

## When you join us, you'll

- § Help sponsor programs for children, teens and young adults.
  
- § Support funding for new innovations such as state-of-the-art computer equipment, e-books and books on cd.
  
- § Assist with lively cultural events that celebrate our ethnic diversity and attract non-traditional library users.

*Ideas are always welcome,  
so joining the Friends is your  
chance to take part in  
supporting our wonderful  
Independence Library!*

## Friends of the Independence Public Library

The Friends of the Library is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the enrichment of library facilities and services.

Our mission is to help the Library fulfill its role in the community by fund-raising, promotion and support. All money raised provides funding and assistance for projects and programs at the library that would not otherwise be possible.

- There are no membership dues. Anyone who helps carry out our mission is considered a Friend!
  
- Our major fund-raising is accomplished by book sales.
  
- Quarterly meetings are in April, July, October and December.

The Friends offer funding for special projects, books and audiovisual materials, prizes for the Children's Summer Reading program and cutting edge computer equipment.



The Friends of the  
Independence  
Public Library

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## Become a Friend today!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State, zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Please check the volunteer opportunities that interest you:

Help at a special library program

Help with book sales

Become a Friends Board member

Sponsor special projects at the library

Other special talents or interests:

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Gardening, carpentry, etc.

Please mail or hand this application in to the Library at:

175 Monmouth St.

Independence, OR 97351

or

Join us online at:

[www.independence.plinkit.org](http://www.independence.plinkit.org)



## It's Great to be a Friend!

As a member of the Friends of the Library, you'll be paid back in a thousand ways every year --- with children's smiles, the sincere appreciation of the library's hardworking staff, and the pure satisfaction of knowing you make a difference to one of the our community's most important institutions.

And in our bookstore at the old "historic" library building you'll find thousands of used items at rock bottom prices.

Browse for all kinds of books, CDs, and videos.

The proceeds allow the Friends to fund many projects and programs for our library.

## The Independence Public Library

Organized in 1908 and legally established in 1909 the library was housed in a storefront in Main Street. It then moved to a building on Monmouth Street, and in 1929, the Independence Public Library moved to a new building designed to be a library. At that time the collection held fewer than 2,000 volumes and the city had a population of fewer than 2,000 folks.

This original library building is still part of the Independence Library system and can be seen at:

311 Monmouth Street,  
Independence

The Friends hold their book sales at this site as well as share space with the active new community Visitors Center.

In the year 2000, voters in Independence approved a bond for a new library. After much public input, extensive planning, and vigorous fundraising, the brand new Library opened in September 2003, with over 27,000 volumes which has grown to over 47,000 items, including books and AV items. This new library provides almost five times more space plus a meeting room used by many local groups and organizations.