

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting
October 13, 2014-6:45-7:20P.M.

Attendees:

David Bristowe, Aleta Duey, Sharon Duris, John Egan, Karl Helicher-Library Director, Janet Medrow, Linda Noll, Tracy Pasquale

Minutes:

Minutes were approved from the September 8, 2014 meeting.

Library Friend of the Year:

This year's Library Friend of the Year is UMGA-TV. It will be presented on October 16, 2014. The honor has been given for the last twenty-five years.

Fundraising:

The board continued to discuss the Mini-Golf Tournament that is set for March 28, 2015 with thanks to Karen and Sangeetha for getting it going.

Adult Services and Director's Comments:

On September 18, 2014, Dr. Arthur presented "Calling All Runners" with showing ways to avoid running injuries. For those who were too busy Dr. Arthur will upload his slide show presentation to the library's website.

On September 22, 2014, "Tech Night" continued to draw a large crowd for people who needed assistance with their downloadable devices.

The adult services department meets with the UMASD high school English teachers who made good suggestions for ordering eBooks for the UMTL's collection. These books have been ordered and we look for continued dialog.

Tutor.com is a popular learning assistance program that is active and Upper Merion students can access it through our website.

On Friday October 10, 2014 at 7 p.m., the annual Jazz Night event sponsored by Friends of Black History Will feature Stephen Wise and the Edge in Freedom Hall.

September Book Chats are scheduled with Dan Rottenberg who will discuss *The Outsider*: Albert M. Greenfield and the Fall of the Protestant Establishment on October 15, 2014 and Ray Didinger who will discuss his *New Eagles Encyclopedia* on October 21, 2014. Both authors have agreed to "Meet the Author Sessions." Following their Book Chats, both authors will sign copies of their books and answer questions from the public. These sessions will take place in the library from 3-3:30 p.m. We hope to make this a regular feature of Book Chat.

The third discussion in the five-part series for Book Discussions, "Tangled Ties: Love and Loss Between Generations" will be held Sunday October 12, 2014. Dr. Carla Verderame will lead the discussion on *The Light Between Oceans*, by M. L. Stedman. The final two discussions will be held on October 26, 2014 and November 9, 2014.

An Art Lecture will be presented by Fred Dixon on October 30, 2014 at 7 p.m. The topic is "Picasso and his Women"

Library displays for the month have been created by Girl Scout Daisy Troop 70827. It is a photograph and original artwork exhibit of lessons the girls learned about animal care. The Atrium Display includes items that recognize October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Further details about these and all library forthcoming programs can be found on the library's website: www.umtownship.org/library

Children's Services:

There were 96 entries in this summer's Art Contest. The children were given a magnifying glass drawing as a canvas for creativity. All of the entries are hanging from the ceiling in the children's department. Winners were selected in three different age groups as follows: Grades K-1: 1st place Nikolai Nawrocki, 2nd place: Anna Ferry, 3rd place: Jayaditya Palai. Grades 2-4: 1st place Lydia Nawrocki, 2nd place: Adriana Lamesta. 3rd place: Sierra Martello. Grades 5-8: 1st place Sophia Lamesta, 2nd place a tie between Maha Krishnan and Laura Rendon, 3rd place Razeen Akbar & Kyle Dolga.

The Junior Friends of the Library met on September 8, 2014 for the first monthly meeting of the school year. New members were welcomed and oriented to the group and participants brainstormed about new ideas for future events.

Prior to fall story time session, BJ Miragila offered four special story time classes for children from birth to 3 years old. These story times featured stories, songs, finger plays and movement and were scheduled September 10, 11, 17, and 18, 2014.

Laura Arnhold held two dance parties for preschool age children on September 16, 2014.

Tryouts were held September 14, 2014 for this year's Enchanted Library. Seventeen middle school students auditioned and were given parts in this year's Enchanted Library, which will focus on famous detectives, and the Mystery of the Lost Treasure. Weekly rehearsals have begun. This year's show is scheduled for Friday, November 7, 2014.

On September 12, 2014 Twenty-one children in 1st-4th grade attended Fun Friday with Laura Arnhold. Participants listened to the story, The Lion's Whisker from the book Story time Yoga by Sydney Solis.

Eighteen would be buccaneers attended pirate day at the library on September 15, 2014. The children ages 5-7 listened to the story Dirty Joe, the Pirate by Bill Harley, decorated hilts and created pirate swords from rolled up newspaper and searched for plastic pirate gold coins hidden through-out the children's department.

Laura Arnhold and Jeanne Kaufman attended Parents Night at the Upper Merion Middle School on September 19, 2014. They provided information to parents about the township library's resources and programs and distributed approximately 20 registrations for new library cards.

The library celebrated monarch butterflies with two separate educational programs as well as craft and other extension activities.

Certified Zumba instructor Kate Pietrowski provided movement and Zumba instruction to a group of sixteen children ages 5-9 using hip-hop and other music on September 22, 2014.

Registration for Fall Story Time for the six week story time class sessions continues. The library offers six separate classes for preschool age children during the day and one drop in class during the evening. All of the classes are filling nicely and begin the week of October 6.

The fall Parent/Child Workshop began September 27, 2014. Twenty-seven children ages 1-3 and their parent or guardian had the opportunity to participate in unstructured free play with a variety of developmentally appropriate toys in freedom Hall. Jeanne Kauffman, Laura Arnhold and retired Kindergarten teacher Jeannette Drendall answered questions and shared resources related to early literacy skills. On October 3, 2014, library board member Linda Noll was on hand to informally share information about art, craft and other enrichment activities that parents can do at home with their children. The workshop will continue for two more consecutive Fridays in October.

The library has begun receiving entries for the 40th annual Write & Illustrate Your Own Book Contest for children in Kindergarten through eighth grade. The deadline for entries is October 22. The front display table in the children's department showcases previous

winner's books.

The reading Buddy Program pairs children in kindergarten through second grade with children in 4th-12th grade for reading practice in the library. There are currently 37 pairs of reading buddies meeting weekly in the library.

This fall's Traveling Story time program provides outreach to local childcares and preschool programs. Coordinator, Susan Kirkpatrick has scheduled visits to each of seventeen sites during October and November. Laura Arnhold will provide outreach services to 8 classes of children with autism and other disabilities.

Laura Arnhold put together two September book displays on the front table, one featuring Back to School books and the other highlighting books that have been banned in the past for Banned Books Week. Rina Das showcased the library's wordless books on the small table display. There were also smaller displays in September featuring books about September 11, and the Jewish holidays of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, and Succoth as well as displays about cats, butterflies and grandparents.

Upcoming Events:

November 10, 2014 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Duris".

Sharon Duris, Secretary