



Improving the Physical Environment

Seating & Rest Areas Tip Sheet

People living with dementia may tire easily and need safe, stable seating options. Rest areas support calmer library visits.



Sturdy Chairs

Provide sturdy chairs with armrests in reading areas, near entrances, and along pathways to support balance and stability.



Family Restrooms

Offer family restrooms with grab bars for care partners assisting patrons.



Quiet Zones

Include quiet zones for those who need a calm environment and to prevent overstimulation.



Dementia-Friendly Note:

Inspect seating areas regularly for clutter, blocked paths, or shifted furniture.