

Freedom of Information Act Policy

Argenta-Oreana Public Library District

ARTICLE 1. LIBRARY DESCRIPTION

Section 1.01 Purpose

The purpose of Argenta-Oreana Public Library District (AOPLD) is to provide materials and services for the recreational, social, informational, and educational needs of the community.

Section 1.02 Budget and Funding

The total amount of our operating budget for FY2025 is \$448,442. Funding sources are property and personal property replacement taxes, state and federal grants, fees, and donations. Tax levies are:

- Corporate purposes (for general operating expenditures)
- IMRF (provides for employee's retirement and related expenses)
- Social Security (provides for employee's FICA costs and related expenses)
- Audit (for annual audit and related expenses)
- Building and Maintenance (for maintaining the buildings)
- Liability and Insurance (for insurance premiums, risk management, attorney's fees and related expenses, unemployment and worker's compensation insurance)
- Working Cash (for internal loans – not presently levied)
- Debt Service (for bond and interest payments – not presently levied)

Section 1.03 Locations

The administration office is located at this address: 211 South Route 48, Oreana, IL 62554. The district has a branch location at 100 Water Street, Argenta, IL 62501.

Section 1.04 Employees

The following numbers of persons are employed by AOPLD. An organizational chart is attached.

- Full-time: 4
- Part-time: 3

Section 1.05 Responsibility

The following organization exercises control over our policies and procedures: The Argenta-Oreana Public Library District Board of Trustees, which meets 10 times a year usually on the fourth Monday of each month, at 4:30 PM, specific dates and locations are stated on the Meeting Date Ordinance.

The members of the Board of Trustees are: John White, President; Jackie Goepfinger, Vice-President; Matt Honnold, Treasurer; Barb Light, Secretary; Aaron Klepzig, Trustee, Trudy Smith, Trustee, and Linda Albert, Trustee.

Section 1.06 State Affiliations and Reporting

AOPLD is a member of the Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS) in Edwardsville, Illinois, which serves its members in advisory and supporting capacity. AOPLD is required to report and be answerable for its operations to the Illinois State Library, Springfield, Illinois. Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias is the State Librarian. Greg McCormick is the Director of the Illinois State Library.

ARTICLE 2. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS

Section 2.01 Requests for Copies

Information and records available to the public may be requested in the following manner:

1. Request information in writing. We accept requests by mail, personal delivery, fax, e-mail, or other means.
2. Direct the request to the following individual: Donna Schaal, FOIA Officer.
3. Specify the records requested to be disclosed for inspection, to be copied, or to be furnished in electronic format. Specify which, if any, records should be certified.
4. Indicate if the records are to be used for “commercial” purposes.
5. Reimburse AOPLD for the cost of reproducing records and/or for certifying records.
 - a. There is no charge for the first fifty (50) pages copied in “letter size” or “legal size” black-and-white format.
 - b. Charges for copies in excess of fifty (50) pages are 10 cents per page.
 - c. Charges for color copies and other sizes are 25 cents per page.
 - d. Charges for certified records are \$1.00 per page.
 - e. If records are kept in electronic format, you may request a specific format and if feasible, they will be provided. If not, you may select to have those records printed.

Section 2.02 Inspection of Records

Records may be inspected rather than copied. Please contact the library director (FOIA Officer) for an appointment.

Section 2.03 Response Time

The office will respond to a written request within five (5) business days after the library receives the request. An extension of an additional five (5) business days may be necessary to properly respond. The office will respond to a written request for a commercial purpose within twenty-one (21) business days.

Section 2.04 Appeal

The decision of the FOIA Officer may be appealed to the Illinois Attorney General’s Public Access Counselor at: Leah Bartelt, Public Access Counselor, Office of the Illinois Attorney General, 500 S 2nd Street, Springfield, IL 62706 or at email: public.access@ilag.gov. Phone number: 877-299-3642. Fax number: 217-782-1396.

Section 2.05 Types of Records

The following types or categories of records maintained under the control of the AOPLD include:

- Monthly Financial Statements
- Annual Receipts and Disbursements Reports
- Budget and Appropriation Ordinances
- Levy Ordinances
- Operating Budgets
- Annual Financial Review Reports
- Minutes of the Board of Library Trustees (also available on our website)
- Library Policies, including Collection Management Policy (also available on our website)
- Adopted Ordinances and Resolutions of the Board of Trustees
- Annual Reports to the Illinois State Library

Section 2.06 Exemptions

Certain types of information maintained by AOPLD are exempt from inspection and copying.

ARTICLE 3. REVISION OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT POLICY

The information regarding the AOPLD budget, personnel, and trustees are subject to change. This policy is reviewed annually and revised as appropriate.

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Organizational Chart
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