

**Minutes of the Meeting of Board of Trustees
Argenta-Oreana Public Library
May 18, 2026, at Oreana Library**

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

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

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

The board reviewed the March Financial and Treasurer's Reports. Barbara moved to approve the March Financial and Treasurer's reports as presented. Linda seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. The board reviewed the April bills. Donna pointed out that check number 12461 to HBC was for the roof replacement at the Argenta building. Jackie asked about check numbers 12463 and 12464 to Argenta Oreana High School and Argenta Oreana Middle School. Donna explained that these were for the high school and middle school yearbooks. Trudy moved to approve the April bills. Jackie seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. The April 2026 Financial report and Treasurer's report were tabled until next month.

Donna presented the Director's Report. Donna reviewed the circulation numbers for April. The library received a \$500.00 donation from AIM for Summer Reading. The library received \$100.00 donation from 217 Chiropractic LLC for Summer Reading. The library also has commitments from Huddle House, Del Carmen's Pizza, and Casey's for Summer Reading. Donna met with Doug Baldessari on the solar project and Elective Pay. The roof replacement at Argenta has been delayed by weather. The parking lot at Oreana was resealed. Donna attended several meetings.

Old Business –

There were two items of old business.

1. Argenta Roof Update – The roof replacement at the Argenta building is in progress but being delayed by the weather.
2. Solar Elective Pay – The paperwork to access the Solar Elective Pay program from the federal government has been exceedingly difficult. Donna has exhausted the local resources available to assist with getting access to this program. Donna spoke to Doug Baldessari from Baker Tilley about the services offered by this firm. They will charge approximately \$7,000.00 for this work. The possible return from the Solar Elective Program is approximately \$20,000.00. The board discussed using Baker Tilley to assist with access to the Solar Elective Program. Jackie moved to authorize Donna to spend up to \$7,000.00 to process the library's Solar Elective Program application. Donna was asked to investigate another company for comparison. Trudy seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

New Business-

There were five items of new business.

1. Director evaluation and compensation for FY2027 (closed session – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) – Linda made a motion to move into closed session according to Open Meetings Act exemption 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) Personnel. Jackie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The board moved into closed session at 5:11 PM. The board moved out of closed session at 5:46 PM. Linda made a motion to accept option number 4 as discussed in closed session. Trudy seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.
2. Non-Resident Fee Policy for FY2027 – The board reviewed the Non-Resident Fee Policy. Jackie moved to approve the Non-Resident Fee Policy for FY2027 as presented. Trudy seconded the motion. The motion passed with all ayes.
3. Set date for FY2027 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance 27-02 hearing – The FY2027 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance hearing will be on July 27th at 4:15 PM at the Argenta building.

4. FY2027 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance 27-02 (tentative) – The board reviewed the FY2027 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance 27-02 (tentative).
5. Building Committee Reinstatement discussion – The board discussed the reinstatement of the Building Committee. Linda and Donna will serve on this committee.

Miscellaneous – None

John asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trudy moved to adjourn the meeting. Linda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. John adjourned the meeting at 6:14 PM.

The next board meeting will be on Monday June 29, 2026, at 4:30 PM in Oreana.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Light