



March 6, 2024

LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

The Village of Forsyth Library Commission has scheduled a meeting for
Wednesday, March 13, 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
Pat Parr
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, March 13, 2024
1:00 p.m.
Forsyth Public Library Program Room

The regular monthly meeting of the Forsyth Public Library Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. in the library's Program Room.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Minutes

- Minutes from February 14, 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

- Policy Manual Update

New Business

- None

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, February 14, 2024

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Mary Jane Linton – Left meeting at 2:10

Laura Reimer

Mary Jo Rowley

Becky Wayne

Ken Kirchner

Lisa Peck

Pat Parr

Absent

Jill Applebee, Village of Forsyth Administrator

Also Present

Melanie Weigel, Library Director

Minutes

Motion made by Pat Parr to accept the meeting minutes for the January 10, 2024 meeting. Seconded by Mary Jo Rowley. Motion carried on voice vote; all members present voting yea.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

FPL Policy Manual potential changes were discussed. Melanie will do some further research with other libraries before the Commission votes on the Policy Manual.

New Business

Melanie has completed the Illinois Public Library Annual Report 2024. Each Commission member received a copy.

Librarian's Report

- Coffee Talk has been very successful and is now a weekly offering.
- M-F Grade School and Decatur Christian School continue to use the library.
- Pam led a very interesting “Meet Libby” program to help patrons use the app.
- Story Time with Miss Jana continues every Friday at 10 am.
- FPL is offering a Tech Help program to answer individual's tech questions.
- FPL and the Village is offering monthly Bingo in the Community Room.
- FPL will offer 2 drop-in crafts available for Valentine's Day.

- Melanie attended a meetup for directors of medium-sized public libraries at the Shelbyville Public Library.
- FPL is hiring a Library Assistant II/Circulation
- The library has purchased 2 new TVs to advertise upcoming library events.
- Village of Forsyth will be hiring a Historical Archivist position. This person will collaborate with the Library Director and report to the Village Administrator. The physical archives will be in a dedicated space within the library.
- Patron card registration as of January 31 includes 1,401 adults and 151 juveniles. The January 2024 patron count is 2,653 which is 301 more than January 2023. Circulation for January 2024 is 3,932 which is 556 less than January 2023. Materials checked out by Non-Forsyth Patrons is 1,536. Materials checked out by Forsyth patrons at other libraries is 310.

Adjournment

The next library commission meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2024. Lisa Peck moved to adjourn. Pat Parr seconded. The motion carried on voice vote; all members present voting yea.

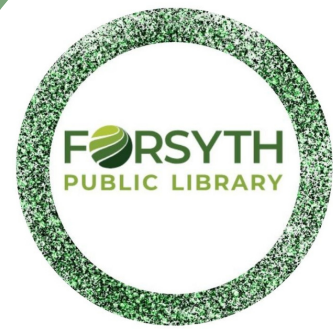
Meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Wayne

Library Director's Report

Library Commission Meeting

March 13, 2024



Library Updates:

- We are pleased to be hosting the first of three Golf Cart Registration events in collaboration with Village staff on Monday, March 11, from 5:30 - 7 PM at the Library in the Community Room. Residents are invited to learn about the new requirements and have their golf carts inspected.
- Starting on March 1 through March 9, the Library will be having its annual Book Sale. Come browse through the discarded and donated books to find a few gems that you can take home with you. All items are available for a donation of your choice during regular library hours.
- After the fantastic response to our first Bingo event, our second round of Bingo is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, at 1 PM in the Community Room. Special thanks to Jill and Kim for their collaboration on this new venture.
- The Library will be celebrating Pi Day on March 14 with a chance for patrons to sample the baked goods version of pie. We hope you can stop in for a slice.
- The new weekly Adult Trivia contest has been a big hit. Patrons can submit their answers for a chance to win a \$5 Casey's gift card.
- Annette is back! Chair Yoga returns to its usual format on Mondays and Wednesdays at 11 AM under her direction.
- On March 2nd, Next of Kin led a pottery painting party for adult patrons. Upcoming adult programs in March include Just Jane: A Visit with Jane Austen on March 26 at 5:30 PM and a U of I Extension-led program on Tomato Growing on March 28.
- On February 29, we offered a special Leap Day program where kids were invited to open up the 2020 Time Capsules that were previously created and had the opportunity to create their own time capsule to be opened on the next Leap Day.
- Our next kids' events include a Kids' Take and Make project available starting on March 12, a Kids' Movie Day on March 13 at 1 PM, and a Youth Art Drop In on March 16 from 12:30 - 2 PM.
- A special thanks to the Public Works staff who assisted in moving library shelving to allow for an expanded Large Print section to better meet the needs of our patrons.
- Mark your calendar for our upcoming Open House on Monday, April 8, from 4 - 6 PM!

MONTHLY STATS

Melanie Weigel, Director

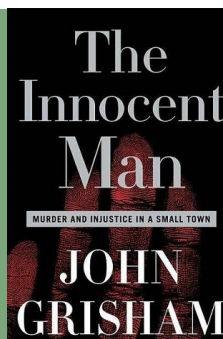
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Patrons Visited the Library
in February, up more than
300 visitors from '23 for the
second month in a row!

