



Improving the Physical Environment

Accessibility & Navigation Tip Sheet

People living with dementia often experience mobility challenges and may feel anxious in crowded or cluttered spaces. Easy access and clear navigation reduce stress and support independence.



Self-Opening Doors

Install self-opening doors for effortless entry and exit.



Remove Hazards

Avoid obstacles or furniture that could cause confusion or hazards.



Wide Aisles

Maintain wide aisles and uncluttered pathways for safe movement.



Supports & Handrails

Install grab bars in bathrooms and handrails on staircases.



Clear Sightlines

Use stable shelving and keep sightlines clear to entrances and service desks.



Outdoor Access

Assess entrances and sidewalks for fall hazards such as uneven concrete.

Dementia-Friendly Note:

Regularly assess routes in and around the library so they remain clear, safe, and easy to follow.