

# Join the TCLC Community Forums

A new feature on the TCLC website are community forums. Currently, there are three forums (General Discussion, Question and Issue Support, and Job Opportunities) with three interest group forums (Circulation, eLearning, and Research and Instruction), but more can be created as additional topics and areas of interest develop within the TCLC community.

Forums are an easy-to-reference, taggable, and searchable method of group discussion that allows for broader participation in discussions as they are not restricted to pre-established group emails contained within your email inbox.

One nice feature is that you can connect your forum subscription to your email inbox so that you receive notifications of new replies and topics to the email address you use to subscribe. The email message will have links to quickly connect you to the topic or response.

## Forums Features Highlights:

- Subscribe and connect to your email inbox
- Create tags for better searching and grouping
- Searchable for easier reference
- Allows for broader participation than pre-established group emails
- Sharable links to share information and expand the discussion

## FIRST STEP: REGISTER WITH TCLC WEBSITE

As a protection against spammers and misuse, forum participants will need to register and create an account with the TCLC website. This will also be helpful with other features of the site, including event registration.

The log-in area is found at the bottom of your screen in the webpage footer. Use the **REGISTER** link to create your account.

The screenshot shows the footer of the TCLC website. On the left, there is a 'FORUM LOG-IN' section with fields for 'Username:' and 'Password:', a 'Keep me signed' checkbox, a 'Register' button (highlighted with a yellow box), a 'Log In' button, and a 'Lost Password' link. In the center, there is a 'CONTACT US' section with the following information: 'TCLC', 'c/o Rosemont College Library', '1400 Montgomery Avenue', 'Rosemont, PA 19010', phone number '610.525.7096', and email 'tclc@rosemont.edu'. On the right, there is a 'TRI-STATE COLLEGE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE' section with links for 'Open Position at Rowan University', 'Open Position at DTCC', and 'Remember, Remember to Register'. Next to it is an image of a building under the heading 'OUR HOST COLLEGE'. On the far right, there is an 'EVENTS CALEN' section showing a calendar for December 20th.

The register link will take you to the Word Press registration page where you create your own username and password.

Register For This Site

Username  
instructional

Email  
tclc@rosemont.edu

Registration confirmation will be emailed to you.

Register

Log in | Lost your password?

— Go to Tri-State College Library Cooperative

Once you have completed the registration process, you are ready to go to the forums to connect with colleagues and have meaningful discussions!

## SECOND STEP: VIEW AND SEARCH

You can find the Community forums on TLC's **HOMEPAGE** or from the **MEMBERSHIP** drop down menu.