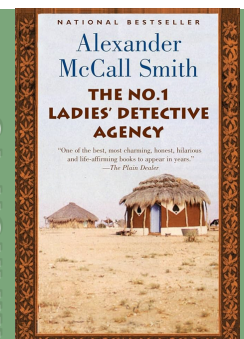
Items Checked Out
in February

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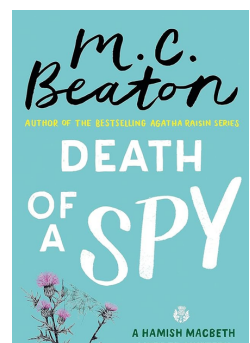
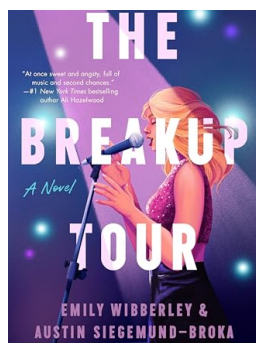
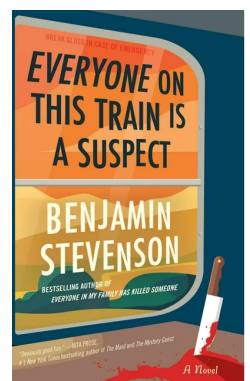
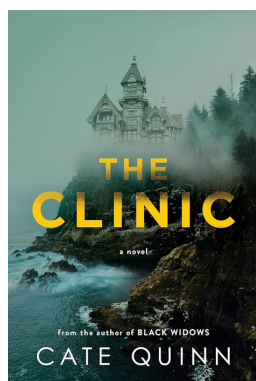
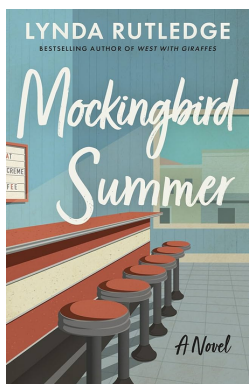
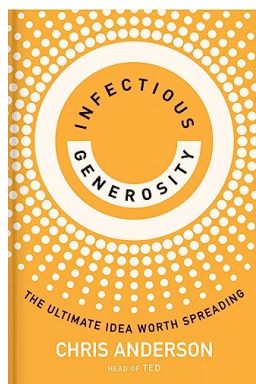
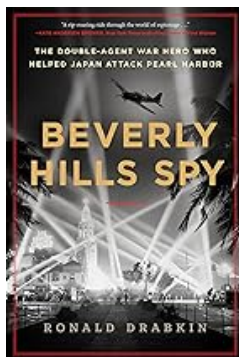
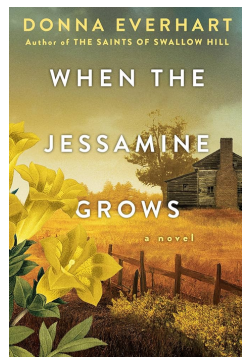
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MARCH 14



BOOKKEEPERS
MARCH 15



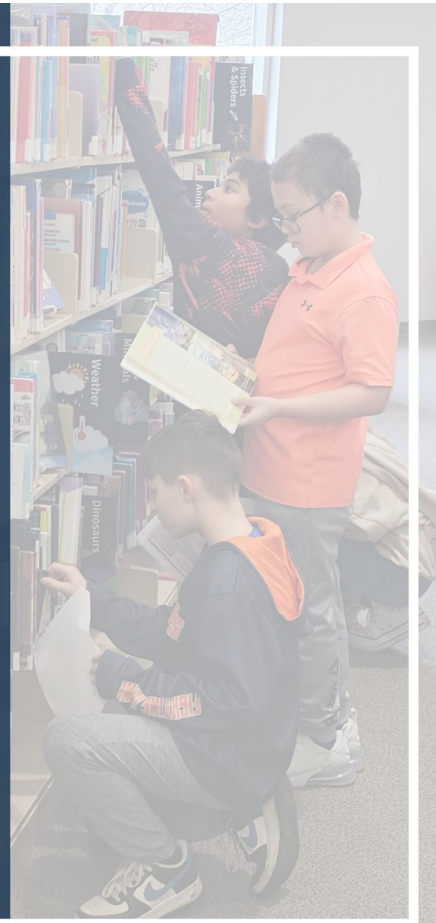
NEW ITEMS NOW AVAILABLE



FORSYTH PUBLIC LIBRARY *Open House*

MONDAY, APRIL 8
4 - 6 PM

Join Us For
A Tour of the New FPL
Historical Archives, the
Unveiling of Our New Coffee
Bar & Expanded Large Print
Collection, Summer
Programming Preview, Kids'
Activities, Refreshments,
Prizes and So Much More!



Forsyth Historical Archives Update:

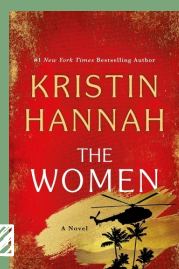
Tina Horve continues her work as Historical Archivist for the new Forsyth Historical Archives. The Library website was recently updated to include a new Local History section that will share info about the physical archives and link directly to the Omeka for digital resources.

<https://www.forsythlibrary.com/forsyth-history>

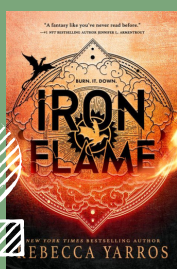
You may also enjoy following along as she documents the archival process on the Forsyth Then & Now Facebook.

MOST REQUESTED ITEMS BY FORSYTH PATRONS IN FEBRUARY

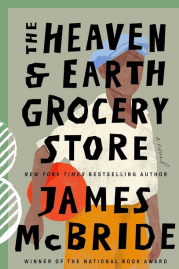
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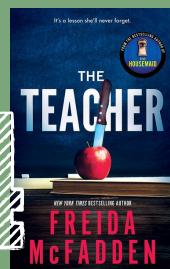
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