



June 30, 2026

LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

The Village of Forsyth Library Commission has scheduled its regular monthly meeting for Wednesday, July 8, at 1:30 p.m. Please note the time change.

**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, July 8, 2026
1:30 p.m.
Forsyth Public Library Program Room**

The regular monthly meeting of the Forsyth Public Library Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. in the library's Program Room.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Minutes: Minutes from May 13, 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:

- Collection Development Policy Review

Librarian's Report:

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

Adjournment

Library Commission Meeting Minutes

Village of Forsyth Public Library

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Call to Order

Call to order at 11:00 p.m. by Mary Jane Linton

Roll Call

Chris Kopeika

Lisa Peck

Becky Wayne

Mary Jane Linton

Laura Reimer

Absent

Mary Jo Rowley

Ken Kirchner

Also Present

Melanie Weigel, Library Director

Minutes

Motion made by Chris Kopeika to accept the meeting minutes for the April 8, 2026 meeting.

Seconded by Laura Reimer. Motion carried on voice vote; all members present voting yea.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

The commission looked over the final Trustee Training Manual. A motion was made by Laura Reimer to approve the FPL Commission Member Manual after correcting a couple typos.

Seconded by Lisa Peck. Motion carried on voice vote; all members present voting yea.

New Business

Non-Resident library cards was discussed. A motion was made by Lisa Peck to continue to not allow non-residents to purchase a card. Seconded by Laura Reimer. Motion carried on voice vote; all members present voting yea.

Librarian's Report

- FPL Summer Reading Program for 2026 has been finalized. The theme is "Plant a Seed, Read!" The Kick-Off Party is Saturday, May 30, sponsored by Conxxus and several other businesses and Forsyth residents. The program schedule is a beautiful booklet with all the summer activities listed for families, kids, tween/teen and adults.
- Patron Card registration as of April 30 includes 1,319 adults and 169 juveniles. The April 2026 patron count is 2,906 which is 595 less than April 2025. Circulation for April 2026 is 3,214 which is 819 less than April 2025. Material checked out by Non-Forsyth Patrons is 1,212. Materials checked out by Forsyth Patrons at other libraries is 272.

Adjournment

The next library commission meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2026. Lisa Peck moved to adjourn. Laura Reimer seconded. The motion carried on voice vote; all members present voting yea.

Meeting adjourned at 11:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Wayne

LIBRARY UPDATES:

- As we approach the midway point of the 2026 Summer Reading program, we're continuing to see incredible numbers of participants. Over 650+ individuals have already registered for our reading program, making this year among the highest in the last 15 years. Attendance at our summer programs is growing weekly with 138 kids joining us to tie dye shirt and enjoy Kona Ice on June 23.
- We now have an amazing problem: With the number of families attending our events, we are struggling with our space constraints. We want all of our patrons - especially our youngest visitors - to have a great experience at our programs and we have found ourselves at max capacity often over the first few weeks of the summer. To help with this, we are going to implement an online registration process starting in July for the second half of our Summer Reading program. By utilizing an online SignUp Genius for our kids' programming, our staff can better gauge how many folks are planning to attend and also spread out our visitors. Community response has been relatively positive and we hope that this change will be beneficial for our families and our staff. Registration information can be found at on our website under the Summer Reading tab.
- Upcoming events include 3 showings of Rock Springs' StarLab Planetarium, Magician Zach Percell, Succulent Planter Design, Paint & Sip with Boba Tea, Disney Family Trivia and a Tween/Teen Party at Overlook Adventure Park.
- FPL continues to put an emphasis on outreach and connecting with local organizations. Staff attended a pop up event at Forsyth Fest, giving away sunglasses and other swag, registering community members for Summer Reading and offering a gift basket raffle. We also have been working closely with staff from Macon Resources to include their clients in our summer reading fun as well as collaborating with a local daycare to give their kids access to library events.
- We recently finished our landscaping on the front and sides of the building with the rear entrance to be finished in the coming weeks. The low-maintenance design emphasizes color throughout the year and has greatly improved the library's curb appeal.
- Work continues in the Community Room upgrade. New flooring will be going in shortly and countertops will be installed in the near future.

Melanie Weigel
Director

MOST POPULAR PROGRAMS THIS SUMMER

1



TIE DYE & KONA ICE
198 ATTENDEES

2



SUMMER READING KICK OFF PARTY
185 ATTENDEES

3



WILD TIMES EXOTIC PETS
159 ATTENDEES