

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

October 8, 2012 @ 6:45 – 7:45 pm

Attendees:

John Egan, David Bristowe, Aleta Duey, Sharon Duris, Linda Knoll, Library Director Karl Helicher, and Carole Kenney – Township Liaison

Minutes:

- Minutes of the September 2012 Library Board Meeting were approved.

Adult Services:

- The Second Book Discussion will be held on October 14 at 2 pm on the book *The Memory Place*, by Mira Bartok. September 30th's Book Discussion on *Defying Hitler* was attended by 23 readers.
- Upcoming Book Chats include the authors, Ingrid Croce (*I've Got A Name: The Jim Croce Story*) on October 10, Gilbert King (*Devil In The Grove*), on October 24, Donald Bartlett and James Steele (*The Betrayal of the American Dream*) on November 7, John P. Spencer, Ph.D., (*In The Crossfire: Marcus Foster and the Troubled History of American School Reform*) on November 14, and David Barrett, Ph.D., and Max Holland (*Blind Over Cuba: The Photo Gap and the Missile Crisis*) on December 5. The *Devil In The Grove* Book Chat with Gilbert King will be a free admission live program and include a Q&A session along with a book signing session.
- On October 13, Gene Pisasale will speak on "How the Industrial Revolution Saved America." This presentation is being hosted by the Library and the Tricentennial Committee.

Children's Services:

- The summer reading program, "Dream Big" was very successful. 1,222 students in K-8 participated, up 3.5% from last year. They read 21,181 books. In conjunction with the program, 169 programs for children and young adults were held.
- The 4th annual Enchanted Library will be held on November 9. Tryouts were held on September 12.
- Entries for the 38th annual *Write and Illustrate Your Own Book Contest* are being accepted, with the deadline being October 17. Library Board Vice President Helene Thorpe is one of this year's judges.
- Reading Buddy pairs now total 45, a nice increase.
- The Library is continuing to providing traveling story times to 17 local childcares and preschools, coordinated through Sue Kirkpatrick.

Budget:

- Budget presentations occur on October 16 with Ron Wagenmann and Dave Kraynik, and on October 30 with the Board of Supervisors, and include authorized salary increases and flat funding for all other library operating budget items.

New Business:

- The Library Board reviewed and approved two changes to the policy manual in sections 1 and 13.

Report from Carole Kenney-Supervisor Liaison:

- Carole updated the Library Board on recent township news.

Upcoming Events:

- October 14 – Township Boards and Commissions Lunch
- October 14, 28, and November 11 – Book Discussions
- October 18 at 7:30 p.m. – B'nai B'rith Resolution presented by the Board of Supervisors
- October 24 at 7 p.m. – Devil in the Grove live Book Chat/Presentation
- October 26 – Farewell Dinner for Ron Wagenmann
- November 2 at 7:30 p.m. – Friends of Black History Jazz Night
- Next Board meeting – Monday, November 12, 2012 at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Bristowe', written in a cursive style.

David Bristowe, Secretary