

# OZARK REGIONAL LIBRARY

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Newsletter – March 2026

The Ozark Regional Library Foundation publishes this newsletter to keep patrons informed about its goals, accomplishments, and opportunities for community involvement. We hope you find this newsletter both informative and motivating. It is our pleasure to serve you!

### OZARK REGIONAL LIBRARY FRIENDS

The Foundation invites you to join more than 75 members of the **Ozark Regional Library Friends** for as little as \$15 per year (\$10 for those under 18 or over 62).

Your membership helps support the library by providing funds for materials and programs that fall outside the library's regular budget—ensuring that this vital community resource continues to grow and serve everyone.

To join, speak with your librarian or visit the Ozark Regional Library website: [ozarkregional.org](http://ozarkregional.org). There you will find information about the Friends organization, membership applications, online payment options, and volunteer opportunities.

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#### **Book Character Mystery!**

The Foundation is excited to invite you to its **2026 fundraiser**. Visitors of all ages will attempt to identify a character from a book based on clues, food samples, and a costumed actor. Watch for announcements at your library and on the library's website.

#### **Bookmobile**

The Foundation is making plans to help fund the purchase of a **bookmobile** that will also serve as a mobile technology center. Plans for this project are still in the early stages.

#### **Bike Rack**

A bike rack was purchased and installed at the **Fredericktown Library branch**.

#### **Wi-Fi Hotspots**

Donations made in memory of **John Jones**, a beloved staff and community member, were used to purchase Wi-Fi hotspots that patrons can check out. These devices allow internet access at home or while traveling.

#### **Little Free Libraries**

Little Free Libraries (LFLs) are waterproof bookcases that provide books and other resources to outlying communities served by the Ozark Regional Library. The Foundation provided three hand-built bookcases installed at the **Jewett Community Center, Belleview Memorial Park**, and in front of the **Des Arc Museum**. These joined Little Free Libraries already installed in **Marquand** and **Viburnum**, bringing the total to **five locations** that are regularly stocked by library staff.

### REMEMBER...

#### **Book Sorting Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed to help sort books **from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM on the second Wednesday of each month** to prepare for upcoming book sales. Check with your librarian if you would like to help. Volunteers will be rewarded with a **"first peek"** at the book sale.

#### **Promotional Items**

Purchasing Foundation merchandise helps promote the library while providing additional funds for the Board to purchase special items. Check with your librarian for available items and pricing.

#### **Current members of the Ozark Regional Library**

#### **Foundation Board:**

William Bennett  
Kelly Bethel  
Barbara DeBerry  
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Nancy Lodge  
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