You're invited to learn about the "ABC's of Dementia Friendly Libraries" at the Saskatchewan Library Association's upcoming Learning Opportunities Series virtual event. Register today!

Communities that are supportive, inclusive, and accessible have the power to meaningfully impact the quality of life of individuals living with dementia and their care partners. That's why the Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan looks forward to sharing more about dementia and how libraries can contribute to more dementia friendly communities at this exciting, upcoming event!

At the Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan, we recognize public libraries are important stakeholders and key contacts to engage as we work towards our vision of a more dementia friendly Saskatchewan. As important community hubs and sites of interaction all around the province, libraries are ideally positioned to positively impact the lives of those affected by dementia.

In Saskatchewan today, over 20,000 individuals are living with dementia. Dementia is about more than memory loss and does not just affect older adults. Individuals affected by dementia have told us that lack of awareness about dementia and a high level of dementia-related stigma are two of the most common challenges they experience in their communities.

At the presentation on March 24th, we will share more about:

- dementia and the changes in abilities, behaviour, and communication it can cause;
- how these changes can affect an individual's experience at the library;
- what it means to become more dementia friendly; and
- ways libraries can get involved in becoming more supportive, inclusive & accessible by considering their social and physical environments and increasing understanding.

Click <u>here</u> to register!

Event details are available at https://saskla.ca/learning-opportunities-series. For more information about the Saskatchewan Library Association's virtual learning series, contact: Leslie Charlton, Administrative Assistant, at slaadmin@sasktel.net.