



April 3, 2026

LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

The Village of Forsyth Library Commission has scheduled its regular monthly meeting for Wednesday, April 8, 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 Jim Ashby

Trustee Dave Wendt

Trustee Chelsie Kidd

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, April 8, 2026
1:00 p.m.
Forsyth Public Library Program Room**

The regular monthly meeting of the Forsyth Public Library Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. in the library's Program Room.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Minutes: Minutes from March 11, 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:

- Trustee Training Manual

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, March 11, 2026

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Chris Kopeika

Lisa Peck

Becky Wayne

Mary Jo Rowley

Mary Jane Linton

Laura Reimer

Ken Kirchner

Absent

Also Present

Melanie Weigel, Library Director

Minutes

Motion made by Ken Kirchner to accept the meeting minutes for the February 11, 2026 meeting. Seconded by Chris Kopeika. Motion carried on voice vote; all members present voting yea.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

- Melanie presented the Commission with a Table of Contents for the FPL Commission Member Manual. She will fill in the sections under each heading and bring a rough draft to the April meeting.

New Business

None

Librarian's Report

- Carpet Weavers will be installing new flooring in the Community Room at the end of July.
- The Garden Path in Mt. Zion will do the landscaping around the library.

- A sidewalk will be poured from the library to the pavilion in early summer.
- Some of the parking lot in back of the library will be replaced.
- Michelle Lehmann has been promoted to Youth Services Librarian. Lainey Fitzpatrick has been promoted to Youth Services and Social Media Assistant. Asia Sheumaker has been hired as our new Library Assistant.
- FPL will end BabyTalk Times classes. The library will begin our own Lapsit Program beginning April 1st.
- Malanie has been selected to attend Director's University Advanced.
- Melanie spoke to a University of Pennsylvania researcher about the roles libraries play related to patron's health needs. The research will be conducted the next four years.
- FPL is currently hosting a Food Drive for the Feed the Need Food Shelf.
- The State Library accepted our annual IPLAR report.
- FPL is hosting the Medium Publics Meet Up later in March.
- The MFGS 5th graders Biography Day was a great experience. They presented their living museum to family and friends.
- The Pirate and Princess Party had a great turn out.
- Mahjong Mondays will begin April 6.
- The "Bob Cyphers: Murder and Mayhem in the Midwest" is expected to be one of our biggest programs of the Spring.
- Summer Reading Sponsorships are available from \$1000 to a Family and Friends Summer Reading Sponsor for \$25.
- Patron Card registration as of February 28 includes 1,356 adults and 172 juveniles. The February 2026 patron count is 2,587 which is 92 less than February 2025. Circulation for February 2026 is 3,344 which is 334 less than February 2025. Material checked out by Non-Forsyth Patrons is 1,179. Materials checked out by Forsyth Patrons at other libraries is 224.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Wayne