

The Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan is inviting libraries (including Staff and Board Members) to participate in a pilot phase of new, online, Dementia Friendly learning modules!

In addition to our provincial Dementia Friendly Communities initiative, the Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan is currently contributing to a national project called Dementia-Friendly Canada in which new, online learning modules about dementia friendly information are being created for key community sectors. Identified sectors include: recreation facilities and libraries, public transportation, and retail and restaurant settings. It is our aim that these online learning modules will add to the existing Dementia Friendly toolkits and print resources available through provincial Alzheimer Societies, helping to provide more information and practical examples of ways communities can become more supportive, inclusive, and accessible for individuals affected by dementia.

A pilot phase of the module drafts is anticipated to begin in Spring 2021 (estimated May/June). Feedback from Saskatchewan libraries – including rural & remote locations – will be very valuable in this pilot phase! Participation would include reviewing the draft of the online modules and providing comments back to the Alzheimer Society by completing an online feedback form/survey. Those interested in participating in this pilot phase are encouraged to contact Abby Wolfe, Public Awareness Coordinator, at awolfe@alzheimer.sk.ca or 1306-683-0141 to learn more. It is our aim that, once finalized, the Dementia-Friendly Canada online learning modules will be able to be utilized by libraries and the other target sectors to learn more about dementia and make a meaningful impact on the experiences of people living with dementia and their care partners in our communities.