

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

September 8, 2014-6:45-7:45P.M.

Attendees:

David Bristowe, John Egan, Sharon Duris, Linda Noll, Aleta Duey, Tracy Pasquale, Karl Helicher-Library Director, Carole Kenney-Township Liaison

Minutes:

Minutes were approved from the August 11, 2014 meeting.

Fundraising:

The library board approved the idea of a Mini-Golf Tournament for fundraising to be held on March 28, 2015.

Library Friend of the Year:

This years Library Friend of the Year is UMGA-TV. The honor has been given for the last twenty-five years.

Adult Services and Director's Comments:

- Adults and teens summer reading ended on August 31, 2014. Two bed and breakfast weekends donated by Crown Plaza and Double Tree were awarded to two adults, and a gift certificate from Corner Bakery was given to the winning teens.
- Teen Advisory Group(TAG) enjoyed a successful inaugural year, concluding with a book discussion on Kathryn Stockett's The Help.
- Senior Center Outreach for the summer concluded and was well received. The library's Youth Volunteers are looking forward to working with the seniors next year.
- The semi-annual five book discussion series begins on Sunday September 14, 2014 from 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- On Friday October 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. join the Upper Merion Township Library Friends of Black History as they host their annual Jazz Night. Stephen Wise and the Edge will present an evening of soul, jazz and fun.

Upcoming Programs:

- On September 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. "De-Clutter with Darla".
- On Thursday September 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Arthur Nemchenko will present a program on how to avoid running injuries.
- On September 22, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. is the next Tech Night.

- On September 23, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. there is a "Savvy Social Security" workshop.

Book Chats:

- September 3, 2014 Jane Kelly, *Missing You in Atlantic City*.
- September 17, 2014 Peter Binzen and Jonathan Binzen, *Richard Dilworth: Last of the Bare Knuckled-Aristocrats*.
- October 15, 2014 Dan Rottenberg, *The Outsider: Albert M. Greenfield and the Fall of the Protestant Establishment*.
- October 21, 2014 Ray Didinger, *The New Eagles Encyclopedia*.

Children's Services:

- Summer reading program ended on August 29, 2014. Participation was high this year. 314 preschool children participated in read to me programs and the 1,000 books before kindergarten. 1069 elementary and middle school children registered and reported reading 21,306 books through the summer reading club program. Thirty-one young adults and seventy-five adults read books and entered the summer reading raffles for prizes.
- The library offered a total of 149 programs for summer readers of all ages during the months of June, July and August 2014.
- On August 6, 2014 Laura Arnhold met with 12 third and fourth graders to discuss the book The Hidden Stairs and The Magic Carpet by Tony Abbott from the Secrets of Droon children's book series.
- Twenty-one children attended a special program honoring the children who completed the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge.
- On August 13, 2014 volunteers from the American Helicopter Museum brought Stubby the helicopter to the township building. Prizes for the Summer Reading Challenge were announced as well.
- Twelve entries were submitted for the 6th Annual Edible Book Contest. The books were displayed at the library's helicopter event.
- On August 22, 2014 the library showed the film *Flubber*.
- On August 25, 2014 five members of the newly formed Teen Advisory Group (TAG) directed a children's show starring members of the Junior Friends of the Library.
- On August 26, 2014 McDonald's Restaurants of the Greater Philadelphia Region gave a \$1,000 donation to the children's department.
- Staff members in the children's department created several special summer reading book displays in August on the large display table highlighting science in art and back to school themes. In addition there were special displays on

butterflies, Flat Stanley out West and Dinosaurs.

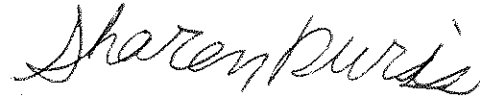
Report From Carole Kenney-Supervisor Liaison:

- Carole updated the Board on various township activities.

Upcoming Events:

- October 5, 2014 Citizen Board Luncheon at Maggiano's 11:30 a.m.
- October 13, 2014 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Sharon Duris, Secretary