

Village of Forsyth Public Library
Library Commission Meeting Agenda

Wednesday October 11, 2017
1:00 p.m.
Library Conference Room

The regular monthly meeting of the Forsyth Public Library Commission is scheduled for Wednesday October 11, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room located in the library.

Call to Order

Roll Call

Minutes

Minutes from September 13, 2017

Public comment: Anyone who wishes to address the Library Commission may do so at this time. 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

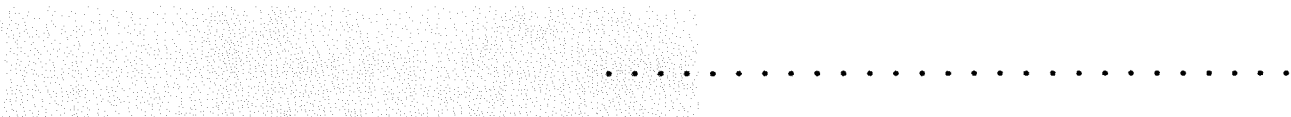
New Business

Per Capita Grant: Safety in the Library
Future Meeting Dates

Librarian's Report

Circulation, attendance, and library statistics for the month of September

Adjournment



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Call to order

Chair Pat Parr called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Pat Parr
Ken Kirchner
Mary Jo Rowley
Cheryl Lehman
Julia Livingston

Also Present

Rachel Miller, Library Director

Absent

Pramod Chikkappaiah
Bernadette Birkholtz

Minutes

Rowley moved, Lehman seconded to approve the August 9, 2017 minutes as amended. The amendment was to the report about the Summer Reading Program. The sentence should read "Changes this year were corporate funding for books given out to readers by Amanda Giles of Country Financial and instead of three different prize groups, there were two groups." Motion carried on voice vote; all members present voting yea.

Public Comment

Steven Luker, Decatur, IL, was present and addressed the Commission with a request that the Library purchase a German magazine subscription.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Summer Reading Program

The Library Director presented a written report on the 2017 Summer Reading Program with the theme "Reading by Design". She noted that most numbers were down from previous years including circulation and registration but that attendance at programs was fairly steady.

Director Miller said that some changes were being discussed such as extending the time of the program, adding a midpoint for adults to the program, changing the number of reading hours, and encouraging those who want to read more. She stated that the 2018 Program will be "Reading Takes You

Everywhere". The Library will be hosting a performers showcase on November 7, 2017, for next year's programs.

Librarian's Report

Circulation, Attendance and Library Statistics

Director Miller presented her written report for August and noted that circulation was down from last year but compared favorably with prior years. Patron count was down from last year but up over other years.

Library Activities

The Director highlighted programs such as the Superhero Library Scavenger Hunt on September 9, 2017 which had 19 kids and 15 adults attending. The Tech Club held September 12, 2017 had 23 people learning about computer maintenance. Story times will start up on September 15, 2017. On September 19, 2017, the new program "Brain Dance" will be held as well as the adult program "Outsmart the Scammers". The adult watercolor class on September 23, 2017 has been well received. Programs for October were also mentioned such as the Macon County History Museum and a card making class.

Adjournment

Livingston moved, Kirchner seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 p.m. Motion declared carried on voice vote; all members present voting yea.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl K. Lehman

Cheryl Lehman, Secretary

**Library Director's Report
Library Commission Meeting
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September Library Statistics

- Circulation - 6,147 (September 2016 7,176)
- Attendance - 3,705 (September 2016 3,607)

Library Activities

- Magazine subscriptions for 2017 have been finalized and ordered.
- The library served as a collection spot for the 2017 WSOY Community Food Drive. Nonperishable items could be dropped off at the library the week of October 2, then food drive volunteers delivered them to the main collection point.
- The library's new display wall is featuring class pictures from past years of Forsyth students. The pictures were part of the Forsyth/Hickory Point Township Historical Society collection and patrons have been helping us match up names and faces of these students from 1930's, 1940's and 1950's.
- Sheriff Howard Buffett was the featured speaker at Community Watch on October 2. Fifty-six people attended the meeting.
- We are continuing our series of cooperative programs with the Heritage Network of Decatur and Macon County. Nathan Pierce, Executive Director of the Macon County History Museum, will present an overview of the history of the Grand Army of the Republic on Tuesday, October 17.
- Youth Services Librarian Marissa White is now on maternity leave. Former Youth Services Librarian Sandi Hayes is filling the position in her absence.
- Marissa White and Sandi Hayes attended a meeting with other youth services staff from central Illinois libraries on Friday, September 8 at Chatham Public Library.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Miller
October 6, 2017*



VILLAGE OF FORSYTH, ILLINOIS

October 6, 2017

LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING NOTICE

The Village of Forsyth Library Commission has scheduled a meeting for
Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

This meeting will be held in the Conference Room at the Forsyth Public Library.
The agenda for the said meeting is attached.

If you have any questions, please call the Village Hall at 877-9445.

Library Director
Rachel Miller

cc: Mary Jo Rowley
Bernadette Birkholtz
Ken Kirschner
Pat Parr
Cheryl Lehman
Pramod Chikkappaiah
Julia Livingston
Trustee Kerry Denison
Trustee Bob Gruenewald
Trustee Dave Wendt
Trustee Jim Peck
Trustee Larry Reed
Trustee Kerstin Trachtenberg
Mayor Marilyn Johnson
Village Administrator, David Strohl
Village Clerk, Amy Goodman
Community and Economic Development Coordinator, Andrew Zupkoff
Village Vision