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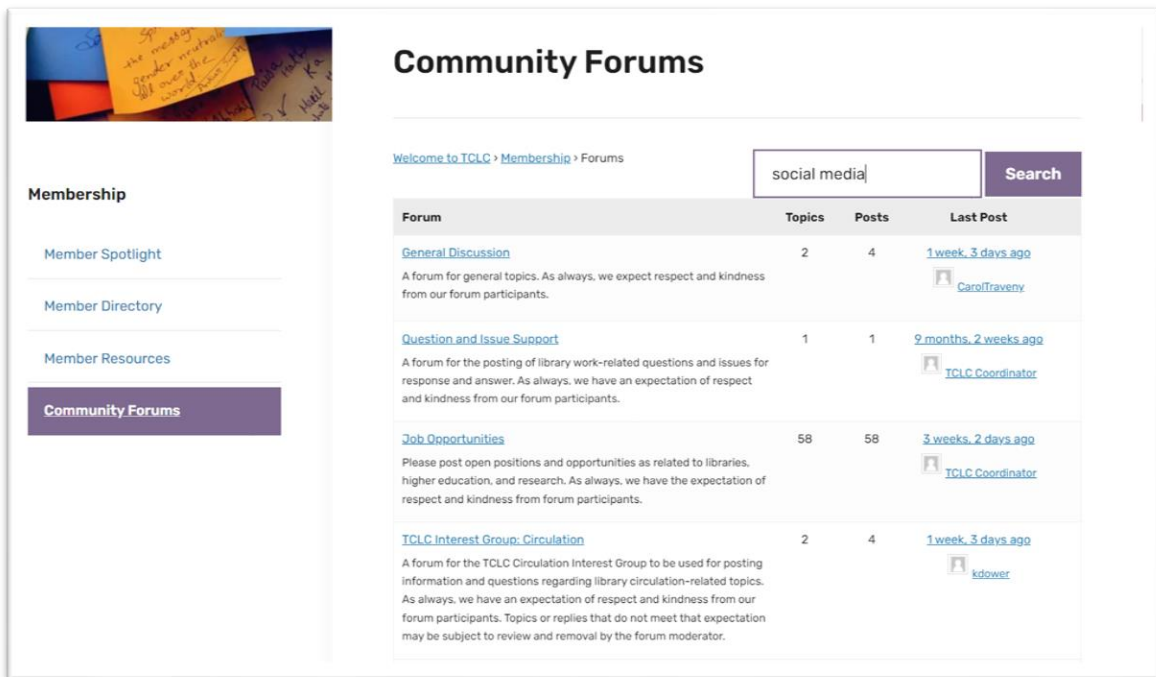
**INTEREST GROUPS**

Organized discussion groups centered around areas of professional specialization and topics of interest for the development of collaborative learning, peer support, exposure to the latest library trends, mentorship, and skill development.

**COMMUNITY FORUMS**

These are forums related to librarianship and academic research for the exchange of ideas, information and resource sharing, mutual support and encouragement.

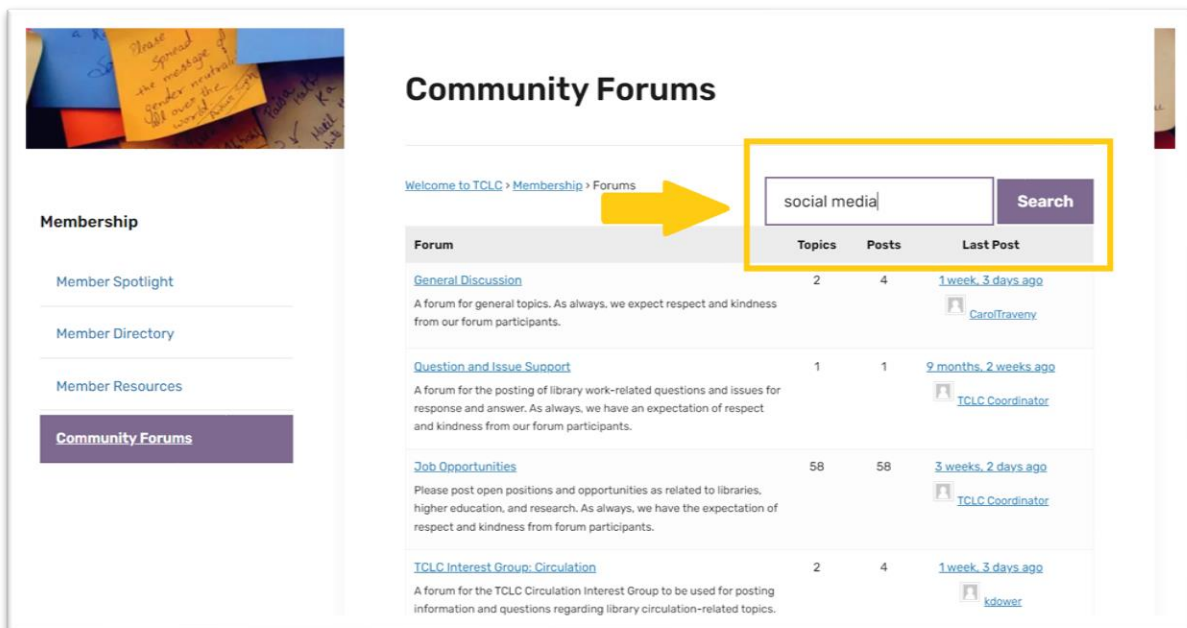
Once on the TCLC forum page, you can click into the relevant forum for your topic post or read through other forums and topic threads.



