

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Argenta-Oreana Public March 31, 2025, at Oreana Library
Board of Trustees**

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by President John White. Library Board members present were Jackie Goeppinger, Trudy Smith, Linda Albert, Matt Honnold and Aaron Klepzig (via telephone). Also, in attendance were Donna Schaal, Library Director and Tina Coates, Assistant Library Director.

Correspondence, communications, and public comments – AOPLD received notice that two properties were being annexed into Decatur. AOPLD received notice that Stoutenborough Insurance Agency and Peterson Insurance Services out of Clinton, IL, were being merged. We will still have our same representative and policies.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the January meeting. Matt moved to approve the minutes as presented. Trudy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The board reviewed the December financials and Treasurer's report. Linda moved to approve the December financials and Treasurer's report. Jackie seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. The board reviewed the January 2025 bills. Donna mentioned check #12088 to Illini Supply in the amount of \$9,988.55 for new shelving in the children's room of Argenta (pre-approved by the board) had been paid in full. Jackie asked about check #12104 to Top Quality Roofing. Donna explained that the Argenta roof was leaking again and they came out in January to place a patch. The board reviewed the January financials and Treasurer's report. Trudy moved to approve the January bills, financials and Treasurer's report. Matt seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. The board reviewed the February bills. Linda asked about check #12115 to Huffman Lawn Care in the amount of \$1,500.00. Donna explained that this was for snow removal in January plus salting at both parking lots. Matt requested that the February financials and Treasurer's report be tabled until the April meeting. Jackie made a motion to approve the February bills. Matt seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Donna presented the Director's Report. Donna reviewed the circulation numbers for January and February. The circulation numbers are down overall by about 10%. AOPLD received a \$50.00 donation from the Oreana Monday morning coffee group in honor of Ron Wright. AOPLD received the annual Friends Creek Replacement Tax in the amount of \$893.10. There were several buildings repairs which included fixing a furnace and roof repair in Argenta. The water fountain in Argenta will need to be replaced. New furniture and lights in Oreana have been installed. There are several others repairs in Oreana that have been ordered. The children's, young adults and adult programs continue to be well attended including a special children's craft during spring break. 21 children and 10 adults attended that one event. Donna attended several meetings.

Old Business –

There was one item of Old Business.

1. Update on solar project in Oreana – Donna reported that our solar project has been delayed due to a back ordering of solar panels. The company out of Indiana had a 'paperwork' issue on the certification of the panels. It has since been corrected. We are anticipating an installation date in July.

New Business -

There were two items of new business.

1. Statement of Economic Interests – Donna passed out the Macon County form for the Statement of Economic Interest. This form is required of all board members and the director to be filed with the county.
2. Discussion of the Argenta new planters – Donna asked the board how they would like to proceed with the new planters that were added to the parking lot. A potential selection of flowers and grasses was presented to the board. All of the options listed were native plants to Illinois. Matt, John and Linda tentatively volunteered to help with the planting. Donna will be looking for clean dirt to fill the planters.

Miscellaneous

1. John asked about Donna's perspective on the federal focus on IMLS. The Institute of Museum and Library Services provides federal grants to each state which then assists local libraries and museums. For AOPLD, we receive support in grants and in our delivery system. The situation is being monitored by the American Libraries Association, Illinois Library Association and Illinois Heartland Library System. If anyone wishes to let their congressman know that they support funding public and school libraries and museums, you can reach out at: <https://app.oneclickpolitics.com/campaign-page?cid=2CzAyJUB9sorxFLO5KSZ&lang=en>
2. A brief discussion was held on the solar panel farm that is located off of 48. John wanted to know if any information had been received on how this addition would impact our funding. Donna did speak with the assessor of Whitmore Township and there doesn't seem to be an answer at this point of time. The solar farm is not yet operational.

John asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jackie moved to adjourn the meeting. Linda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. John adjourned the meeting at 5:40 PM.

The next board meeting will be on Monday, April 28, 2025, at 4:30 PM in Oreana.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Schaal