Community. It’s one of those words that means something a little different to every person that describes it; but by every definition, community is essential to the human experience. Especially in a year fraught with social distancing and often isolation, community has never felt more important.

As a professional association, we’ve made community building an intentional goal with the recent introduction of the Reading Recovery Community Forum. This valuable addition to the membership experience connects our members to resources, professional development, and—most importantly—to each other.

Think of the Community Forum as a 24/7 virtual “teacher’s lounge,” where you can go to ask a question, share a funny anecdote, commiserate over a tough situation, or just chat with other members. Maybe you…

… are the only Reading Recovery person in your school and need advice. Add a new thread in the Member Forum.

… found a great handout you think other members would find useful. Share it in the library.

… want to connect with others who trained at your UTC. Browse for members in the directory.

… want to find ways to advocate for Reading Recovery. Search for Volunteer opportunities.

Plus, the Community Forum is exclusive to active members, creating a safe space of like-minded folks who know your lingo and value the impact Reading Recovery has on our learners and in our schools.

In the short time the Community Forum has been active, we’ve already been pleased with the conversation generated among our early adopters. Funny, insightful, important discussions are already happening. We can’t wait to see what you have to contribute! Look on the following page for easy steps to get started. ➔

During my time as executive director, I’ve noted the educators in our community as some of the best collaborators, generous with their resources, ideas, and opinions (in a good way)! It’s our hope that the Reading Recovery Community Forum will make it even easier to come together and fulfill our mission of constructing “collaborative partnerships to change the trajectory of literacy achievement.”
Now more than ever, virtual communities connect educators with essential knowledge and resources -- and with each other! The new Reading Recovery Community Forum will help you learn, engage, and connect with members from across North America.

5 TIPS TO GET STARTED

1. LOG IN: No need to register or set up an account. Simply click on the Community Forum link from www.readingrecovery.org home page and log in using your regular member password. You’re in! Click on your profile to add some personal details if you like, or just jump right in.

2. FIND COMMUNITIES: Click on My Communities to see a short list of communities to which you belong. Or click on All Communities to find a group aligned with your interests. Have an idea for a Community you’d like to start? Email community@readingrecovery.org with the details.

3. JOIN DISCUSSION THREADS: First, stop by the Welcome and Introductions thread to say hi. Then scroll through the other discussion threads or start your own! Ask questions, give feedback, share a story...we can’t wait to hear what you have to say!

4. USE THE DIRECTORY: Search for colleagues and other members by name or email address. Send an invitation to stay connected with new friends and the people in your network.

5. BROWSE AND SHARE: Use the Browse feature to search for threads of interest or to find uploaded resources from other members. Plus, upload your own files & resources to the library to make the Reading Recovery Community Forum a richer, more vibrant meeting place!

WELCOME! WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE PART OF OUR COMMUNITY!