

**Minutes of the Meeting of Board of Trustees
Argenta-Oreana Public Library
October 27, 2025, at Argenta Library**

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by President John White. Library Board members were Trudy Smith, Matt Honold, and Barbara Light. Also, in attendance were Donna Schaal, Library Director and Tina Coates, Assistant Library Director.

Correspondence, communications, and public comments – The library received a copy of Illinois State Senate Resolution No. 104 regarding library trustees.

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

The board reviewed the September bills. Barbara asked about check number 12290 to Huffman Lawn Care. Donna explained that it was for the white rock to be placed under the solar panels. Trudy asked about check number 12301 to Wellspring. Donna said that this was the final payment for the solar panels. The board reviewed the September Financial and Treasurer's reports. Barbara moved to approve September bills, Financial and Treasurer' as presented. Trudy seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Donna presented the Director's Report. Donna reviewed the circulation numbers for September. The library received the fourth installment of the Macon County Levy. The library received the 2025 distribution of the Winings Trust. The book sale is going well. Wellspring was on site to troubleshoot a problem with the solar panels. A new part has been ordered. Donna informed the board that Baker and Taylor book suppliers has gone out of business. This will necessitate a change in the way the library purchases books. The children's, young adults, and adult programs continue to be well attended. Donna attended several meetings.

Old Business –

There were two items of old business.

1. Betz-Holmes update – There has been a non-judicial settlement agreement that will affect the way the trust is distributed.
2. Solar Installation update – the government shut down has delayed the paperwork for the federal rebate.

New Business

There were three items of new business.

1. End of the year Christmas bonuses – The board reviewed the proposed employee bonuses. Matt moved to approve the distribution of bonuses as proposed. Trudy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Selective replacement of the Oreana parking lot – tabled as bids came in higher than expected.
3. Public Per Capita requirements – Finance & Budget, Governance & Administration, Human Resources, Information Services. The board reviewed the updated information for the Public Per Capita Grant as required to qualify for the funding.

Miscellaneous – None

John asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trudy moved to adjourn the meeting. Matt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. John adjourned the meeting at 6:04 PM.

The next board meeting will be on Monday December 8, 2025, at 4:30 PM in Argenta.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Light