



June 4, 2024

LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

The Village of Forsyth Library Commission has scheduled a meeting for
Wednesday, June 12, 2024, 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
Rebecca Wayne
Mary Jo Rowley
Laura Reimer
Ken Kirschner
Lisa Peck
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

Village of Forsyth Public Library
Library Commission Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, June 12, 2024
1:00 p.m.
Forsyth Public Library Program Room

The regular monthly meeting of the Forsyth Public Library Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. in the library's Program Room.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Minutes

- Minutes from April 10, 2024

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

- Library Commission Reappointments
- Selection of Library Commission Chair & Secretary
- Non-resident Cards
- Emergency Plan Update

Librarian's Report

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

Adjournment

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Library Commission Meeting Minutes

Village of Forsyth Public Library

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Mary Jane Linton

Laura Reimer

Mary Jo Rowley

Becky Wayne

Ken Kirchner

Pat Parr

Lisa Peck

Absent

Also Present

Melanie Weigel, Library Director

Minutes

Motion made by Ken Kirchner to accept the corrected meeting minutes for the March 13, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Lisa Peck . Motion carried on voice vote; all members present voting yea.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

The FPL Policy Manual was discussed. The Unattended Child Policy was updated using a combination of our policy and other libraries. A motion was made by Pat Parr to accept the final corrections and additions to the FPL Policy. Mary Jo Rowley seconded. Motion carried on voice vote; all members present voting yea.

New Business

Library Commission meeting time was discussed. A motion was made by Mary Jo Rowley to continue meeting the second Wednesday of the month at 1 pm. Laura Reimer seconded. Motion carried on voice vote; all members present voting yea.

Librarian's Report

- Huffman Cabinet installed the new Coffee Bar cabinetry.
- The Community Room has new furniture This was a collaborative project with the Village.
- Art programs continue to be very popular.

- Melanie submitted a Community Arts Access grant application to the Decatur Arts Council to provide funding support for a resin art program.
- Adult programming continues to be very well received.
- The kids' programs and classes are very popular. Lots of exciting things are planned for this summer.
- FPL hosted a solar eclipse party and a Library Open House April 8.
- FPL will be closed May 1 for Staff Professional Development Training.
- FPL is having a raffle for St. Louis Cardinal baseball tickets. Patrons just need to check out any library material to be entered in the drawing. 30 tickets will be given away.
- FPL is hosting a Bluey Bash. A big crowd is expected to attend.
- Patron card registration as of March 31 includes 1,408 adults and 146 juveniles. The March 2024 patron count is 3,180 which is 167 more than March 2023. Circulation for March 2024 is 3,730 which is 1,301 less than March 2023. Materials checked out by Non-Forsyth Patrons is 1,434. Materials checked out by Forsyth patrons at other libraries is 388.

Adjournment

The next library commission meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2024. Ken Kirchner moved to adjourn. Pat Parr seconded. The motion carried on voice vote; all members present voting yea.

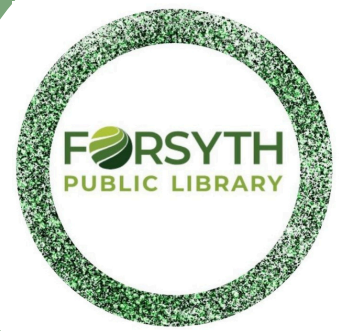
Meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Wayne

Library Director's Report

Library Commission Meeting

June 12, 2024



Grant Updates:

- FPL was recently awarded a \$3,200 matching grant from the Illinois State Historical Records Advisory Board (ISHRAB) to support our new Historical Archives. Tina Horve and I collaborated on the grant project, which will allow us to purchase additional storage materials to preserve and protect the local history items that are part of our collection. If you'd like to assist in these endeavors, Tina would love to have additional volunteers.
- I also submitted a grant to the Decatur Arts Council, which was recently approved to provide \$450 towards a resin art class that FPL will be hosting in July. We are excited to be able to offer an opportunity for our patrons to learn about this interesting new medium and create their own resin project. Without the grant's support, this class would have been too cost-prohibitive to offer to patrons.
- I am also in the process of working on a large grant opportunity through T Mobile to design an outdoor learning and community gathering space behind the library. Initial plans would be to connect the sidewalk to the back pavilion, placing benches and a few tables to create an outdoor programming space, adding in StoryWalk displays and interactive musical instruments as well as the potential for a community garden space.

