

Upper Merion township Library Board Meeting

April 8, 2019, 6:45 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Attendees:

David Bristowe, Sharon Duris, Beth Nachman, Linda Noll, Janet Medrow, Tracey Pasquale, Fauzia Shamim, Laura Arnhold-Library Director

Unable to Attend:

Carole Keeney-Township Liaison

Minutes:

Minutes were approved from the March 11, 2019 meeting.

Adult Services and Directors Comments:

- March to health & Fitness was the theme for adult programs this month.
- The Upper Merion Township Library's Board Game Collection is available, thanks to the generous support by the Fine Endowment.
- Tech Night on Monday, March 4, 2019 was well attended.
- Computer Class at the Senior Center on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 and March 27, 2019 was led by Sangeetha.
- Winter Reading for Adults and High School Students started on January 14, 2019 and ended on March 20, 2019.
- Community Center Fitness Class partnership resumed on Monday, March 18, 2019.
- Teen Yoga and Meditation on Thursday, March 21, 2019 was attended by many teens.
- ACT Practice Test on Saturday, March 23, 2019 was attended by 15 high school students.
- Hypnosis Seminar was held on March 27, 2019.
- Knit Nite in March was attended by 9 patrons.
- Coloring Night group met a few Mondays in January.
- Spring Book Discussion: Finding the Familiar in the Foreign and Finding the Foreign in the Familiar: Women's Lives Against the Backdrop of History is going strong.
- The display cases highlighted a variety of interests in March. The library case housed a photo array and collection of writings, the atrium cases featured Mandala artwork and the tables in front of the reference office showcased books and videos on health and fitness and anyone checking out an item from this display was entered in a drawing to win a prize related to health and fitness.

Children's Services:

- The library offered a four-week Spring Parent/Child workshop series on Mondays in March for children ages 1 to 3 and their parent or caregiver.

- The library partnered with UMGA-TV to produce a summer reading commercial starring the Junior Friends of the Library on March 4, 2019.
- There were three consecutive play workshops scheduled on Tuesdays in March that brought in sixteen to twenty children and parents each week for free play with the library's developmentally appropriate toys in Freedom Hall.
- Becky Ginther highlighted Egyptian culture at March's Passport Pals program on March 11, 2019.
- This year's Write & Illustrate Your Own Book Contest judging panel included Judy Snook, Diane Shatzman, Joan Shaw, Terry McArdle, John Miraglia, and Laura Selinsky. The judges met with Jeanne Kauffman to select winners during the week of February 18, 2019 and winners were announced February 28, 2019
- **Kindergarten:** 1st Place-Riyan Gandhi, 2nd Place-Bhavith Chapoclasetty, 3rd Place-Diya Nishad, HM-Anish Lakkoju
- **First Grade:** 1st Place-Victoria Megerian, 2nd Place-Samika Nettem, 3rd Place-Blair Podoshen
- **Second Grade:** 1st Place-Reed McCurley, 2nd Place-Ishan Bansal, 3rd Place(tie)-Keshav Choudhary, Anthony Belmonte
- **Third Grade:** 1st Place-Samantha Roulstone, 2nd Place-Alyssa Hepburn, 3rd Place-Misa Yoshimura, HM-Natalie Ford
- **Fourth Grade:** 1st Place-Max Belmonte, 2nd Place-Jessica Lydecker, 3rd Place-Rida Fathima, HM-Matt Adams
- **Fifth Grade:** 1st Place-Maelyn Quach, 2nd Place-Talia Croy, 3rd Place-Nikita Joshi, HM-Araz Balian
- **Sixth Grade:** 1st Place-Sierra Martello, Anna McCarel, 2nd Place-Jenna Xue, 3rd Place-Ishitaa Saxena, HM-David Rendon-Garcia
- **Seventh Grade:** 1st Place-Jocelyn Bilker, 2nd Place-Megan Chaing, 3rd Place-Rujuta Gandhi
- **Eighth Grade:** 1st Place-Devanshi Bhargava, 2nd Place-Nyrie Bouloutian, 3rd Place-Lili Yacoubian, HM-Alexandra Belmonte
- There were two additional awards given out, the Susan Lomax Award for the book with the best illustrations and the Joane F. McNamara Award was awarded for the best overall story. Eighth grader, Devanshi Bhargava received both awards for her beautiful book, 14 Days From Friends.
- March's preschool Explorer class focused on seeds and planting.
- The six-week Winter Story time class ended the week of March 11, 2019.
- April is Family Reading Month at the Library.
- Dana McGahey and Meera Alve highlighted books on spring and planting for a, March into spring display table. Rina Das featured biographies of famous women in science on the small table. Other displays featured holiday books for Mardi Gra, St. Patrick's Day, Purim, and Holi. Angie Dalasio created small displays celebrating March Winds & Kites, donuts, colors and a Let's Get Hopping display featuring rabbit stories.

Old Business:

- Joint Board Meeting Presentation planning

Upcoming Events:

- May 9, 2019 Joint Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- May 13, 2019 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- June 10, 2019 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- July 8, 2019 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- August 12, 2019 Library Board meeting 6:45 p.m.
- September 9, 2019 Library board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- October 14, 2019 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- November 11, 2019 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- December 9, 2019 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- January 13, 2020 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.-Reorganization Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Duris, Secretary