

ILLINOIS FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I. A brief description of our public body is as follows:

- A. Our purpose is to provide materials and services for the recreational, social, informational, and educational needs of the community.
- B. An organizational chart is attached.
- C. The total amount of our operating budget for 2025/2026 is: \$1,213,987 Funding sources are property taxes, state and federal grants, fines, charges, and donations. Tax levies are:
 - 1. Corporate purposes (for general operating expenditures)
- D. The office is located at this address:
386 W. Kennedy Rd.
Braidwood, IL 60408
- E. We have approximately the following number of persons employed:
 - 1. Full-time 8
 - 2. Part-time 5
- F. The following organization exercises control over our policies and procedures: *The Fossil Ridge Public Library District Board of Library Trustees*, which meets monthly on the third Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m., at the library.

Its members are: Sandra Bauter, President; Alvin Stockdale, Vice President; LuAnn Bolatto, Secretary; Lora Grant, Treasurer; Kathleen Price, Joyce Bauer, Teri Jones
- G. The following organization operates in an advisory capacity regarding our operation: Reaching Across Illinois Library System.
- H. We are required to report and be answerable for our operations to:
Illinois State Library, Springfield, Illinois. Its members are: State Librarian, Alexi Giannoulis (Secretary of State); Director of State Library and various other staff.

II. You may request the information and the records available to the public in the following manner:

- A. Use request form (see attached).
- B. Your request should be directed to the following individual: Rene Leyva, Tammy Smith FOIA officers.
- C. You must indicate whether you have a “commercial purpose” in your request.
- D. You must specify the records requested to be disclosed for inspection or to be copied. If you desire that any records be certified, you must specify which ones.
- E. To reimburse us our actual costs for reproducing and certifying (if requested) the records, you will be charged the following fees:
 - There is a \$1.00 charge for each certification of records.
 - There is no charge for the first fifty (50) pages of black and white text either letter or legal size;
 - There is a \$.15 per page charge for copied records in excess of 50 pages;
 - The actual copying cost of color copies and other sized copies will be charged.
- F. If the records are kept in electronic format, you may request a specific format and *if feasible*, they will be so provided, but if not, they will be provided either in the electronic format in which they are kept (and you would be required to pay the actual cost of the medium only, i.e. disc, diskette, tape, etc.) or in paper as you select.
- G. The office will respond to a written request within five (5) working days or sooner if possible. An extension of an additional five (5) working days may be necessary to properly respond.

- H. Records may be inspected or copied. If inspected, an employee must be present throughout the inspection.
 - I. The place and times where the records will be available are as follows:
 - Fossil Ridge Public Library District
 - 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday
- III. Certain types of information maintained by us are exempt from inspection and copying. However, the following types or categories of records are maintained under our control:
- A. Monthly Financial Statements
 - B. Treasurer's Reports
 - C. Budget and Appropriation Ordinances
 - D. Levy Ordinances
 - E. Annual Audits
 - F. Minutes of the Board of Library Trustees
 - G. Library Policies, including Materials Selection
 - H. Adopted Ordinances and Resolutions of the Board
 - I. Annual Reports to the Illinois State Library

FOSSIL RIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Requestor's Name (or business name, if applicable) Date of Request Phone number

Street Address

Certification requested:

_____ Yes _____ No

City State Zip

Description of Records Requested:

Is the reason for this request a "commercial purpose" as defined in the Act? ___ Yes ___ No

Library Response (Requestor does not fill in below this line)

- A () The documents requested are enclosed.
- P () You may inspect the records at _____
- P on the date of _____.
- R () The documents will be made available upon payment of copying costs of
- O \$_____.
V
- E () **For "commercial requests" only:** the estimated time of when the documents
- D will be available is _____, at the prepaid costs stated above.
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- () The request creates an undue burden on the public body in accordance with
- Section 3(g) of the Freedom of Information Act, and we are unable to negotiate a more
- reasonable request.
- D () The materials requested are exempt under Section 7 _____ of the
- E Freedom of Information Act for the following reasons:
- N _____
- I _____
- E Individual(s) that determined request to be denied and title: _____
- D _____.
- In the event of a denial, you have the right to seek review by the Public Access
- Counselor at (217) 558-0486 or 500 S. Second St., Springfield, IL 62705
- Or you have the right to judicial review under section 11 of FOIA.
- () Request delayed, for the following reasons (in accordance with 3(e) of the
- FOIA): _____. You will be notified by the date of _____ as to
- the action taken on your request.

NOTE: This form cannot be MANDATORY under FOIA, but it is preferred. Failure to use it may result in the request not being properly or promptly processed.

FOIA Officer

Date of Reply