



November 6, 2025

LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

The Village of Forsyth Library Commission has scheduled its regular monthly meeting for Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 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
Trustee Bob Gruenewald
Trustee Dave Wendt
Trustee Marilyn Johnson
Trustee Jeremy Shaw
Trustee Jeff London
Trustee Lauren Young
Mayor Jim Peck
Village Administrator Jill Applebee
Village Clerk Cheryl Marty
Village Administrative Assistant Kim Taylor



**Forsyth Public Library
Library Commission Meeting Agenda**

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

1:00 p.m.

Forsyth Public Library Program Room

The regular monthly meeting of the Forsyth Public Library Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in the library's Program Room.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Minutes: Minutes from September 10, 2025

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:

- Serving Our Public 4.0 Chapters 6-13

New Business:

- None

Librarian's Report:

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

Adjournment

Library Commission Meeting Minutes

Village of Forsyth Public Library

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Chris Kopeika

Laura Reimer

Becky Wayne

Mary Jo Rowley

Mary Jane Linton

Lisa Peck

Absent

Ken Kirchner

Also Present

Melanie Weigel, Library Director

Minutes

Motion made by Laura Reimer to accept the meeting minutes for the August 13, 2025 meeting. Seconded by Lisa Peck. Motion carried on voice vote; all members present voting yea.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

- Library Commission meeting schedule was discussed. It was decided to eliminate the June, October, and December meetings. Mary Jo Rowley made a motion to revise and eliminate June, October and December meetings effective immediately. Laura Reimer seconded. Motion carried on voice vote; all members present voting yea.

New Business

- Chapters 1 – 5 of Serving Our Public 4.0 was discussed. Melanie went over the check list of each chapter. FPL is meeting or working on all standards for IL Public Libraries.

Librarian's Report

- Melanie is presenting a session at the ARSL Conference in Albuquerque on September 16.
- Melanie was featured in 2 segments on WCIA's ciLiving September 5. She discussed our latest library programs, the Community Garden, and book club recommendations.
- FPL had 75 attendees at Music Bingo. It was a huge success and may be offered again in the spring/summer.
- FPL is partnering with Catholic Charities to host a balance class on fall prevention for senior citizens.
- At the MFGS Open House, 35 kids and 12 adults signed up for new library cards.
- Evening Story Time had a fantastic turnout for the first event. Friday morning Story Time is still an option. Lego Club, Poke'mon Club, Makers & Mastermind Club and 2 new book clubs are also starting.
- Saturdays in September are full of family-friendly fun.
- Bingo at the Library and Team Trivia are popular library events.
- The library is exploring offering a second option of popular art programs.
- Patron Card registration as of August 31 includes 1,332 adults and 176 juveniles. The August 2025 patron count is 3,487 which is 131 more than August 2024. Circulation for August 2025 is 4,095 which is 152 less than August 2024. Materials checked out by Non-Forsyth Patrons is 1,396. Materials checked out by Forsyth Patrons at other libraries is 186.

Adjournment

The next library commission meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2025. Lisa Peck moved to adjourn. Mary Jo Rowley seconded. The motion carried on voice vote; all members present voting yea.

Meeting adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Wayne