

## The Reading2Connect® Community-Based Program Enhancing Social-Emotional Wellbeing with Age/Dementia Friendly Books

Based on over 10 years of experience across the country, this innovative program delivers

- Montessori-based, dementia communication training for employees/volunteers
- A large collection of age/dementia friendly books
- Supporting materials

Our age-appropriate, ability-appropriate books, with highly readable text and abundant illustrations, enable older adults to enjoy the reading experience as they have in the past. The Reading2Connect® Program puts lifelong readers living with memory challenges at ease and builds their self-esteem as they partake in a very familiar activity, interacting with books that are adapted for them, yet retain the integrity of adult literature.

The Reading2Connect® books come in print, they come as eBooks, and they are available in several languages. The physical books are printed on tear-resistant, washable paper for durability and infection control. Our books help aging adults continue to learn, remember, express themselves, and, best of all, authentically connect with others.

The content of our books varies widely from high interest topics (e.g., pets, travel, sports) to culturally specific topics (e.g., civil rights, the Korean War, the Jewish experience, gay rights). Books are a gentle, affirming way to acknowledge varied life experiences and identities. Books bring all voices to the table.

### In our unlimited access Employee/Volunteer Training, we discuss:

- The reading challenges unique to older adults
- Text and environmental adaptations to compensate for those difficulties
- Applying Montessori principles to increase member independence and foster authentic peer socialization
- The cognitive, social, and emotional benefits of reading for older adults
- The many practical ways to implement Reading2Connect® in the community

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

- One-Hour Online Recorded Training Session
- 48 Group Books (12 sets of 4)
- 10 eBooks
- 12 Book Stands and One Voice Amplifier
- A Reading Screen
- Reading2Connect® Certification
- No shipping costs. No subscription fee.

**\*\*NOTE: Unlimited access to our training for future hires & volunteers ensures that the far-reaching positive impacts of Reading2Connect® remain alive and flourishing even with staff turnover.\*\***

