



February 6, 2025

LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

**The Village of Forsyth Library Commission has scheduled a meeting for
Wednesday, February 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, February 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, February 12, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in the library's Program Room.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Minutes: Minutes from January 8, 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:

- None

New Business:

- Long-Term Strategic Plan

Librarian's Report:

- IPLAR & Per Capita Reports
- Comments and Discussion
- Circulation, Attendance, and Library Stats

Adjournment

Library Commission Meeting Minutes

Village of Forsyth Public Library

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

Call to Order

Call to order at 12:58 p.m. by Mary Jane Linton

Roll Call

Mary Jane Linton

Mary Jo Rowley

Becky Wayne

Ken Kirchner

Lisa Peck

Laura Reimer

Absent

Chris Kopeika

Also Present

Melanie Weigel, Library Director

Minutes

Motion made by Ken Kirchner to accept the meeting minutes for the November 13, 2024 meeting.

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

Public Comment

None

Old Business

The results of the FPL Community Survey were discussed. Seventy-two community members completed the survey. Ninety-five % of those completing the survey are very satisfied with FPL. A survey response letter was discussed to show survey results.

New Business

None

Librarian's Report

- Melanie gave us an update on her completed 2024 Director Goals.
- Melanie discussed her 2025 Director Goals
- FPL had an 18 % increase over 2023 in visitors coming to the library. Patrons saved \$429,000 using their library card in 2024 versus buying the same items.
- FPL Year in Review was discussed.

- Our library staff is very busy creating many new programs for 2025.
- Patron card registration as of November 30 includes 1,361 adults and 140 juveniles. The November 2024 patron count is 2,764 which is 364 more than November 2023. Circulation for November 2024 is 3,891 which is 223 more than November 2023. Materials checked out by Non-Forsyth Patrons is 1,478. Materials checked out by Forsyth Patrons at other libraries is 258.
- Patron card registration as of December 31 includes 1,357 adults and 141 juveniles. The December 2024 patron count is 2,502 which is 294 more than December 2023. Circulation for December 2024 is 3,581 which is 24 more than December 2023. Materials checked out by Non-Forsyth Patrons is 1,392. Material check out by Forsyth Patrons at other libraries is 234.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Wayne

LIBRARY UPDATES:

- One of the highlights of January was a collaboration with MFGS staff members to bring our library's resources to their students as well as bringing their students to our library. I visited the 5th grade classrooms to teach students how to utilize online databases to find accurate information before inviting them to our library to check out books on their historical figure. The culmination of this partnership will be the presentation of the 5th Grade Living Museum here at FPL in early March.
- We also partnered with the Maroa Public Library to sponsor a Winter Reading Challenge for M-F students. Congrats to our winner Olivia (pictured right) with Youth Services Librarian, Miss Kelsey.
- January kicked off two NEW monthly adult programs. The Adult True Crime Club will next meet on February 18 to discuss the Netflix documentary *Cold Case: Who Killed JonBenet Ramsey?*. Crafternoon Delight will be held the first and third Mondays of each month. Patrons are invited to bring crafts or sewing projects and enjoy good conversation while they work on a project of their choosing. Other popular adult programs this month included an Adult Glass Etching Class and Team Trivia.
- In February, we will offer a Valentine's Cake Pop Decorating program, a Winter Seed Sowing program on Feb 5, Bingo at the Library on Feb 11, and a Gut Health workshop on Feb 28 in addition to Chair Yoga, Coffee Talk, Tech Club and our two book clubs.
- We've seen great success with our Saturday Drop In programs. The goal is to provide a free family-friendly activity or event each Saturday morning. January options included 2025 Inspiration Boards, Make Your Own Puzzle, CD Scratch Art, and Play-doh Fun. In February, we're looking forward to making Valentines for Vets, Mini Golf at the Library, a Winter Craft Drop-In, and a Stuffie Repair Clinic.
- Beyond our Pokemon, Graphic Novel and Cross-Stitching Kids' clubs, we also are hosting an indoor snowball fight on February 18 and will have kids' take and make crafts available starting Feb 4.
- The annual Per Capita report and the IPLAR report were both recently completed and submitted to the Illinois State Library as required.



Congrats Olivia!

Melanie Weigel, Director

MOST REQUESTED BOOKS IN JANUARY

