



September 3, 2026

LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

The Village of Forsyth Library Commission has scheduled its regular monthly meeting for Wednesday, September 9, at 1:00 p.m.

**This meeting will be held in the Program Room at the Forsyth Public Library.
The agenda for the meeting is attached.**

If you have any questions, please call the Library at 217-877-8174.

**Melanie Weigel
Library Director**

CC:

Mary Jane Linton
Becky Wayne
Mary Jo Rowley
Laura Reimer
Ken Kirschner
Lisa Peck
Chris Kopeika



**Forsyth Public Library
Library Commission Meeting Agenda**

**Wednesday, September 9, 2026
1:00 p.m.
Forsyth Public Library Program Room**

The regular monthly meeting of the Forsyth Public Library Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. in the library's Program Room.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Minutes: Minutes from August 12, 2026

Public Comment: Anyone wishing to address the Library Commission may do so now. Please state your name and address, and limit comments to three minutes or less. Relevant printed material and handouts that support your concerns or topic are welcome.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Serving Our Public Standards

Librarian's Report:

- Comments and Discussion
- Circulation, Attendance, and Library Stats

Adjournment

Library Commission Meeting Minutes

Village of Forsyth Public Library

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Call to Order

Call to order at 1:00 p.m. by Mary Jane Linton

Roll Call

Chris Kopeika

Ken Kirchner

Becky Wayne

Mary Jane Linton

Lisa Peck

Laura Reimer

Mary Jo Rowley

Absent

Also Present

Melanie Weigel, Library Director

Minutes

Motion made by Ken Kirchner to accept the additions and corrections to the meeting minutes for the July 8, 2026 meeting. Seconded by Chris Kopeika. Motion carried on voice vote; all members present voting yea.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Melanie conducted a building tour and physical space assessment for the Commission. The tour included space inside and outside the library.

Librarian's Report

- FPL had 686 registered participants in the Summer Reading Program.
- Weekly Check-Ins by Summer Readers totaled 2,515.
- Kid and Teens activities totaled 54 during Summer Reading.

- June and July adult programs totaled 37.
- Teen Volunteers totaled 17.
- FPL had 10,682 visitors during June and July.
- Items checked out this summer totaled 10,879.
- Melanie is participating in a 6 week Write the Grant Workshop. This is focused on improving our grant applications.
- Melanie met with other Macon County Librarians for their quarterly meet up. They also toured Millikin's Staley Library and met with a consultant from Memorial Health.
- The Community Room flooring has been installed. Kitchen countertops will be installed soon. The outside sidewalk is complete. Landscaping will be finished in the coming weeks. Musical instruments will be installed soon.
- Patron card registration as of July 31 includes 1,358 adults and 182 juveniles. The July 2026 patron count is 5,015 which is 611 more than July 2025. Circulation for July 2026 is 5,086 which is 88 less than July 2025. Material checked out by Non-Forsyth Patrons is 1,976. Material checked out by Forsyth Patrons at other libraries is 224.

Adjournment

The next library commission meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2026. Chris Kopeika moved to adjourn. Ken Kirchner seconded. The motion carried on voice vote; all members present voting yea.

Meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Wayne

LIBRARY UPDATES:

- Our exterior landscaping project is now complete, and we have received great positive feedback from community members about the improvement. In particular, the new sidewalk to the park pavilion has been a huge hit. The Board's commitment to accessibility will allow FPL to host its first ever outdoor Family S'more Time later in October.
- Work continues in the Community Room with new countertops and a new fridge in the kitchen area as well as improved chair leg protectors to ensure the floor is well-protected. We've also added signage for Community Room renters to highlight clean up expectations.
- I met with the MFGS principal and the district has approved allowing the grade school teachers to use the new path to walk their classes to the library for regular field trips to the library. I also attended the first faculty meeting in September to share more about the plans, and the school has offered Jarred Leeper as a liaison for this new venture. This collaboration is part of a long-term commitment to strengthening the relationship with our school partners and building new connections with our youngest community members.
- Our new season of kids' programming will begin in September and will include:
 - The return of Library Lapsit for ages 0-2 on September 2 and Story Time for ages 2-5 on September 4. These favorite FPL activities have a dedicated group of attendees.
 - The start of our new Tales Together Book Club for kids in grades 4-6 and their grown ups on September 8. Parents and kids will read a novel together and then meet up at the library to discuss with other families.
 - The highly anticipated kick off of our new Kids' Club, which will take place every Monday and includes art projects, STEM experiments, creative crafts and engineering & building challenges led by our FPL Youth Services staff.
 - The intro of our new Teen Lofi Cafe for grades 7-12 on September 15. This program invites teens to unplug and put their phone away while getting creative, enjoying low-key activities, and chatting with friends.
 - The return of fun-filled drop ins like Legos with Lainey - Builder's Club and Family Game Night.
- Adult programs continue to gain popularity with art classes filling especially quickly. The Abstract Squeegie Art and Fall Doormat Program for this month are now on a waitlist. Bingo returns this month as well with a nearly full registration.

