

The Reading2Connect® Library Program Serving Older Adults Living with Dementia

Based on the experience and feedback of libraries across the country, this innovative program delivers a collection of age/dementia friendly books and employee training.

Reading2Connect® brings older adults living with dementia, their hired care partners, and their families into your library. Reading2Connect® also expands libraries' outreach and relationships with long-term care communities, senior centers, area agencies on aging, adult day centers, and home care companies.

Our age-appropriate accessible books, with highly readable text and abundant illustrations, enable older adult patrons to enjoy the library experience as they have in the past, both inside and outside of the library. The Reading2Connect® Program puts lifelong readers living with memory challenges at ease and nurtures social relationships as they partake in a very familiar activity, interacting with adapted books that retain the integrity of adult literature.

The Reading2Connect® books are available in multiple languages and are printed on tear-resistant, washable paper for durability and infection control. Our program includes eBooks to be enjoyed on a screen, as well as Video Books, in partnership with Sociavi (www.sociavi.com). Each Video Book shows an eBook on a screen while a narrator reads the book aloud. Our video books are enjoyed by individuals living with low vision, as well as individuals who appreciate seeing and hearing a book at the same time.

The content of our books varies widely from high interest topics (e.g., pets, sports) to culturally specific topics (e.g., Civil Rights, the Korean War). Reading2Connect® help aging adults remember, express themselves, and connect with others. Books bring all voices to the table.

In our library training, we discuss:

- The reading challenges unique to older adults
- Compensations for those difficulties
- Benefits of reading for older adults
- Serving this population in your library
- Serving this population outside of your library

The Reading2Connect® Library Program fee is \$2,250 and Includes:

- A Two-Hour Live, Online Training Session
- 20 Single Copy Books
- 24 Group Books (six sets of four)
- 10 eBooks and 10 Video Books
- Four Book Stands and a Reading Screen
- An Educational Handout for Patrons
- Access to the "Reading2Connect® Online Community"



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