



MEDIA RELEASE

**Finding Your Way – Dementia-Friendly Community**

**Owen Sound, Ontario – Wednesday, October 16 2024** – The Library and the Alzheimer Society Grey Bruce host Dementia-Friendly Community session on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm at the Library.

The Library is pleased to collaborate with the Alzheimer Society Grey Bruce to provide an information session on creating a Dementia-Friendly Community. This session is for municipal workers, first responders, businesses, organizations and the general public.

**Keynote Speakers:**

**Christina Maclean, Care Partner**

*Sharing her lived experience in supporting her spouse with dementia.*

**Jason Cranny, Community Service Officer, Owen Sound Police Department**

*Providing an overview of protocols and how the service supports our citizens living with dementia.*

**Sandra Hong, Public Education Coordinator, Alzheimer Society Grey Bruce**

*Presenting the Finding Your Way program and discussing how to become a dementia-friendly community.*

A dementia-friendly community is a place where people living with dementia and their care partners are welcomed, included, and supported. The community pays attention to the social and physical needs of those living with dementia, addressing barriers that often cause them to withdraw from community interaction and suffer a diminished quality of life.

Becoming dementia-friendly is crucial for ensuring that people can age in place and remain active community members. Dementia-friendly principles enhance inclusivity, support, and accessibility for everyone, making our spaces better for all. It is our social responsibility to support every member of our community, ensuring businesses and organizations are respectful and responsive to the needs of those affected by dementia.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn, connect, and make a difference in our community! To register for the program, contact [info@library.osngupl.ca](mailto:info@library.osngupl.ca) or visit <https://www.osngupl.ca/dementia-resources/>

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