MOVIES & MEMORIES: DEMENTIA FRIENDLY CINEMA IN KC

Missouri Library Association Annual Conference 2018
TODAY’S PRESENTERS

• April Roy, Kansas City Public Library Plaza Branch Director
• Deborah Shouse, Author and Dementia Advocate, The Creativity Connection
• Ron Zoglin, Author and Dementia Advocate, The Creativity Connection
WHAT IS MOVIES & MEMORIES?

An intergenerational movie series for individuals living with dementia, their families, friends, and care partners.
WHY MOVIES?

Awaken memories

Excite the senses

Foster conversation
A TASTE OF MOVIES & MEMORIES

Turn to your neighbor and share a movie memory

Who were you with? What was the movie? What made it memorable?
WHAT IF...
OUR TEAM

- Kansas City Public Library
- Deborah Shouse & Ron Zoglin, The Creativity Connection
- Kansas City Hospice & Palliative Care
- Prairie Elder Care
- Villages of Jackson Creek Memory Care
- Dennis & Carol McCurdy, Community Members
- Alzheimer's Association, Heart of America Chapter
- AARP
- Kansas City FilmFest
Movies & Memories
Take Me Out to the Ballgame
MORE THAN JUST MOVIES

- Musical entertainment
- Hands-on projects
- Conversation starters
- Take home gifts
- Fresh popcorn
- Fun and fellowship
- FREE!
CHALLENGES
“THANK GOODNESS FOR THIS PROGRAM. THERE ARE SO FEW PLACES MOM AND I CAN ENJOY GOING TOGETHER THESE DAYS.”

- A Movies & Memories patron after our “Going to the Oscars” event
EXPANDING CAPACITY:

MEMORY CAFÉ
KC Memory Café
Weather Wonders
Tuesday, April 17  10:30am

KC Memory Café
In the Garden
Tuesday, June 19  10:30am

KC Memory Café
Tea Party
for people who are living with memory loss and their care partners

KC Memory Café
Music to Our Ears
Tuesday, May 15  10:30am

Learn about the history of tea and sample a variety of teas. Share in refreshments, stories, and laughter.
The KC Memory Cafe
OUR IMPACT

- Increased interest in dementia friendly programming among other libraries and community organizations
- Individuals with dementia and their care partners have participated in KCUR's StoryCorps programming
- Launched Memory Café
- Hosted Lunch & Learn for health care professionals
- Reduced isolation and a inspired a billion smiles 😊

And we're just getting started!
LOOKING FORWARD

From dementia-friendly programming to dementia-friendly community:

• Provide community organizations, businesses, health care facilities, and individuals with dementia-friendly trainings
• Inspire arts & cultural institutions to create dementia-friendly programming
• Create resource guide for dementia-friendly activities and locations in Kansas City
• Connect people living with dementia with their community to reduce stigma and isolation
• Experience the joy of having Kansas City being the world’s premier dementia-friendly city!
WHAT WILL YOU DO?
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RESOURCES

• Dementia Journey blog:
  http://www.dementiajourney.org/

• ALA resources on dementia-friendly programming:
  http://www.ala.org/asgcla/interestgroups/igard

• Alzheimer’s Association:
  https://www.alz.org/