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Follett Announces ‘Follett Community’ –Where Educators Are Talking, Connecting, Collaborating

Online, peer-to-peer professional development community growing in popularity

McHENRY, Ill., Nov. 10, 2015 – When K-12 educators have questions, more and more are turning to [Follett Community](#) for answers. An online gathering place where teachers, administrators and librarians can share knowledge and engage in discussions on a wide range of topics, Follett Community provides members a space to share ideas, solutions, and collaborate with other K-12 learning professionals.

According to Lora Cain, Follett Community manager, members stay on top of the latest education discussions and topics of interest with convenient email notification options set to their own personal preferences.

“You can recommend resources, share your latest project, ask a question, research solutions, or discuss the latest innovations in technology,” Cain said. “Follett Community uses groups to organize discussions and news into commonly accessed topics, and we’ve made it easy to browse all discussions that have happened for a specific topic.”

In addition, Follett Community members can get quick answers on how to get the most of [Follett](#) products and services, such as Destiny, Aspen, Follett Shelf, and Titlewave, plus customer service updates. The new web-based Community replaces the Follett-Talk listserv, giving educators an enhanced, searchable platform to talk about Follett’s market-leading products.

The growing Follett Community includes K-12 educators and school/district administrators who hail from around the globe and serve as education moderators, including:

- Ann Fondren, Spotsylvania (Va.) Public Schools;
- John Parker, Cherokee County Schools (Asheville, N.C.);
- Amy Ransom, Henrico County (Va.) Public Schools; and
- Stuart Crouch, International School of Düsseldorf, Germany.

In addition, Larry Gilbert – a Follett consultant better known as the “Destiny Doctor” – offers his expertise on anything related to the company’s market-leading Destiny Library Manager.

“Follett Community is a great way to utilize the expertise of colleagues from all over the world, and stay connected,” Fondren said. “It’s also helpful when Follett experts jump in to help and answer questions.”

Follett Community is conveniently organized into six groups: Follett Print and Digital Content, Technology, Lead My District, Manage My School, Enrich My Classroom and Enhance My Library. In addition, the Community will be hosting professional development webinars. Upcoming topics being led by noted educators include “Everybody Code: Teaching and Learning an Essential 21st Century Skill” (Shannon McClintock Miller on Dec. 8), “Ditching Dewey” (Tiffany Whitehead), “Improving Communication with Parents and Students with Aspen” (Hank Thiele), and “Librarians as Change Agents: The Expertise is Right Here” (Mark Ray). Topics planned for other webinars include gamification, makerspaces and project-based learning.

“Whether members are looking to discover valuable resources, ideas to spark creativity, or start a discussion, we love that people are collectively talking, empowering, and inspiring,” Cain said. “Follett Community is like taking a virtual coffee break with your colleagues. Members tell us Follett Community is time well spent.”

Membership is free and open to all educators.

For more information, visit www.FollettCommunity.com.

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