

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

December 11, 2017 6:45 p.m.-7:20 p.m.

Attendees:

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

Unable to Attend:

Carole Keeney-Township Liaison

Minutes:

Minutes were approved from the November 13, 2017 meeting.

Adult Services and Director's Comments:

Fall Book Discussion Series concluded: The Lives We Lead: The Results and Repercussions of Making Choices started on September 17, 2017.

Sangeetha was at the Upper Merion Senior Service Center on November 14, 2017 and November 28, 2017.

Seniors, who could not attend our tech night, got their digital questions answered.

We had four Social Security workshops this month.

SAT Practice test for High School Students was held on Saturday, November 4, 2017.

Tech Night on Monday, November 6, 2017 was attended by four adult patrons.

Monthly coloring night has been very popular.

Library co-sponsored "Spin Class" at the community center was attended by twelve library patrons on Monday, October 20, 2017.

Knit Nite was attended by 14 patrons. The numbers are increasing and we could see many new patrons enjoy learning to knit.

Children's Department:

Fifteen members of the Junior Friends of the Library met for a pizza party, trivia and discussion of the book, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire by J.K. Rowling.

Sue Kirkpatrick focused on opposites as here theme with the Preschool Explorer STEAM story time.

Sixteen middle school students had fun creating their own Harry Potter inspired magical scene using paints on canvas.

Twenty-three children in 1st-4th participated in Fun Friday activities on November 13, 2017.

Thirteen students in 3rd-5th grade attended the Math Madness program on November 13, 2017.

Rena Staley focused on Thanksgiving for her Saturday Family Story Time.

Thirty-nine Harry Potter fans in grades 2 to 4 participated in a variety of Harry Potter themed activities.

This years Write & Illustrate Your Own Book Contest judging panel included Judy Snook, Diane Shatzman, Joan Shaw, Terry McArdle, and Laura Selinsky. The judges met with Jeanne Kauffman to select winners during the third week in November. There were about 321 entries this year.

Kindergarten:

1st Place: Kaavya Budhani

2nd Place: Kulie Lamosa

First Grade:

1st Place: Kaavya Kodiya

2nd Place: Anthony Belmonte

3rd Place: Alexia DeMartino

HM: Avika Kale

Second Grade:

1st Place: Natalie Ford

2nd Place: Courtney Lamey

3rd Place: Misa Yashimuea

HM: Alexander Montgomery

Third Grade:

1st Place: Matt Adams

2nd Place: Daniel Chen Stabinski

3rd Place(tie): Nick Adams

3rd Place(tie): Sofia Crofoot

HM: Jessica Lydecker

Fourth Grade:

1st Place: Juliet Laun

2nd Place: Kristen Naraga

3rd Place: Syia Lyer

HM: Silvana Manea

Fifth Grade:

1st Place: Sierra Martello & Anna McCarel

2nd Place: Jenna Zue

3rd Place: Sailor Abraham

HM: Sam Belmonte

Sixth Grade:

1st Place: Megan Chaing

2nd Place: Rujuta Gandhi

3rd Place: Jocelyn Bilker

HM(tie): Jovina Vincent

HM(tie): Sofia Nannetti

Seventh Grade:

1st Place: Devanshi Bhargava

2nd Place: Isabelle Lee, Sofia Lydecker & Brianna Pinto

3rd Place: Alexandra Belmonte

HM: Sasha Croy

Eighth Grade:

1st Place: Miya Shin

2nd Place(tie): Rose West

2nd Place(tie): Savanna Alarie & Amber Alarie

3rd Place: Anna Walmsley

HM: Sareen Minasian

There were two additional awards given out. The Susan Lomax Award was awarded to the book with the best illustrations. Sixth grader, Rujuta Biren Gandhi received this award for her book, Sugar and Spice and the Joane F. McNamara Award for the best overall book was given to Anna Walmsley for her book, Fire's Ash.

The Reading Buddy currently has 57 active pairs of reading buddies.

Becky Ginther showcased Harry Potter with her large table display titled, "Redding Turns Muggles into Wizards" in November. Rina Das highlighted "A Harvest of Good Reading" for the small table display. Holiday books for the Day of the Dead, as well as Mexican heritage books, tea time inspired book, books on pilots, "Who Said the Owl" stories and pilot and flying books for Aviation History month were also

featured.

Old Business:

Removal of DVD & video game fees

Website update

New Business:

Performance Evaluations

Circulation Assistant Positions open

Upcoming Events:

January 8, 2018 Library Board Meeting 6:45p.m.-Reorganization Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Duris, Secretary