

Revolutionizing the Way People Living with Dementia Engage with Literature and Each Other

Drawing on a decade of nationwide experience, **this award-winning initiative** is designed for community organizations serving older adults such as Adult Day Services, Senior Centers, Memory Cafés, and AAAs. The Reading2Connect® Program offers:

- A large collection of age/dementia friendly books
- Employee training based on “Montessori for Aging and Dementia” principles
- Supporting materials

The Reading2Connect® Books -- designed to respect the adult dignity of the reader.

- Adapted, highly readable text and abundant illustrations.
- Retaining the integrity of adult literature.
- Physical books and eBooks.
- Physical books printed on tear-resistant, washable paper for durability & infection control.
- Available in several languages.
- High interest topics (e.g., pets, travel, sports).
- Cultural topics (e.g., civil rights, the Korean War, the Jewish experience, gay rights).

Books are a gentle, affirming way to honor varied life experiences and identities.

The Reading2Connect® Training -- employees and volunteers learn to:

- Compensate for the reading challenges unique to older adults.
- Apply Montessori principles to enable authentic peer socialization in self-directed Reading2Connect® groups.
- Use Reading2Connect® in your community in many exciting, practical ways!

NOTE: Your community retains **unlimited, future access to the Reading2Connect® Training**, ensuring that Reading2Connect® remains alive and flourishing even in the event of staff turnover.

The Reading2Connect® Community Program fee is \$2,000 and includes:

- One-hour online training with unlimited access
- 40 hardcopy books (10 sets of 4)
- 10 eBooks
- 12 book stands
- one voice amplifier
- one hardcopy User Manual
- Reading2Connect® Certification
- No shipping costs. No subscription fee.



****Contact us to discuss ways to increase affordability.**

Reading2Connect® not only enriches the lives of older adults by supporting expression and friendships with peers but also offers a sustainable, dynamic program for communities looking to enhance how they celebrate older adults.