

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

February 13, 2012 @ 6:45 – 7:30 pm

Attendees:

John Egan, Helene Thorpe, Tracy Pasquale, Sharon Duris, Library Director Karl Helicher, and Carole Kenney

Minutes:

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

Adult Services:

- Celebration of Black History – 90 people attended the first program (2 drummers and a dancer), 80 for the second program (Re-enactor Joe Becton), and 30 for the third (12 year old on the steel drum). There is a meeting scheduled on March 20th for evaluation of this year's program. It was brought up that there might be two programs next year. It was also discussed that Jazz Night might become a Friends of Black History Night.
- 31 people have signed for "Time, Place, Perspective" series that begins on March 18th.
- Book Chats – On February 8th, Barbara Hoffert, Publishing Trends had a conversation with Karl. February 22nd heralds Al Meltzer, discussing his book, *Big Al: Fifty Years of Adventures in Sports Broadcasting*. Tamar Chansky, PhD. will be sharing *Freeing Yourself from Anxiety*, on March 13, 2012.
- Darla DeMorrow will return on February 29th to present a workshop titled *How to Stay Organized in a 24/7 World*.

Children's Services:

- Celebration of Black History Children's Program – Saturday, Feb. 11th, Eddie Rosato, a percussionist, and two of his friends entertained and instructed a lesson on drumming and dance movement.
- Traveling Story Times – Visits continue to the local nursery schools and daycares for the Winter Outreach. They will continue until March 28th.
- Rainbow Fairies Book Party for 3rd and 4th graders – Rescheduled for March 15th due to inclement weather.
- Summer Reading 2012 – The program theme for this summer is ***Dream Big: Read***, which will wrap everything up with a rocket launch. Planning is on-going. All of the summer shows have been booked.
- Evanced Online Events Registration – A new, online registration service for children to sign up for events. There will be a public service announcement advising of this new change.
- Upcoming Children's Programming – A public service announcement, which was written by Jeanne & Laura, will air when completed on the Government Access Channel.
- Auditions for the Spring Junior Friend's Play – Take place on February 15th. This will be a kick off for the Family Reading Month on March 28th.

- Author Visit – Zachariah Ohara will visit on Feb. 21st to discuss his book Stop Snoring Bernard. Jeanne will also interview him for a book chat.
- 80th Birthday Party for Joane McNamara – A casual luncheon will be held on Feb. 23rd at 12:00 – 2:00 to honor Joane's birthday that was in January.

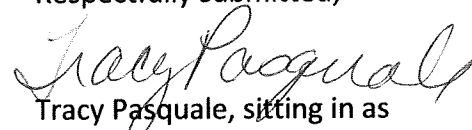
New Business:

- It was voted that the Nemchenkos be our 2012 Library Friends of the Year.
- It was brought up to possibly mention on the website that all contributions to the library are tax deductible.
- Ebooks, even though circulation is up for them, has not really affected the need/want for print books, per se.
- Carole announced that the Upper Merion Board of Supervisors will be appointing a new Library Board member on Thursday night, Feb. 16th. Her name is Linda Noll. She is a retired librarian and teacher.
- Carole suggested that the library try to tie into the OneBook idea at the High School with *Hunger Games*.

Upcoming Events:

- Next Board meeting – Monday, March 12, 2012

Respectfully submitted,


Tracy Pasquale, sitting in as
Secretary for David Bristowe