

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting
July 9, 2012 @ 6:45 – 7:30 pm

Attendees:

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

Minutes:

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

Adult Services:

- Two book chats will occur in the near future: one on July 25 with W.E. Ehrheart (*Dead on a High Hill: Essays on War, Literature and Living, 2002-2012*) and another on August 15 with Stuart Wexler (*The Awful Grace of God: Religious Terrorism, White Supremacy, and The Unsolved Murder of Martin Luther King Jr.*, by Stuart Wexler and Larry Hancock).
- The One Book, One Community event will occur on August 21, based on the book *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*.
- The Fall Book Discussion Series will be centered on biographies and memoirs and dates and titles for it will be announced soon.
- The library's senior center collection checked out 103 books in June. The Friday Flicks program is on hiatus for the summer.
- The adult display area contains a brand new collection of paperbacks.
- Drs. Brandie and Arthur Nemchenko of King of Prussia Family Wellness are planning two free Saturday morning health seminars in July and August.

Children's Services:

- Tori Conicello from Temp Therapy provided a demonstration music class for 18 preschoolers and 12 parents on June 11
- Susan Kirkpatrick coordinated a Reading Buddies Celebration on May 31 for the students who participated in the program during the year. Fifty-five pairs of reading buddies have been meeting weekly at the library during the summer for reading practice.
- Two members of the Optimist's Club partnered with the library for "Dinosaur Night" on June 13. Twenty-eight kids age 8 and older and twelve parents viewed a BBC documentary and participated in a trivia competition based on the movie for prizes.
- The Summer Reading program utilized a new registration process this year, allowing for 475 children to pre-register for summer reading through their school. As of July 5, 1,051 students from kindergarten through eighth-grade have registered for the program, well above the 997 for the same date last year.
- Middle school students involved in the reading club have two book discussion options this year – 1) the Literary Lunch program which requires registration and is limited to 15 students, and 2) the Monday night book discussion which does not require registration. Both programs are running well.