children's book aficionados who will find a wealth of free resources at the Children's Literature website, as well as information about the Children's Literature Comprehensive Database (CLCD), available by subscription only (visitors to the web site can sign up for a free trial of the database). One of the key features of the site is the Themed Reviews, that make it easy to get a list of best books on a subject. In this section, choose from almost 60 topics such as Remembering September 11th, 2001, Dinosaurs, Gardening, TV Turn Off Week, or Space Exploration. Most topics include a short introduction, for example, Flight and the Wright Brothers begins with a bit of biography on the Wrights. This is followed by short, signed reviews (reviewers' credentials are also provided), often with cover images, and age recommendations. There is biographical information about authors and illustrators (often links to publisher pages), as well as teaching guides and lesson plans, and events and upcoming conferences.

<http://www.childrenslit.com/>

Colosseum : A Gladiator's Story. Serving as the inspiration for countless other arenas of sport and battle over subsequent millennia, the Colosseum in Rome (finished in AD 80), continues to hold a great deal of interest for both scholars and the general public. Recently, the Discovery Channel teamed up with the BBC to create a special television program dedicated to this most august structure, along with a nice website that contains some useful features.

<http://dsc.discovery.com/convergence/colosseum/colosseum.html>

Etc, Etc, Etc...

We all know and agree with the value of a library and so does Teacher Planet. This week's theme is Librarian Resource Page. It offers great links to everything related to the library, using a library, research guides, etc.

<http://www.teacherplanet.com/resource/librarians.php>

McREL is an American nationally recognized, private, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving education for all through applied research, product development, and service. They offer a database of lesson ideas and lesson plans organized by subject (which include the Arts, Behavioral & Social Sciences, Civics, Economics, Foreign language, Geography, Health & PE, History, Language Arts, Math, Science and Technology).

<http://www.mcrel.org/lesson-plans/index.asp#>

The Knowledge loom is a place for educators worldwide to review research, view stories and practices, participate in on-line events but most importantly, using the Knowledge Loom will allow teachers to be part of an active online teaching and learning community.

This month in the Knowledge Loom, the focus is on the following topics:

- Adolescent Literacy in the Content Areas
- Choice-Based Art Education
- Culturally Responsive Teaching
- Early Literacy, a National Perspective
- Early Literacy in the Northeast
- Good Models of Teaching with Technology
- Middle-School Math
- Principal as Instructional Leader
- Professional Development
- Redesigning High Schools
- School, Family & Community Partnerships
- Technology Leadership

<http://knowledgeloom.org/index.jsp>

The Southern Regional Education Board (SRED), has worked to improve every aspect of education — from early childhood education to doctoral degrees and beyond. They offer math resources,

language arts resources, social studies resources, and science resources.

<http://www.evalutech.sreb.org/InstResources/index.asp>

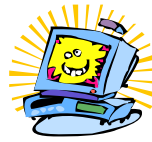
The American Montessori Consulting web site has their spring resources highlighted and ready for viewing.

<http://www.amonco.org/>

Ghosts of the Abyss, the Walt Disney DVD will soon be available. It is a joint film with Walt Disney Pictures and James Cameron. Joined by his personal friend Bill Paxton (TITANIC) and a team of the world's foremost history and marine experts, Cameron journeys back to the site of his greatest inspiration -- the legendary wreck of the Titanic. During the voyage, you will explore the entire ship, deck by deck, room by room, encountering mysteries that have remained hidden for almost a century. Revolutionary underwater robots were designed and built solely for the purpose of allowing the explorers to peer deep into the remains of the once great ship and bring those surreal and haunting images back to the surface. Disney studios has also made available a teacher resource kit in PDF format to go along with the film. <http://disney.go.com/disneyvideos/liveaction/ghosts/flash/index.html>

Religion Newswriters Association is an organization dedicated to providing support for journalists writing about various important stories dealing with a host of topics surrounding religion. The homepage itself contains a religion news headline update service, and a special features area that contains information about the role of religion in the 2004 elections and the subject of Catholics and political life. Persons interested in the world of religion reporting will want to look over the FAQ section which answers a number of important questions (with responses from top religion reporters), including "How do I find an expert on a particular religion or theological issue?."

<http://www.religionwriters.com/>



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Teacher Planet has a great unit on teaching PowerPoint to students. It's a 73 page PDF document including suggested times to instruct and practice various aspect of the software.

<http://www.standards.dfes.gov.uk/midbins/keystage3/TU8.3.PDF>



Mathematics

Developed by the Australian Broadcasting Corporation's Online division, this interactive site contains age-appropriate and visually-appealing games designed to help young people understand basic number concepts. There are fifteen games in total, all of which may be downloaded for use in the classroom or at home, at no charge. Some of the games include activities that allow students to design patterns using objects contained within a bookshelf or the ever-popular sheep counting game, where participants must move sheep from left to right until there are the same number of sheep in each paddock. Additionally, there is a section that explains the purpose of each game, and a help feature within each game that helps users become acclimated to the goal of each activity. The site is rounded out by a selection of teacher resources designed to complement each game on the site.

<http://www.abc.net.au/countusin/default.htm>





Science & Technology

Hubblesite offers a vast collection of information on and about the Hubble telescope.

<http://hubblesite.org/>

They also offer a really fun astronomy quiz.

<http://hubblesite.org/go/quiz/>

Robots and Us was created by the good people at the Science Museum of Minnesota. The Robots and Us website is an interactive and multi-sensory educational teaching tool that helps young people learn about the ways in which robots (and humans) move, think, and exist throughout the process of experiencing the world.

<http://www.robotsandus.org>



Social Studies

“As part of its Professional Development program, Historica sponsors two national Teachers' Institutes for teachers of Canadian history. School teachers from across Canada come together in one of two bilingual settings:

- for instructors of Grades 3 to 9
- for instructors of Grades 9 to 12

In cooperation with university and school experts, Historica offers an interactive forum. Each institute's aim is to provide teachers with opportunities to meet and share ideas and strategies for making history education more fun and interesting. The Teachers' Institutes are a seven-day learning program and are usually held at the beginning of July.

http://www.histori.ca/teachers/si_home.jsp

Maine Folklife Center. Located at the University of Maine, the Maine Folklife Center is committed to documenting and understanding the folklore, folklife, and history of Maine and Atlantic Canada. Along with its various scholarly activities, the

Center sponsors a number of festivals, lectures, and like-minded programs that encourage appreciation of the diverse cultural traditions within the region.

<http://www.umaine.edu/folklife/>



Pour les profs de français



Français

"La fête des mères est un prétexte, car on fête toute l'année sa maman ." [Jean Gastaldi]
Mais Le Coffre aux Trésors souligne tout de même la Fête des Mères. Bonne visite et bonne fête à toutes les mamans.

<http://www.csdm.qc.ca/recit-adapt-scol/coffre/maman/accueil.htm>

Ce site pour les enseignants en français langue seconde a été créé pour les profs du Québec par les profs du Québec.

<http://cf.geocities.com/francaislangueseconde/>



Univers Social

La Fondation Historica propose cet été deux programmes de formation pour enseignants qui se tiendront en juillet à Montréal. L'un s'adresse aux enseignants du primaire et l'autre, à ceux du secondaire et du collégial. Le thème pour les enseignants du primaire est « l'histoire à notre portée ». Les enseignants du secondaire et du collégial ne sont pas en reste, avec un programme spécialement axé sur la place de l'immigration et des communautés dans l'histoire canadienne.

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