

# LEARNING NEWSLETTER

VOLUME 2, ISSUE 11      NOVEMBER 2008

## EMERGENT LITERACY WORKSHOP HELD FOR REGIONAL STAFF

On October 15th, Emergent Literacy Coaching @ Your Library was held at the LaVale Branch of the Allegany County Library System for regional library staff, presented by consultants Elaine Czarnecki & Dr. Gilda Martinez. The workshop, sponsored by the Division of Library Development and Services (DLDS) and Western Maryland Regional Library, was one of the four iterations being held around the state this fall. The morning session familiarized participants with the most current research on how to help young children start school ready to learn to read, while the afternoon focused on coaching tools and techniques that support early literacy

programming. Participants also were introduced to the Emergent Literacy wiki, which features valuable resources on this topic and is accessible to all at:

<http://wiki.carr.org/traction>

Workshop Participants: Abigail Andrews (WCFL), Nini Beegan (DLDS), Naomi Butler (WMRL), Donna Chwalek (WCFL), Rachel Elliott (Garrett), Angie Garcia (WCFL), Debbie Hartman (ACLS), Joyce Joslin (Garrett), Linda Laye (WCFL), Sydney McCoy (Frederick), Lisa McKenney (ACLS), Marilyn Pontius (WCFL), Joni Reed (ACLS), Connie Savage, (Garrett), Liz Sell (ACLS), Stephanie Shauck (DLDS), Nancy Sudine (ACLS), Janet Vogel (Frederick), Marcella Whitmore (WCFL), and Connie Wilson (ACLS).

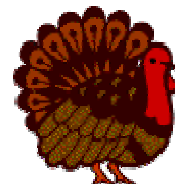


Over 20 library staff from Allegany, Frederick, Garrett, and Washington counties attended the all-day Emergent Literacy workshop, held at the LaVale Branch of the Allegany County Library System.



### INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

EMERGENT LITERACY WORKSHOP	1
DATABASE SPOTLIGHT	2
PUBLISHER CLIP ART TIP	2
CALENDAR	3
WHILBR FEATURED ON ABC	4



## DATABASE SPOTLIGHT:


**CREDO** *reference*
**WHAT IS CREDO REFERENCE  
AND WHY SHOULD I USE IT?**

Credo is a vast, online reference library, providing access to the full text of hundreds of highly regarded and popular titles. And Credo brings the facts alive with images, sound files, animations, videos and much more. Find speedy, simple answers and authoritative, in-depth articles.

Credo Reference contains dictionaries, bilingual dictionaries, thesauri, encyclopaedias, quotations and atlases, plus a wide range of subject-specific titles covering everything from accounting to zoology, via maps, math, management, martial arts, media studies, medicine, mountains, moons, music, multimedia, mythology.

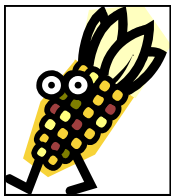
Credo uses the web to add another dimension to reference books. Not only does our powerful search look through your collection of books in seconds, but our unique network of cross-references connect relevant information across the whole library.

Whatever you need to find - facts, words, concepts, people, places or sayings - you'll find it in Credo. All cross-referenced, all reliable and all in one place.

**Art** - art history, architecture, design, fashion  
**Bilinguals** - general, business  
**Biography** - artists, politicians, writers  
**Business** - economics, finance, management  
**Dictionaries** - definitions, etymologies, synonyms  
**Encyclopedias** - facts, people, places  
**Food & Beverage** - cooking, ingredients, nutrition  
**Geography** - geology, human, physical  
**History** - classical, modern, renaissance  
**Language** - idioms, rhymes, usage  
**Law** - criminal, civil, commercial  
**Literature** - drama, fiction, poetry  
**Medicine** - health, conditions, therapies  
**Music** - classical, jazz, artists  
**Philosophy** - classical, continental, ideas  
**Psychology** - behavioral science, theories, handbooks  
**Quotations** - biographical, esoteric, popular  
**Religion** - history, quotations, atlas  
**Science** - physics, biology, chemistry  
**Social Sciences** - sociology, politics, education  
**Technology** - computing, telecoms, jargon

Access Credo Reference from your library's online databases page! Credo Reference is brought to your library system by Western Maryland Regional Library and is just one of the many new databases added to the collection of online resources this year.

---

**MICROSOFT PUBLISHER CLIP ART TIP**


Do you use Microsoft Publisher to create signs, flyers, newsletters, or other documents for your library? If so, do you ever use Publisher's clip art to make your documents more colorful and festive? If you can't find the clip art that you're looking for in Publisher, or if you just want to see what else is out there, you might want to check out the clip art on Microsoft Office



Online: <http://office.microsoft.com/en-us/clipart/default.aspx>

When you select to insert clip art into your document, you should see a link to search the Office Online. However, you can also just type in the address above to search the over 150,000 free images in the online clip art collection.

Just search for your clip art by keyword, for example, Thanksgiving, browse your results, add the images you want to your selection basket, and then download them. Your selected images will be placed in a folder in your 'My Pictures' called Microsoft Clip Organizer. Have fun!

# November Learning Opportunities



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3 Learning 2.1— Week 8*	4	5	6	7	8
9 	10 Learning 2.1— Week 9*	11 Veteran’s Day Staff Day— Garrett and Washington Counties	12 Learn How to Learn Online* 10—11 a.m.	13	14	15
16	17 Learning 2.1— Week 10*	18	19	20 <b>Art &amp; Fun of Photo Sharing*</b> 9:30—11 a.m. Fall SLRC Tour	21	22
23	24 <b>Art &amp; Fun of Photo Sharing*</b> 2—3:30 p.m. Learning 2.1— Week 11*	25	26	27	28 	29
30	<p>Please contact Jennifer Spriggs with any questions. Email: <a href="mailto:jspriggs@allconet.org">jspriggs@allconet.org</a> Phone: 301-777-1200</p> <p>The training calendar is available online at:  <a href="http://www.merlincommunity.org/?q=node/73">http://www.merlincommunity.org/?q=node/73</a></p> <p>* Indicates online course</p>					

100 South Potomac St.  
Hagerstown, MD 21740  
Phone: 301-739-3250

Web:

<http://www.westmdlib.info>



Western Maryland Regional Library is the regional resource center for Allegany, Garrett, and Washington county library systems. Since 1970, WMRL has enhanced the services of local libraries through:

- a delivery system tied to the rest of the state
  - staff training
  - back-up reference service
  - consulting services
- commercial electronic database subscriptions.

## WHILBR HIGHLIGHTED ON ABC WORLD NEWS!

In an ABC World News Webcast broadcast on October 13th, Charlie Gibson introduced a story focusing on Allegany County amateur historian Albert Feldstein and his collection of presidential campaign buttons.

The Western Maryland's Historical Library (WHILBR), [www.whilbr.org](http://www.whilbr.org) makes a large portion



of these buttons available to view online in one of the project's featured collections. During the ABC webcast, viewers are directed to go to the WHILBR web site to see the buttons.

Check it out!

ABC Webcast:

<http://abcnews.go.com/Video/playerIndex?id=6024724>

Featured Collection of Presidential Campaign Buttons on WHILBR:

<http://www.whilbr.org/PresidentialCampaignButtons/index.aspx>