

The Learning Center Newsletter

City Club of Cleveland

As many of you are aware, the City Club of Cleveland offers wonderful opportunities for teachers interested in bringing students downtown to hear current event topics and speakers. Click [here](#) for more information.

Teaching Tolerance

Some of you may also be familiar with the initiative *Teaching Tolerance*. Founded by the Southern Poverty Law Center, Teaching Tolerance is "dedicated to reducing prejudice, improving intergroup relations and supporting equitable school experiences for our nation's children". With the presidential election coming up, Teaching Tolerance has put together some curriculum to help teachers called *Teach 2016*. Click [here](#) for access to several resources. Topics include immigration, religious freedom, prejudice and more.

What's new at INFOhio?

These resources are available for use in the Google Classroom:

Digital Video Collection: Contains >2,000 streaming educational videos for grades 3-12.

Explora: Thousands of articles in Explora 9-12.

World Book: Find articles from World Book Advanced to use in blended learning.

Science Online: Find articles, interactive science experiments, science videos, eLearning modules, diagrams and a search widget.

ISearch: Searches all INFOhio resources with one click.

Research4Success: Blended learning class that helps high school juniors and seniors develop high-level research skills.

Please see Vicki Eby in the LC for help with these and other INFOhio resources.

The City Club of Cleveland has announced the details of this year's annual [Free Speech Essay Contest](#). The writing prompt is found below. Coincidentally, the topic for the essay this year is related to the information shared in this space last month from TIME magazine.

"Social media platforms are no longer just a way to connect with friends, but are increasingly used as a way to share news and discuss current events. Platforms such as Facebook and Twitter have come under fire for failing to protect users from hate speech, while simultaneously facing backlash for failing to protect free speech. Given these contradictory perspectives and the increased prevalence of social media, how do social media platforms discern between what is free speech, what is hate speech, and what is bias on the part of platforms?"