

OZARK DALE COUNTY LIBRARY, INC.
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Application for Library Board of Trustees

The Ozark Dale County Library is seeking applicants to serve on the Library Board of Trustees. Trustees are appointed to a four-year term. If you are interested in serving on the Library Board, please fill out this application and return it to the library during our normal business hours. We will keep all applications on file for a maximum of one year unless otherwise requested by the applicant.

Basic Information

Name _____ Date _____
Phone Number _____ Email _____
Address _____
Highest Level of Education? _____

Questionnaire

Please answer the following questions with honesty and integrity. We want to ensure that whoever sits on our library board has only the best intentions for the library and for the people of Ozark and Dale County.

1. Do you work in Dale County? If so, where are you employed and how long have you been working there? _____
2. Do you have an active library card? _____
3. Why do you want to serve on the Ozark Dale County Library Board of Trustees?

4. _____
5. What previous work experience, civic activity, or other volunteer services would you bring to your position on the Library Board and how would your prior experience enhance your ability to make decisions or matters before the Library Board of Trustees?

6. How would you approach a decision on a matter before the Board of Trustees which involves strong feelings by the citizens in favor of and in opposition to a matter before the Board of Trustees?

7. Would you be able to devote the time necessary to fulfill your obligations as a member of the Library Board of Trustees? This includes: One day every month for a board meeting, time reading e-mails and preparing for meetings, attending and helping with events, coming to the library when asked to help and volunteer, and occasionally time to go to meetings in Montgomery.

8. What do you think is the importance of libraries and what challenges do you think libraries face today?

9. How often do you visit the Ozark Dale County Library and what current programs do you attend?

10. How do you envision the future of the Ozark Dale County Library?

11. Please use this section to write down any other information you would like to share with us.

Please read this page to its entirety to ensure you have a clear understanding of what is expected from our Board of Trustees. Library Trustees are suggested by the Library Director and appointed by the Ozark City Council. There is no monetary compensation for this position.

The Library Board of Trustees meet on the third Wednesday of each month at 11:00 am in the Bay Meeting Room. Special meetings are sometimes called, and committee meetings may be held in addition to Board Meetings. Meetings are open to the public and minutes are taken from each meeting.

Please direct questions to Karen Speck, Library Director, at 334-774-5480 or director@ozarklibrary.com. You can also visit between 10:00am-3:00pm Tuesday through Friday.

Responsibilities

To advocate for the library in the community, to approve the general operation of the library and monitor its effectiveness, to establish policy, to approve the budget, to conduct public relations, and to plan for the future of the library.

Duties

Attend all board meetings and participate appropriately. Read board minutes and other materials sent out before the board meeting. Be informed about all phases of the library operation. Serve on committees as assigned by the board chair. Lend expertise and leadership to the board for the good of the library. Actively participate in workshops and activities. Participate in fundraising activities. Visit the library often and get acquainted with its services by using them. Be an advocate for the library. Participate in 3-5 hours of board development training each year.

Qualifications

Possess a true sense of the library's enormous importance to the economic, social and educational life of the community. Have an appreciation for the library and a desire to provide the best possible services for the community. Maintain a sensitivity to the political conditions in the community. Three board members must reside within Ozark City Limits; and two other board members must reside within Dale County. The Board Member positions are as follows: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and Friends of the Library Liaison.

Skills , beliefs, abilities

- The ability to work well with people.
- The skill to lead and preside at board meetings.
- The ability to plan.
- The belief in the importance of access to materials of lifelong independent learning for everyone.
- The ability to communicate effectively.

Signature _____ Date _____