

Minutes of the Meeting of Board of Trustees
Argenta-Oreana Public Library
April 20, 2026, at Oreana Library

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

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

Correspondence, communications, and public comments - John brought to the attention of the board that Argenta, Oreana and Cisco would be hosting a 250th birthday celebration of the United States on September 12th. There will be fireworks, a parade, music, games, and food vendors. All events will be hosted in Argenta. He welcomed the board members and the staff to participate and/or help to make this event successful. John also noted that AIM (Argenta in Motion) had donated to the Summer Reading program.

The board reviewed the March bills. Jackie asked about a debit charge to Grace Alley. Donna replied that it was for heavy duty outdoor flags for both buildings. Linda asked about check no. 12439 for Top Quality Roofing. Donna stated it was for resealing the Oreana roof. Linda asked if the Ameren Illinois bill reflected the new solar panels in Oreana. Donna compared this year's April with last year's April and there has been a significant decrease in the bills. Linda asked about check no. 12443 to Auto Owners Insurance. Donna replied that it was for our commercial insurance coverage. Linda moved to approve the March bills. Jackie seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. The March 2026 Financial report and Treasurer's report were tabled until next month.

Barb Light joined the meeting at 4:38 PM.

Donna presented the Director's Report. Donna reviewed the circulation numbers for March. Donna has been working to complete the forms for the federal reimbursement program for the solar panels. The library employees completed training on the use of Narcan. The materials have been ordered for the new roof at Argenta. The children's, young adults, and adult programs continue to be well attended. Donna attended several meetings. She is attending Director's University 2.0 from April 27 – 30th.

Old Business –

There was item of old business.

1. A question was raised about the money donated by Judy Runyon for the Story Walk. Donna is looking at different options.

New Business-

There were four items of new business.

1. Review of the closed minutes – Barbara stated that she had reviewed the closed minutes. All closed minutes pertained to personnel and were covered under the Open Meetings Exemption Act - Personnel – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)
2. Staff compensation for FY2027 (closed session - 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)) – Trudy moved that the board move into closed session citing Open Meetings Exemption Act – Personnel – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1). Jackie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The board moved into closed session at 5:08 PM. The board returned from closed session at 5:34 PM. Matt moved to approve Option 3 as presented in closed session. Jackie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Finance Committee – Matt, Donna and Barbara will serve on the Finance Committee.
4. Personnel Committee – Jackie, Trudy and John will serve on the Personnel Committee.

Miscellaneous – Donna gave an update on Summer Reading and asked for volunteers to help.

John asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Linda moved to adjourn the meeting. Trudy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. John adjourned the meeting at 5:43 PM.

The next board meeting will be on Monday May 18, 2026, at 4:30 PM in Oreana.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Light

Donna Schaal