

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

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National Networking Newsletter

Find out what is going on around the nation in early language learning by reading the latest issue of the NNELL Networking Newsletter. This resource is available in the member's only portion of the NNELL website and is one of the benefits of being a member of NNELL!

Click here to access the [NNELL website](#). Click on "membership" and log in to read the newsletter.

CAL Digests

Raising Bilingual Children: Common Parental Concerns and Current Research

"This digest helps heritage language classroom teachers, and other professionals who work with bilingual children and their parents, address common parental concerns about their children's language development and become familiar with the research on this topic."

This digest is now available in English or Spanish, click here to download the [English version](#) or [Spanish version](#) of "Raising Bilingual Children".

Integrated Content and Language Instruction

"This digest describes four key principles of practice found in

classrooms where content and language instruction are integrated effectively."

Click here to download a free copy of ["Integrated Content and Language Instruction"](#).

CAL is 50!

The Center of Applied Linguistics, CAL, is celebrating its 50th year through a theme of Reflection, Celebration, and Innovation. A website has been created to celebrate this anniversary. Included on the website you will find:

- the CAL story
- a conversation with Past Presidents
- calendar of events
- milestones of early work to latest accomplishments
- CAL50 flyer

Click here to learn more about [CAL's 50 years](#).

National FLES Institute of Texas*

The National FLES Institute of Texas is now in its fourteenth year, and has welcomed attendees from all over the country. The Institute started offering this workshop in 1995 with only (9) participants. It has grown to the point that it now averages between 35-40 teachers each year. The maximum number of attendees is 50. This year's session run from June 29 - July 3.

Click here for more information about the [National FLES Institute of Texas](#) or to download the application.

CIA World Fact Book

The World Fact Book is published by the Central Intelligence Agency and is now only available online. It features reference maps, flags of the world, and country profiles. The information is updated bi-weekly to reflect current geography, resources, and economies.

Click here to access the [CIA World Fact Book](#).

UCLA Language Materials Project

Funded by the U.S. Department of Education's International Education and Research program, the Language Materials Project (LMP) was created in 1992. This project focuses on teaching resources for less commonly taught languages. Within the LMP website, visitors can search for resources by language, type of material, the level and the audience. Also included on the website is a bulletin board, links, information about the LMP, and a K-12 Gateway which features lesson plans and lesson tools.

Click here to access the [UCLA Language Materials Project website](#).

Islamic Manuscripts from Mali

Islamic Manuscripts from Mali features 32 manuscripts from the Mamma Haidara Commemorative Library and the Library of Cheick Zayni Baye of Boujbeha, both in Timbuktu, Mali. The manuscripts presented online are displayed in their entirety.

The manuscripts are written in various styles of the Arabic script. There are special presentations of maps, photographs, and other information about the Mamma Haidara Commemorative Library. The Library of Congress will include additional manuscripts in the future as new digital images are received.

Click here to view the [Islamic Manuscripts](#).

Map of the Middle East

Test your knowledge of the Middle East with a new interactive map. Drag and drop the country name onto the correct country in the map. There is no time limit and no limit to the number of incorrect guesses. This challenge was created by *Rethinking Schools Online*.

Click here to access this interactive [Map of the Middle East](#).

*Link provided by Paula Patrick.

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