The screenshot shows the 'Community Forums' page. On the left is a 'Membership' sidebar with links to Member Spotlight, Member Directory, Member Resources, and Community Forums. The main content area features a search bar with 'social media' entered and a 'Search' button. Below the search bar is a table of forum categories with columns for Forum, Topics, Posts, and Last Post.

Forum	Topics	Posts	Last Post
<a href="#">General Discussion</a> A forum for general topics. As always, we expect respect and kindness from our forum participants.	2	4	1 week, 3 days ago <a href="#">CarolTraveny</a>
<a href="#">Question and Issue Support</a> A forum for the posting of library work-related questions and issues for response and answer. As always, we have an expectation of respect and kindness from our forum participants.	1	1	9 months, 2 weeks ago <a href="#">TCLC Coordinator</a>
<a href="#">Job Opportunities</a> Please post open positions and opportunities as related to libraries, higher education, and research. As always, we have the expectation of respect and kindness from forum participants.	58	58	3 weeks, 2 days ago <a href="#">TCLC Coordinator</a>
<a href="#">TCLC Interest Group: Circulation</a> A forum for the TCLC Circulation Interest Group to be used for posting information and questions regarding library circulation-related topics. As always, we have an expectation of respect and kindness from our forum participants. Topics or replies that do not meet that expectation may be subject to review and removal by the forum moderator.	2	4	1 week, 3 days ago <a href="#">kdower</a>

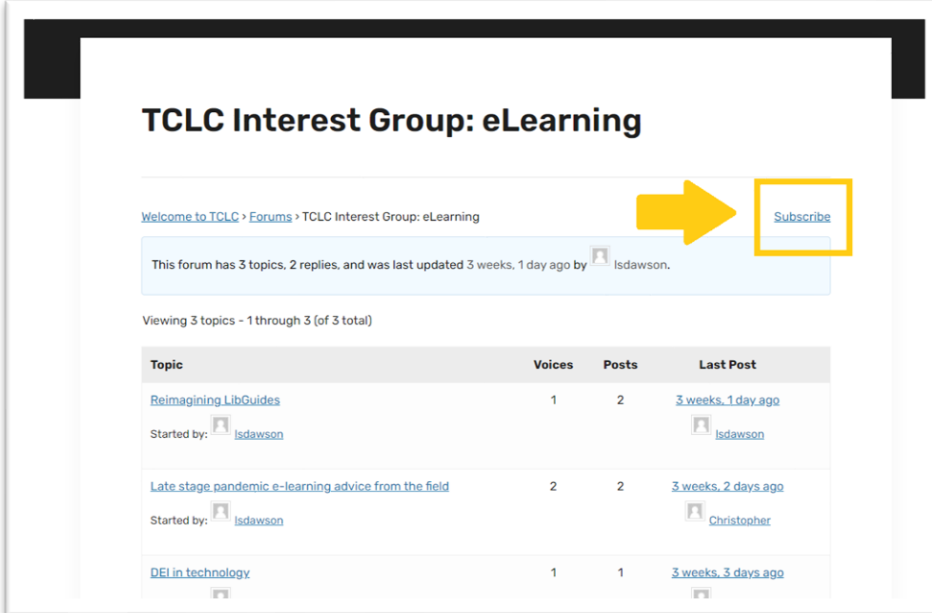
You can also use the **SEARCH** bar from the Forums page to look for specific keywords or phrases.



This screenshot is identical to the one above, but with a yellow rectangular box highlighting the search bar and 'Search' button. A yellow arrow points from the left towards the search bar, indicating its location and use.

