

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

August 11, 2014-6:45-8:05P.M.

Attendees:

David Bristowe, John Egan, Sharon Duris, Janet Medrow, Linda Noll, Karen Hastings-Assistant Library Director, Karl Helicher-Library Director, Carole Kenney-Township Liaison

Minutes:

Minutes were approved from the June 9, 2014 meeting.

Fundraising:

The library board continued to discuss ideas on fundraising with the original idea of a having a Wine and Beer Bacchanal that has been dropped for this year due to not enough response from vendors. The new idea is to have an event that would be Library Mini Golf in which the whole family could attend. This would take place sometime next year either late winter or early spring.

Adult Services and Director's Comments:

- Summer reading for teens and adults ends on August 29, 2014.
- On August 12, 2014, Delaware Valley Astronomy Class will present a program on the sun.
- Tech night continues to be popular with the next one on August 18, 2014.
- Two upcoming Book Chats: August 13, 2014 Ed Duffy, Philadelphia Railroad History, and August 18, 2014 Craig Harris, The Band: Pioneers of Americana Music.
- Displays in the library were World War I items, commemorating the war's 100th anniversary, loaned by the Montgomery County Historical Society.
- Atrium displays were Travel Brochures, which are also available at the library.

Children's Services:

- On July 2, 2014, Laura Arnhold led a slime making workshop.
- The library was one of sixteen sites for Montgomery County chosen to host a visit with young adult author David Lubar. On July 7, 2014, David shared information about his books and writing career.
- On July 8, 2014, thirty children and parents came with their own pliers and screws drivers to the library's first ever take-apart day. Participants were able to disassemble small household appliances. Left over parts were put to good use along with other recycled materials to create artistic robots for DIY Robot Building Day on July 18, 2014.
- Fifty people attended a showing of Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 on July 11, 2014.
- Sue Kirkpatrick provided two S.T.E.M. Story times for children ages 3½ to 6 in July.
- The week of July 21-24 GlaxoSmithKline sponsored free hands-on experiment oriented science classes for 2nd-6th graders.
- As of August 5th, 2014 there are 996 students registered for summer reading which ends August 29, 2014.
- Monday nights in July twenty-five to thirty middle school students met for a book discussion and Library Jeopardy.
- On July 16, 2014, a book discussion was led with 12 students centering on the book Lunch

Walks Among Us by Jim Benton.

- The summer's final Jeopardy Championship was filmed on August 4, 2014.
- Kristine Pennese led four art workshops in July for children in K-3rd grades. Close to ninety children participated.
- On July 15, 2014 eighteen children in 2nd-4th grade participated in the library's catapult science workshop.
- On Thursdays in July six to eight students attended the Literary Lunch Program. Participants brought their lunches and met to discuss a different book each week.
- Professor Bob Matcovich returned to the library on July 9, 2014 for a rocket launch.
- About eighty summer readers attended the animal show on July 15, 2014.
- Twenty-eight middle school, teen and adult patrons attended the CSI Ancient Egypt presentation given by Dr> Stephen Phillips on July 23, 2014.
- About ninety participants experienced a space show in the round inside a portable planetarium set up in Freedom Hall on July 30, 2104.
- Last summer reading show is August 13, 2014.
- The Junior Friends of the Library Volunteer Group met the first four Mondays in July after the Book Discussion and Library Jeopardy. Members elected officers, priced and sold books, and assisted with crowd control and door prizes at each of the library's special events.
- On Wednesday's in July, Library Board member Janet Medrow and her therapy greyhound dogs, Star & Brandy offered Read to the Dog services to children in kindergarten through second grade. Emerging readers had the opportunity to meet and read to Star & Brandy for ten minutes each week. Ten or more children participated in this program each week with a waiting list after a couple of weeks.
- The library extended summer outreach services to the township's Adventure Day Camp(ADC) and Camp Beechtree programs as well as the school district's extended day program.
- There are currently 51 pairs of Reading Buddies pairs involved in the library's ongoing Reading Buddy Program.
- Different weekly theme related book collections were displayed on the large display table during July. These included a Focus on Animals and Insects, Technology, All about Food and Cooking and Rocketry & Outer Space. Other book displays focused on dogs, the weather and the holidays of the 4th of July and Ramadan.
- Summer Story Hour session for children from birth to six ended the week of July 29, 2014 with registration for the fall story hour session begins on September 15, 2014.

Library Friend of the Year:

- The library board discussed that UMGAT would be this years Library Friend of The Year.

Report from Carole Kenney-Supervisor Liaison:

- Carole updated the Board on various township actives.

Upcoming Events:

- September 8, 2014 Library Board Meeting 6:45p.m.
- October 5, 2014 Citizen Board Luncheon at Maggiano's 11:30a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Duris, Secretary