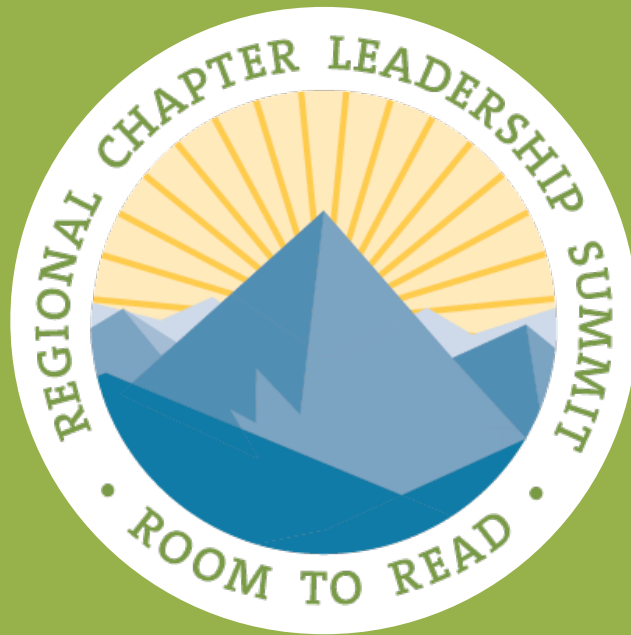


# How to Make the Most of a Summit



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Before the Summit kicks-off, it's important to go over a few starter suggestions so you can get the most of your Summit experience and feel a sense of community with your Summit team.

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## Self-Reflection

Before everyone dives into the Summit content, it's helpful to take a moment for yourself and consider what you would like to get out of the Summit. What are three things you'd like to discuss at the Summit and walk away with? Do you have any expectations for what the Summit may be like, or any hopes for the experience? Take a note of what your intentions are going into the Summit and desired content to cover as a team. This will lay the groundwork for your approach in selecting or designing Summit workshops and perspective on material.

## Take Notes and Share Photos

Documentation is not only helpful for you as a participant to record the observations, learnings and key-takeaways to remember and share with your chapter, but it's also helpful for the Room to Read chapters team!

The chapters team suggests taking notes throughout the Summit — from ideas during workshop to little nuggets of wisdom that are shared during Summit meals or walks together. The notes you take during the Summit will help you to recall these insights once you've returned to your own community.

It's also suggested to take photos! Snap pictures of each other, the Summit setting, notes or drawings that you make, even meals, walks or funny faces. These photos will not only bring a smile to you once the Summit is over, but will help to jog your memory on what you learned and enjoyed during the Summit.

The Room to Read chapters team also wants to share Summit photos on our Room to Read social media platforms. Use the hashtag **#RtRChapters** on Instagram (scroll down to the bottom section of the [Chapter Hub](#) for more and check if your account is public so we can view the post – or email photos and captions to the chapters team directly at [chapters@roomtoread.org](mailto:chapters@roomtoread.org)).

## Support Each Other

The Summit model is rooted in team engagement and cross-collaboration, meaning that success rests in chapter leaders sharing their experiences. It's important that every chapter leader feels appreciated, heard and valued for their time, energy and work within this chapter community. To do that, we've outlined some notes on how to best support each other during the Summit:

- Listen to each other thoughtfully. We each have something to gain from one another, our unique experiences and our collective connections.
- Give space & time for the questions that arise for you and your market, as well as for the chapter leaders that bring their own perspectives and questions. As we allow each other to think critically and thoughtfully about our own experiences, we allow each other to be curious, ask vulnerable questions and act courageously.
- Share your experiences and perspective — What has worked for you and your chapter? What hasn't? The more you share as a Summit team, the more content and material you'll have to brainstorm and think critically about future possibilities.

It's also important to note that as much as the workshops are valuable in providing content to engage and collaborate with, the time spent doing other activities during the Summit (going for a walk in between workshop sessions, eating meals together, sharing stories about families and friends) is just as important! The Summit provides an opportunity to connect with one another and share stories about your life — outside of your chapter leader role. It's encouraged to utilize every moment together to learn with and from each other.

## Chapter Introductions

For many of you, this is the first time you're meeting the chapter leaders within your region — how exciting to meet passionate people from other cities working to change the world through education!

### ACTIVITY

Now, time to break the ice. Go around the room and introduce yourself! Share your name, chapter, chapter leadership position and a fun fact about yourself. A few ice breaker ideas

are below.

- **Question game:** If you were granted a superpower, what would it be and why? If you could go anywhere in the world tomorrow, where would it be and why? Pick 1-3 questions and have everyone ask the person sitting to their left these questions. After everyone shares with their partner, ask participants to share their responses with the group — be creative! Or, if the group is small, just take turns answering.
- **Speed Dating Icebreaker:** Look to your right, that is the person you will be speed dating with for the next three minutes. Set a timer and spend the next 15 minutes connecting with 5 people total to hear more about them and their journey to Room to Read.
- **Draw a Hand and Compete:** Have you seen [this hand video](#)? It's so hard to draw a hand that perfectly! Watch the video and everyone spend 5 minutes drawing the hand. Have everyone select your favorite hand drawing and choose one winner. The winner receives the greatest prize of all — knowing that they are THE Summit hand-drawing-winner (and this [cute medal](#)).