

ABOS Conference 2016: Serving Patrons with Dementia Resources & Information

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- Alzheimer's Association <http://www.alz.org/>
- Alzheimer's and Related Dementias Interest Group (IGARD):
This interest group focuses on creating, disseminating and implementing guidelines for library services to people with Alzheimer's and related dementias. <http://www.ala.org/ascla/interestgroups/igard>
- Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA)
In particular, check out their article on music:
<https://www.alzfdn.org/EducationandCare/musictherapy.html>
- The International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA):
IFLA has already established guidelines and can readily be adapted for use in the USA.
<http://www.ifla.org/publications/ifla-professional-reports-104>
- National Institute on Aging (NIH)
<https://www.nia.nih.gov/alzheimers>
- National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM)
<https://nnlm.gov/>
- US Department of Health & Human Services: Alzheimer's
<https://alzheimers.acl.gov/index.html>
- Many states have organizations dedicated to Alzheimer's or Dementia related illness services through education and advocacy. Here are a few:
 - Illinois: CareSmart Illinois - <http://www.caresmart.org/>
 - Connecticut: Reading2Connect that is promoting the value of books and reading for people living with Alzheimer's and other dementias - <http://www.reading2connect.com/>
 - Wisconsin: Alzheimer's & Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin - <http://www.alzwisc.org/>

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- Government agencies
- State universities, many have Alzheimer's research/centers
- Local memory care facilities (stations, programs, caregiver groups)
- Library groups (including outreach services, adult programming, or reference),
ie: Serving Patrons with Dementia Group (RAILS Group): Networking to discuss programs and services libraries offer to people with dementia and Alzheimer's disease.
<https://www.railslibraries.info/community/groups/serving-patrons-dementia-group>
- Tales & Travel: Designed by retired academic librarian Mary Beth Riedner and Gail Borden Public Library District staff and volunteers, the series is offered monthly to diagnosed people at local memory care facilities. Developed in compliance with the IFLA Guidelines for Library Services to Persons with Dementia, each one-hour program uses the theme of an imaginary excursion to a destination around the globe. <http://gslis.dom.edu/about/tales-and-travel-memories>
- The Original Bi-Folkal Kits, 1976-2016. <http://www.bifolkal.org/>
- Fold-N-Stow Bookholder from Barnes and Noble:
<http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/fold-n-stow-bookholder-with-storage-pouch-mighty-bright/1120017844>
- Memorable Pets is a website dedicated to educating and supporting those with Alzheimer's. (Order direct. Also available on Amazon.)
<http://memorablepets.com/pages/about-us>
- Therapy Dog Organizations: <http://www.akc.org/events/title-recognition-program/therapy/organizations/>
- In Illinois, Rainbow Therapy Dogs: <http://www.rainbowaat.org/about.html>