### THIRD STEP: SUBSCRIBE

Subscribing to a forum or topic will allow you to receive **NOTIFICATION EMAILS** in your inbox (using the address used to register with the site) when there are new actions within the forum or topics to which you subscribed. There will be links within the notification messages to quickly connect you to the topic or response.



**TCLC Interest Group: eLearning**

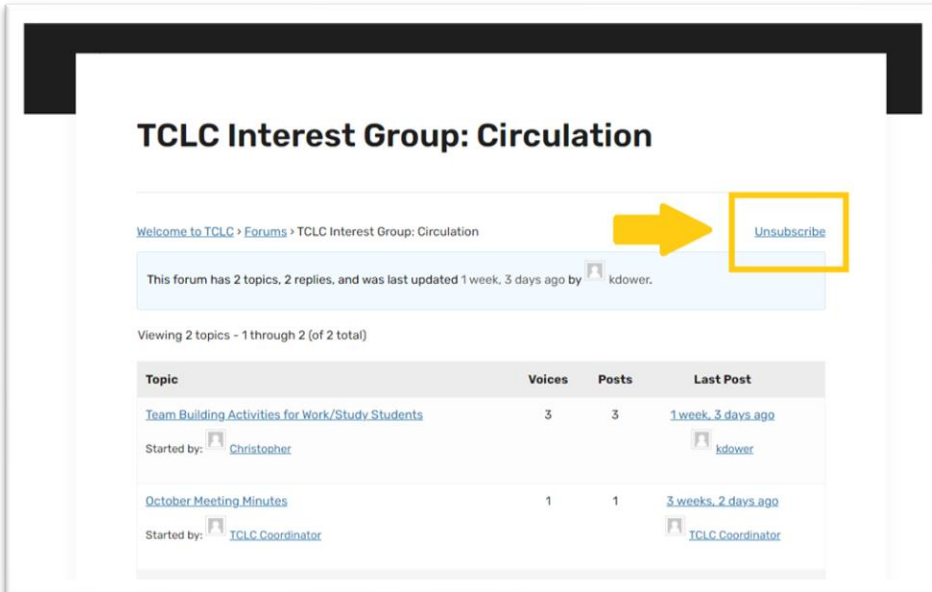
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This forum has 3 topics, 2 replies, and was last updated 3 weeks, 1 day ago by [Isdawson](#).

Viewing 3 topics - 1 through 3 (of 3 total)

Topic	Voices	Posts	Last Post
<a href="#">Reimagining LibGuides</a> Started by: <a href="#">Isdawson</a>	1	2	<a href="#">3 weeks, 1 day ago</a> <a href="#">Isdawson</a>
<a href="#">Late stage pandemic e-learning advice from the field</a> Started by: <a href="#">Isdawson</a>	2	2	<a href="#">3 weeks, 2 days ago</a> <a href="#">Christopher</a>
<a href="#">DEI in technology</a>	1	1	<a href="#">3 weeks, 3 days ago</a>

You may also **UNSUBSCRIBE** at any time, using the Unsubscribe button in the same top right corner.



**TCLC Interest Group: Circulation**

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This forum has 2 topics, 2 replies, and was last updated 1 week, 3 days ago by [kdower](#).

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Topic	Voices	Posts	Last Post
<a href="#">Team Building Activities for Work/Study Students</a> Started by: <a href="#">Christopher</a>	3	3	<a href="#">1 week, 3 days ago</a> <a href="#">kdower</a>
<a href="#">October Meeting Minutes</a> Started by: <a href="#">TCLC Coordinator</a>	1	1	<a href="#">3 weeks, 2 days ago</a> <a href="#">TCLC Coordinator</a>

Any questions or troubleshooting issues can be directed to the TCLC Coordinator, [tlc@rosemont.edu](mailto:tlc@rosemont.edu)