Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting
April 9, 2012 6:45-8:15 PM

Attendees:
John Egan, Aleta Duey, David Bristowe, Tracy Pasquale, Sharon Duris. Linda Noll, Library Director Karl Helicher, Carole Kenney, Township Liaison, and Jeanne Kauffman

2012 Library Friend of the Year presentation
- The Library Board recognized the Nemchenkos as the 2012 Library Friend of the Year in a ceremony during the board meeting. The Nemchenkos will also be recognized with a Township Proclamation during the April 26 Township Supervisors meeting.

Minutes
- Minutes of the March 2012 Library Board meeting were approved.

Adult Services
- Six Book Chats are in the works with the following authors - Eliot Shorr-Parks and Steve Parks (*More Than A Game: Life Lessons from Philadelphia's Sports Community)*, Tim Wendel (*Summer of '68: The Season That Changed Baseball*), Harold Gullan, Ph.D. (Tommey's Triumph: Inside A Key Senate Campaign), Stanley Weintraub Ph.D. (*Final Victory: FDR's Extraordinary World War II Presidential Campaign*), and two others for later in the year, of particular note is Carol Miller (*Up All Night: My Life and Times in Rock Radio*) whose book is being published by HarperCollins, a major publisher.
- The second Book Discussion was held on Sunday, April 3 and had sixteen readers attend. It was led by Erin Hurt. The third discussion in the series will be held on April 15 and will also be led by Erin.
- The Evanced Events Managing Software, where patrons can now sign-up for events online through the township's library website, is being used. The system is set up to send email reminders for those who sign up for events.
- The library held the first two parts of a five-part "Get Money Smart" series, led by Patti Colby.
- Dr. Suresh Chaturvedi hosted a presentation on Ayurveda, the Eastern holistic lifestyle on March 14.
- SCORE, the Service Corps of Retired Executives, is offering two free business seminars on April 13.
- Master Gardener Peggy Rastiello will be presenting two classes this spring – one on April 24, and one on May 5.

Children's Services
- Jeanne Kauffman presented the Children's Services update
- With heavy enrollment in the Preschool story time classes, and lighter enrollment in the infant and toddler classes, the library will offer one of the three toddler classes to be a parachute class. Also under consideration is offering a toddler yoga story time class in place of one of the toddler classes. The library feels these changes will be popular.
- The American Sign Language Night at the library on March 14 was very popular and plans are underway to offer two more such classes in the fall.
- Approximately 85 people attended the Junior Friends Night of Margie Palantini Reader's Theatre Presentation on March 28.
- The Summer Reading Medal funding, which was funded in part by the Management of the King of Prussia Mall and Court, was decreased by $1,500 to $1,000 by the management company as they decided they could no longer fund the full amount. New sponsors are being sought.

- The Kitchen Classroom workshop with Gabrielle Kaplan-Mayer will be held on April 11, with parents and children participating. The book, for which this program is based from, was designed to enhance bonding experiences between kids with special needs and their parents.
- April is designated as Family Reading Month – parents are invited to read with their children 20 minutes a day for at least five days and in doing so, can enter a drawing for prizes including free passes to the Elmwood Zoo.
- All of the flyers and programs are ready for this year's Summer Reading program. Instead of waiting until the kick-off on June 18th to start registration, the library will provide the opportunity for children to pre-register when the staff visit each school with the hope to turn the excitement drummed up into even more participation. The Board discussed potentially looking at offering online sign-ups at some point in the future using the Evanced Events system.

New Business

- The township Citizens Board Appreciation lunch will be held on October 14, 2012

Upcoming Events

- April 23, 2012 – Joint Meeting with Township Board of Supervisors from 7:00-7:30 pm.
- May 14, 2012 – Library Board meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Bristowe, Secretary