Minutes of the Meeting of Board of Trustees
Argenta-Oreana Public Library
August 31, 2026, at Argenta Library

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM by President John White. Library Board members were Jackie Goeppinger, Trudy Smith, Matt Honnold, 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 June and July meetings. Matt moved to approve the June minutes as presented. Linda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Matt moved to approve of the July minutes as presented. Linda 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 May Financial and Treasurer's Reports. Trudy moved to approve the May Financial and Treasurer's reports as presented. Matt seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.
The board reviewed the June bills. Donna pointed out that check number 12507 to HBC, Inc. was the final payment for the roof. Matt asked about check number 12502 to Doyle Klepzig. Donna replied that it was for sealing the Oreana parking lot. The board reviewed the June Financial and Treasurer's Reports. Jackie moved to approve the June bills, Financial and Treasurer's reports as presented. Barbara seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.
The board reviewed the July bills. Matt asked about check number 12543 to Ingram Library Services. Donna said that this is one of the vendors for library books. Donna pointed out that check numbers 12545, 12546, 12547 to Illinois Heartland Library System were sent in that way because Illinois Heartland Library is requiring each item to be paid separately. The board reviewed the July Financial and Treasurer's reports. Jackie moved to approve the July bills, Treasurer's, and Bookkeeper's reports. Linda 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. The library received the 2nd Macon County levy distribution and the 1st DeWitt County levy distribution. Donna announced that the streaming service biblio + will launch in September. The DVR in Argenta needs to be replaced. Discussion on this will be moved to the agenda for next month. Donna gave a recap of the summer reading program. 573 adults, young adults and children attended some type of event in Argenta or Oreana this summer. Donna gave a summary of the programs for July and August. Donna attended several meetings, including the Directors University Core Conference where Donna was a presenter.

Old Business –
There were two items of old business.

1. September closure request – Donna requested permission to close the library on September 12 for the 250thCelebration in Argenta. Matt moved to approve the closure request. Linda Albert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Solar Elective Pay – Still on track for November with Giraffe.
3. Donna gave an update on the status of a community website. Donna will be working on this project.
4. Donna gave an update the Macon County Tax Exemption status for the Oreana property. This has been resolved.

New Business-
There were five items of new business.

1. Ordinance 27-01 Building and Maintenance Levy for FY2027 – The board reviewed 27-01 Building and Maintenance Levy for FY2027. Matt moved to approve 27-01 Building and Maintenance Levy for FY2027 as presented. Jackie seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.
2. Ordinance 27-01 Budget and Appropriations for FY2027 -The board reviewed the 27-01 Budget and Appropriations for FY2027. Trudy to moved to approve Ordinance 27-01 Budget and Appropriations for FY2027 as presented. Linda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Secretary's Audit – Trudy and Linda reviewed the Secretary's minutes for the past year according to 75 ILCS 16/30-65. They found that no corrections were needed.
4. Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR) – Donna presented the highlights of the IPLAR for FY2026. Board president and secretary signed the report electronically so that Donna could submit the report.
5. Review of Closed Minutes – Barbara reported that she reviewed the closed minutes were covered under Personnel – 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) and should remain closed.

Miscellaneous – Donna reviewed that John White and Aaron Klepzig will come up for reelection in 2027.

John asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jackie moved to adjourn the meeting. Trudy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. John adjourned the meeting at 5:55 PM.

The next board meeting will be on Monday September 28, 2026, at 4:30 PM in Argenta.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Light