Other News:

- I was accepted to attend Director's University, which is being held in Bloomington at the end of July. This is a professional development opportunity intended for newer public library directors throughout the state. It includes several modules of virtual work to complete as well as three days of in-person professional development.
- After reaching out to several other local libraries for feedback on their experiences, FPL will be launching a new Roku Streaming Sticks offering. Patrons can check out the streaming device that will have one of the following streaming services included: Disney+ & Hulu, Netflix, BritBox, HBO Max, Apple TV, and Paramount+ & Peacock. Look for the official announcement in the coming weeks!

Melanie Weigel, Director

MONTHLY STATS

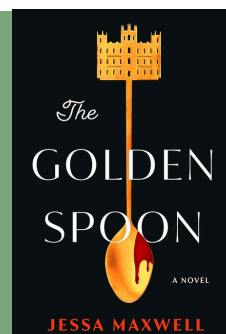
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Library in May,
up 917 from 2023

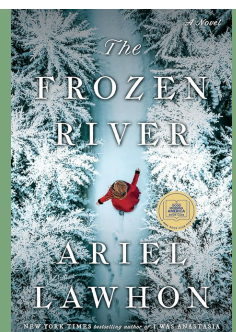
Items Checked Out
in March

4,188

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THOUGHT
JUNE 13



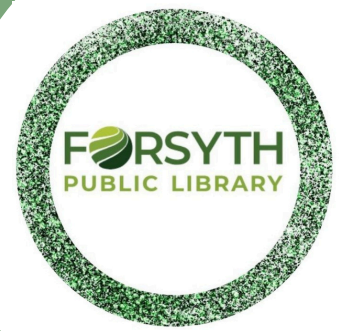
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JUNE 21



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Summer Reading Updates:

- We are in full Summer Reading mode! Sign ups started on Tuesday, May 28, and we've had a great response. FPL has a reading challenge for every age, from 0-2 all the way through adults. We'd love for you to show your support of the library by signing up for Summer Reading fun. We are especially excited for the wide variety of programs we're hosting this summer for the entire family. Highlights include:

EVERY MONDAY:

- Join us for Drop-In Crafts on Mondays @ 10 - including a tiny art show, an edible lawnmower treat, friendship bracelets and our very first Mess-tival, outdoor messy fun for kids of all ages!

EVERY TUESDAY:

- Summer Reading Performers on Tuesdays @ 2 PM - including the Children's Museum, fire breather + circus performer the Amazing Martika, musician Mr. Steve, the Scovill Mobile Zoo, and magician + artist Dan Gogh.

EVERY WEDNESDAY:

- Make the middle of your week extra fun by participating in our Wacky Wednesdays challenges! When you stop in the library to show us that you've completed that week's challenge, you'll earn yourself a prize. Wacky challenges include wearing a silly hat, dressing like a super hero, wearing your favorite concert or character t-shirt, showing off your weird socks, and many more.

EVERY THURSDAY:

- Get your kiddos signed up for art, STEM, and theater classes on Thursdays @ 10 AM or 2 PM. Options include Will It Float?, Fizzy STEM Fun, Improv Theater, Silly Sculpting, Nailed It! Cupcake Challenge, Perler Bead Art, Fairy Lights, Book Page Art and Lego Ocean Challenge. Registration is required for these programs, so get signed up today!

EVERY FRIDAY

- Each Friday, swing by FPL for a special Foodie Friday snack including unique flavors of freeze dried candy, chips, Oreos, donuts, international candy and even Bean-Boozled jelly beans!

Melanie Weigel, Director

MOST REQUESTED ITEMS BY FORSYTH PATRONS IN MAY