*Melanie Weigel,
Director*

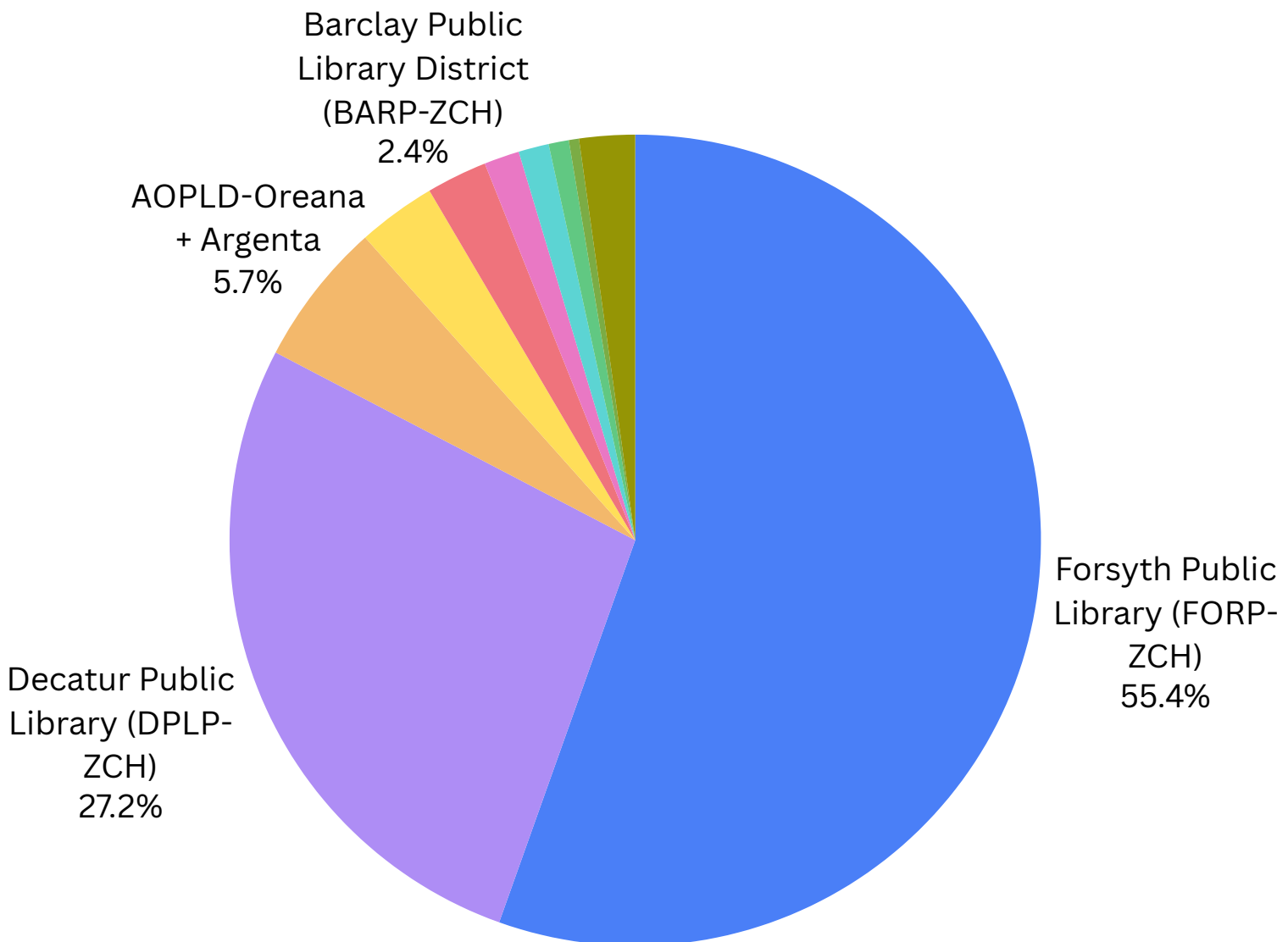
MOST REQUESTED BOOKS THIS MONTH



WHO IS CHECKING OUT AT FPL?

