

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Argenta-Oreana Public August 25, 2025, at Argenta 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, Aaron Klepzig and Barbara Light. Also, in attendance were Donna Schaal, Library Director and Tina Coates, Assistant Library Director.

Correspondence, communications, and public comments – There were no items of correspondence, communication, or public comment.

The Board reviewed the minutes of the July 28 meeting. Trudy moved to approve the minutes as presented. Matt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The board reviewed the June Financial and Treasurer's reports. Aaron moved to approve the June Financial and Treasurer's reports as presented. Jackie seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. The board reviewed the July bills. Donna pointed out that check number 12235 to Amazing Dudley was for Summer Reading. Trudy asked about check number 12238 to Decatur Regional Chamber of Commerce. Donna said that this was for annual membership. Aaron asked about check number 12247 to Rivistas LLC. Donna explained that it was for magazine subscriptions for both buildings for the year. Linda asked about check numbers 12250 and 12251. Donna said that 12250 was issued with a decimal point error and voided. Check number 12251 to Foam and Fight is the correct check. The board reviewed the July Bills, Financial and Treasurer's reports. Linda moved to approve the July bills, Financial and Treasurer's reports as presented. Jackie seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Donna presented the Director's Report. Donna reviewed the circulation numbers for July. Donna made the necessary transfers from Special Reserved account to supplement the budget. The library received the first installment from the DeWitt County levy and the second installment for the Macon County levy. Donna has hired a part time circulation clerk. She is still interviewing for the children's librarian position. Donna gave a recap of the Summer Reading program. 1083 adults, young adults and children attended an event during Summer Reading this year. There were several maintenance issues at the Argenta building. The children's, young adults and adult programs continue to be well attended. Donna attended several meetings. Donna noted that she had just received the per Capita grant for this year.

Old Business –

There were two items of old business.

1. Solar Installation - the solar panels, white rock and underground cabling are all complete. The library is waiting for the internal connection to our electrical panel and then the approval of Ameren Illinois for the cut over.
2. Argenta roof update – Top Quality Roofing says that the leaks are due to HVAC system. Tica says that the leaks are not coming from the HVAC system. Aaron and Doyle have looked at the situation and fixed two potential places for the leaks.

New Business

There were three items of new business.

1. Secretary's Audit/Annual Report – The annual Secretary's audit been completed by the review committee as required by 75 ILCS 16/30-65. Members of the review committee were Trudy and Matt.
2. Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR)- The board reviewed the highlights of the Annual Report. Aaron moved to approve the report as submitted. Trudy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Annual Report will be submitted to the state.

Aaron left the meeting at 5:30 PM

3. Ordinance 26-03 Levy – The board reviewed the Ordinance No. 26-03 for the levy of taxes for the current fiscal year. Linda moved to approve the Ordinance No. 26-03 for the levy of taxes for the current fiscal year for Argenta-

Oreana Public Library District ending June 30,2026, as presented. Jackie seconded the motion. After a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous – Matt asked if there were any updates on Betz-Holmes’ trust. Donna said that there were not. Matt asked about the new cameras and if they were functioning well. Donna said that they were. And lastly, he asked if the striping on the new parking lot was going to be addressed by Etherton Enterprises and Donna said that it would be.

John asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Matt moved to adjourn the meeting. Trudy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. John adjourned the meeting at 5:45 PM.

The next board meeting will be on Monday September 29, 2025, at 4:30 PM in Argenta.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Light