

## **Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting**

July 9, 2018 6:45 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

**Attendees:** David Bristowe, Sharon Duris, Janet Medrow, Beth Nachman, Linda Noll, Tracey Pasquale, Fauzia Shamim, Laura Arnhold-Library Director, Carole Keeney-Township Liaison, Michael Duris, Karl Helicher, Carla Verderame

### **Minutes:**

Minutes were approved from the June 11, 2018 meeting.

### **Adult Services and Director's Comments:**

Tech Night on June 4, 2018 was well attended.

Self Defense class for high school students on June 6, 2018 was a huge success.

Kona Ice truck was here on June 11, 2018 for people to sign up for summer reading.

Coloring Night group met on June 11, 2018.

Sangeetha was at the Upper Merion Senior Service Center on June 12, 2018.

Summer Reading for Teens and Adults started on June 18, 2018.

14 patrons attended knit Night on June 25, 2018.

LGBT was the theme of the display in front of the Reference office to celebrate Pride month.

### **Children's Services:**

Third grade teacher, Hilary Borzillo brought 80 students from Candlebrook Elementary School to the library for a pre-summer visit on June 12, 2018.

Sue Kirkpatrick focused on music with her Preschool Explorers class on June 19, 2018.

The library offers two separate book discussions programs for kids during the summer. Middle school age students may participate in a five-week Middle School Monday night program that began June 25, 2018. There is also a four-week Literary Lunch Group that meets for lunch, discussion and a trivia competitions on Thursdays.

Twelve middle school age students met with Becky Ginther to discuss, Me and Marvin Gardens by A.S. King on June 28, 2018.

Sue Kirkpatrick provided outreach services to Camp Beechtree on June 25, 2018.

On June 26, 2018, staff members from Montgomery Department of Health and Human Services gave away bike helmets on a first come first serve basis to 75 lucky children, teens and adults.

The library continues to enroll preschoolers in the 1,000 Books before Kindergarten Program.

David Darwin entertained approximately 250 people with his one man juggling comedy show on June 19, 2018.

Story time classes for children from birth to 5 years began the week of June 25, 2018.

The library has extended library services to the campers enrolled in the township's Adventure Day Camp and the school district's Extended Day Programs.

Book author, Alex London visited the library on July 2, 2018 as part of tour of libraries in Montgomery County Sponsored by the district.

This year's reading club centers on the theme Libraries Rock and will feature a different theme related display on the small table each week. Meera Alve's display "Just Dewey It" highlighted popular non-fiction books. Weekly displays featured materials about musical instruments, biographies and fictional stories about musicians, and the science of sound. There were separate holiday displays for Juneteenth, Flag Day, Father's Day and the Fourth of July and separate displays on the dogs and summer.

Becky Ginther put together a book bracket for the summer. Library patrons are invited to vote for their favorite book between two popular books every two weeks. Books receiving the least votes are eliminated and the more popular books advance to the next stage. Forty-one votes were cast for the first round. This summer's winning book will be announced August 6, 2018.

**Old Business:**

Library Friend of the Year presentation with Karl Helicher

Celebrate TAG kids at a luncheon on Friday July 6, 2018. The TAG kids have volunteered over 1300 hours of time in the past four years.

Library Goals presenting at Goals & Objectivities with the Board of Supervisors on July 12, 2018.

Library Policies-where are we and what do we need to do next.

**New Business:**

Work on Library policies for next meeting

**Report from Carole Keeney-Township Liaison:**

Carole updated the board on various township activities.

**Upcoming Events:**

August 13, 2018 Library Board Meeting Cancelled

September 10, 2018 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.

July 9, 2018 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.

October 8, 2018 Library Board meeting 6:45 p.m.

November 12, 2018 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.

December 10, 2018 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.

January 14, 2019 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.-Reorganization Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Duris, Secretary