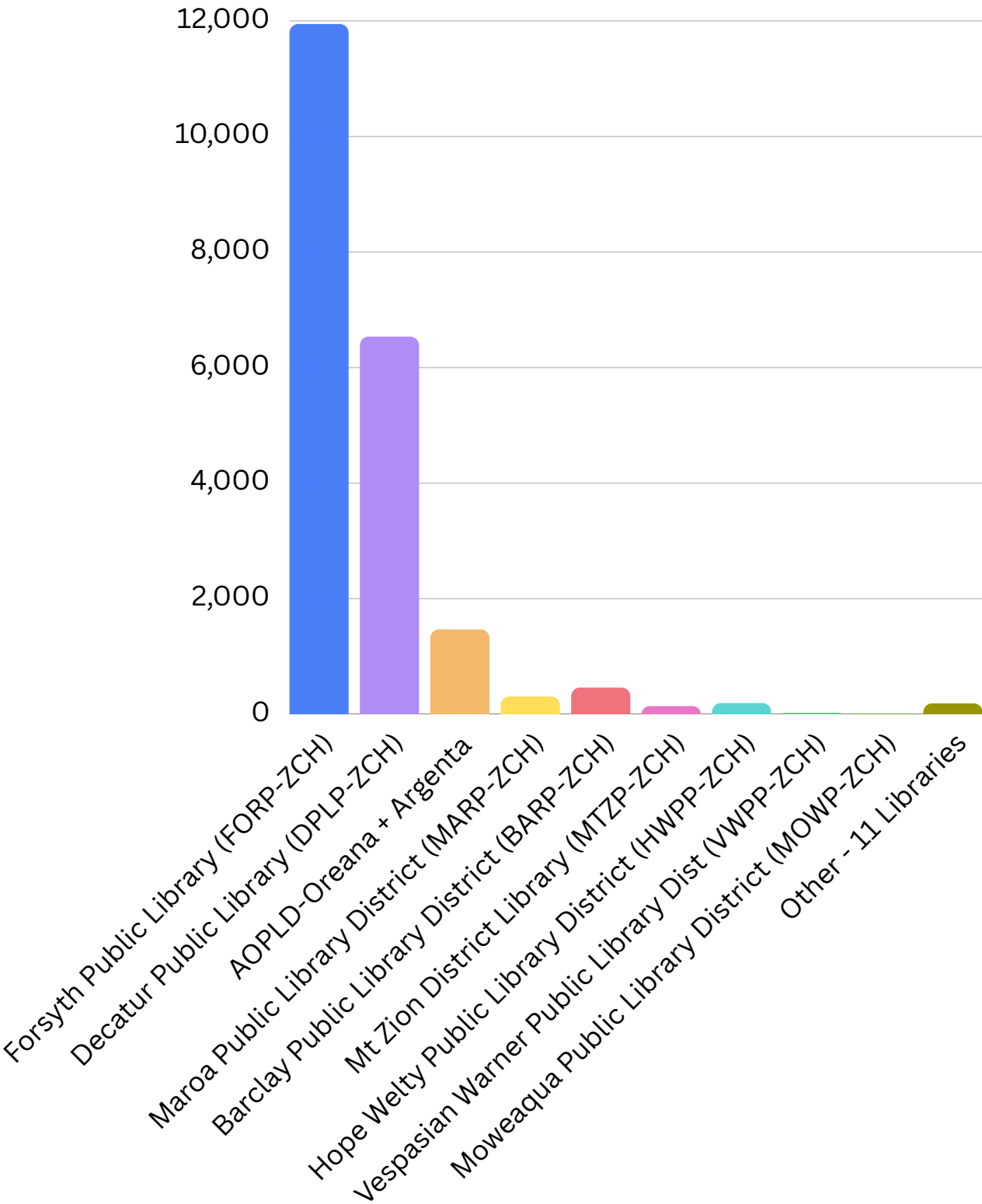
of Distinct Patrons from Local Libraries Checking Out at FPL This Year

- Forsyth Public Library (FORP-ZCH)
- Decatur Public Library (DPLP-ZCH)
- AOPLD-Oreana + Argenta
- Maroa Public Library District (MARP-ZCH)
- Barclay Public Library District (BARP-ZCH)
- Mt Zion District Library (MTZP-ZCH)
- Hope Welty Public Library District (HWPP-ZCH)
- Vespasian Warner Public Library Dist (VWPP-ZCH)
- Moweaqua Public Library District (MOWP-ZCH)
- Other - 11 Libraries



WHO IS CHECKING OUT AT FPL?

of Check Outs at FPL By Home Library



WHO IS CHECKING OUT AT FPL?

Total \$\$ Saved by Physical Checkouts at FPL

