



# LIBRARY MEMORY PROJECT'S SYMPOSIUM

A DAY OF NETWORKING, LEARNING, AND GROWTH

Held at Aurora Summit - Draper Hall  
36500 Aurora Dr Summit  
December 10th from 9AM to 4PM



## 9:00am Refreshments & Networking

## 9:30am Dementia Education and Communication Strategies

During this session, we will review the most common types of dementia and discuss notable symptoms, effective approaches, and communication strategies. *Presented by Jennifer Harders, Dementia Care Specialist, ADRC of Waukesha County & Tonya Runyard, Dementia Care Specialist, ADRC of Jefferson County.*

## 10:30am Break

## 10:45am Sensory Support for Dementia: Tools and Environments for Engagement

Explore the sensory aspects of dementia and memory loss, and learn how sensory tools- such as fidgets and mats- and thoughtfully designed environments can enhance engagement and comfort in memory care activities. *Presented by Lexee Torchia, OTD, a graduate from Marquette University with a doctorate in Occupational Therapy with an emphasis on neuroscience. Through her company InfiniteOT LLC, Lexee promotes accessibility, inclusion, and safe spaces for individuals with dementia and other disabilities.*

## 11:30am Library Memory Project: Celebrating 10 Years

Learn how the Library Memory Project got started, celebrate some of its biggest wins, and see what's next on the horizon. *Presented by Angela Meyers, Bridges Library System*

## 12:00pm Lunch

Enjoy a boxed lunch provided by Jimmy Johns

## 1:00pm Memory Café Marketing Workshop

Work together during this guided workshop to strategize and outline your 2025 promotions plan. *Presented by Emily Heller, Bridges Library System.*

## 1:45pm What Do I Do Now?: Problem Solving Scenarios

What happens when a presenter no shows? An attendee needs a calming moment away from the group, what do you do? The activity is done and you still have time left, what now? In this problem-solving session, Project groups will get together and tackle scenarios that may pop up when hosting a café. *Facilitated by Amy Christian, Dwight Foster Public Library, & Jess Hurtgen, Delafield Public Library.*

## 2:30pm Let's Eat Snow

Decorate snowflake cut out cookies with frosting and a variety of toppings. Enjoy now or take them home to savor later.

## 3:00pm TimeSlips Activity

TimeSlips is a creative storytelling method designed to engage people with dementia and other cognitive impairments through imagination and creativity rather than memory recall. Tonya will lead us through a TimeSlips activity and share ideas of how you can incorporate elements into your memory café programs. *Presented by Tonya Runyard, Dementia Care Specialist, ADRC of Jefferson County and Certified TimeSlips Facilitator.*

## 3:45pm Closing Reflection

Share a key takeaway from today's symposium.

