

ASPIRATIONS TO ACTIONS MOMENTS



Teachable Moments

As the very first **Stepping Forward** book circles started to meet this week, we're all honing our new PollEverywhere skills. The links to each week's PollEverywhere question are listed both in the instruction sheet that came in the leader toolkit email and on your attendance sheet.

If you haven't started meeting yet or didn't feel comfortable your first time using PollEverywhere, here are two suggested methods to respond to the questions:

1. **Elect a dedicated responder.** Have one circle member with the link open on their phone or tablet who enters responses from the group as you discuss the question.
2. **Share the link!** Before your book circle meeting, send out the corresponding question link so everyone is ready to respond at the meeting.

As you continue to meet and experiment, let us know if you discover another way that is working great for your group!

Every circle contributes their answers through the same link so that we can see commonalities as they emerge across the four-county region.

Below is the word cloud just beginning to emerge with responses from our first week of book circle meetings.

Using 1 word answers, describe the qualities that make you, you.



Shareable Moments From the Manatee Angels Book Circle



Our largest registered book circle with 31 participants shared a little about their first meeting experience:

"We got to know each other with the PollEverywhere question and then broke into groups of 2 or 3 to discuss the question of the day, drawing back together to talk about our answers. It was so interesting to see how many different perspectives came out of one simple phrase: What does Here I am mean to you?"

Many felt it was showing accountability, meeting a need, a healthy perspective to serve others. Others found it uncomfortable — opening oneself up to criticism and judgments, and others felt it was a cry for help — I am not invisible, don't forget about me...

A wonderful evening of discussion and much excitement to meet again on Monday the 11th!"

Continue the Conversation

A2A Moments is a weekly sharing out of photos, moments of possibilities and sharing from the feedback and stories our book circles share with The Patterson Foundation.

Don't forget to send in your "tidbits" to hsaegerkarnei@thepattersonfoundation.org to be featured in an upcoming A2A Moments!



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