



FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

March 2025

Welcome to the second annual Ozark Regional Library (ORL) Foundation newsletter! A newsletter that lets you know what the Foundation & Friends are doing to support your library!

OZARK REGIONAL LIBRARY FRIENDS

Friends are community champions who expand the ways ORL serves the public. Anyone can become a Friend by making a donation, with memberships starting at just \$5 per year. Becoming a Friend offers a few perks (see below), but the greatest reward is knowing that you're helping to provide an essential resource for the community. For more details, stop by your local library branch or visit ozarkregional.org.

Friends Reception & Tea March 25th 2-4PM

Learn more about becoming a Friend at our annual Reception & Tea in appreciation of all our Friends and volunteers. The Foundation will host a reception and afternoon tea at both the Ironton and Fredericktown libraries. We'd love to see you there!



OZARK REGIONAL LIBRARY FOUNDATION

The Foundation supports ORL through fundraising efforts. Donations and the sale of promotional items provide funds for purchases beyond the library's regular budget.

Family Workstations

Thanks to generous donations, the Foundation raised funds to provide Family Workstations at both the Ironton and Fredericktown libraries. These workstations feature an enclosed play area for toddlers or babies, so parents or caregivers can use the computers while keeping their little ones entertained.



Little Free Libraries

Three Little Free Libraries (LFL) have been donated by a talented local woodworker. These small weatherproof bookcases will be mounted in Belleview, Jewett, and Viburnum this year. The Foundation will maintain and stock them. These mini-libraries allow community members to take or exchange books as they like. A special thank you to Cedar Creek Hardwoods for donating the weather-resistant Spanish Cedar.



Special Programming with Michael Albert

The Foundation was awarded an AVCD grant to host Michael Albert, renowned pop artist, April 13-16. His distinctive style uses recycled packaging to craft vibrant and thought-provoking works. Albert will present programs to Arcadia Valley and Belleview elementary schools along with local homeschooling groups at the library.

REMEMBER ...

Volunteers are needed to sort books from 10-12pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Check with your librarian if you would like to help. Volunteers and members will be rewarded with a free book and an exclusive "first peek" at future book sales.

Promotional Items

Show your support for ORL by purchasing branded items to spread the word about your library AND raise funds for special projects.

- T-shirts: \$25
- Leather Keychain fob: \$5

Check with your librarian for more information or to make a purchase.



A big thank you to our current board members: William Bennett, Kelly Bethel, Barbara DeBerry, Sharon Robbins, Rita Yount, and Rose Mier. They may be contacted by emailing Michelle at mswane@ozarkregional.org.