



Community Unity

Educational Resources Committee

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Community Unity hopes you find these newsletters useful. All previous issues are available online at <http://communityunity.org/services.html> and an index is here: <http://communityunity.org/newsindex.html>. Your input and feedback are always welcome. If you would like to be part of the newsletter production, email marianallen@epowerc.net.

CHARACTER EDUCATION

It's never too early to combat bullying or to teach anger management, self-reliance, compassion, honesty, personal responsibility and other healthy values. Marsh Media provides multimedia personal development kits for grades K-4 which include: storybook, DVD or video, activity sheets to take home and worksheets for classroom lessons and projects.

<http://www.marshmedia.com>

MULTICULTURAL TOURISM IN KENTUCKY AND SOUTHERN INDIANA

Kentucky's Department of Tourism has prepared a free 40-page Multicultural Tourism Guide reflecting attractions associated with African Americans, American Indians, Latinos, Asian Americans, Shakers and Amish. Also included are mini-essays about individuals. Copies are available at all Kentucky Welcome Centers or online at <http://www.kentuckytourism.com>.

Madison, Indiana, played an active part in the Underground Railroad--in the Georgetown district of Madison, 70 percent of the buildings are tied to the network that helped enslaved people reach freedom. Free blacks and sympathetic whites risked their lives in the cause of liberty. The Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati displays records and artifacts from Madison in its outstanding facility. Student activities and teacher resources on the Underground Railroad and the importance of cultural diversity are available at: <http://www.freedomcenter.org/learn/educator-resources/index.html>

Here's another way to experience the Underground Railroad: The Underground Railroad Bicycle Route runs from Mobile, Alabama, through Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York, all the way to Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada. The Adventure Cycling Association and the Center for Minority Health at the University of Pittsburgh established the route, which passes through Louisville. Maps provide historical context. For more information, see: <http://adv-cycling.org>.

I'VE GOT A HOME IN GLORY LAND

by Karolyn Smardz Frost

Frost is the director of the Ontario Historical Society. In this book, she traces the journey of Thornton Blackburn and his wife Lucie from Kentucky to Canada. Blackburn was bought in Maysville, Kentucky when he was 14. He and Lucie met in Louisville around 1830. In 1831, the couple ran to freedom, settling in Toronto, Canada. There, Blackburn established Toronto's first taxi business. The book is available at the Harrison County Public Library.

Another Person's Shoes

In Anderson, Indiana, middle school students got a living history lesson on segregation and discrimination. They randomly drew black or white stickers as they came into school. They then divided an hour between five scenarios recreating segregation, such as being required to drink from separate fountains, being assigned seating based on the color of their stickers and being denied voting access. Students discussed the experience on subsequent days.

Museum Deals With More Than Just the Past

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum does deal with the events that have come to be known as "The Holocaust", but it goes beyond the past. It addresses current genocides and uses the past as a way to press for solutions and for prevention of future tragedies. Although much of the museum's web site will be too strong for young students, it's a valuable resource for teachers and young adults, with free material for printing or download. The site features online exhibitions, including "Music of the Holocaust" and "The Diary of Anne Frank" and also has a well-organized Learning Site for Students:

<http://www.ushmm.org/outreach/nrule.htm>

GIFTS THAT GIVE TO THE GIVER

Just Creations

Our Newsletter compiler, Marian Allen, was excited to find "Just Creations: Louisville's International Crafts Marketplace" at 2722 Frankfort Avenue, across Bayly Avenue from Carmichael's Books. Just Creations is a Fair Trade outlet ensuring that low-income artisans are paid fair prices, that they work in safe and healthy conditions and in an environmentally friendly way. For more information on Just Creations and Fair Trade, see *<http://justcreations.org>*.

Kiva--Loans that Change Lives

In Bolivia, a woman might need \$1,000 to repair damage to her shoe store. In Kazakhstan, a man might need \$520 for new shelves for his grocery. Through Kiva, small donations are pooled to make interest-free loans to third-world businesses and families. This could make a great class project, tied in with economics, geography, social studies, world music or art. For more information, see *<http://www.kiva.org>*.

~Native American Pre-History at Falls of the Ohio State Park~

Project Archaeology: June 2008 (dates TBA), 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

This Bureau of Land Management program, presented by a local archaeologist, is designed to teach about archaeology in a manner respectful to Native American culture. Atlatl (spear-thrower) and other tool demonstrations and practice bring ancient ways to life. A Native American guest speaker relates how she feels about archaeological digs and explains traditional native culture as it exists today. Experience classroom activities from the "Project Archaeology" book. **Indiana educators - 6 CRUs through the Wilson Education Center** Participants can obtain a copy of "Intrigue of the Past" for \$10. Limit of 25 participants. **Register by calling Bett at 812-280-9970 ext. 405 or e-mail betenohan@dnr.in.gov**

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