

## **Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting**

January 13, 2014-6:45-8:25 P.M.

### **Attendees:**

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

### **Minutes:**

Minutes of the December 9, 2013 Library Board meeting were approved.

### **Board Reorganization:**

The Board had its annual reorganization meeting electing officers as follows:

John Egan as President

David Bristowe as Vice President

Sharon Duris as Secretary

Time for the meeting remained unchanged, meeting on the second Monday of each month at 6:45 P.M.

### **Adult Services:**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Black History will be held February 8, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is organized by the Friends of Black History. The theme, The Road to Freedom: Through Civil Rights, Community, and Culture will be conveyed by special programs, vendors, soul food, and personal interaction.

A new display with travel information for the Mid-Atlantic region has been added to the library.

AARP Tax preparation will be available again for seniors with times to be determined.

Winter reading program started on January 2, 2014, which is similar to the Page Turners program in the summer.

On January 13, 2014 "A Dozen Way to Clear Clutter" with Darla DeMorrow on how to get organized in 2014.

Titles and Theme for Winter 2014 Book Discussions will be announced soon.

Book Chats are on an early hiatus but will return soon.

Library staff evaluations are being completed.

In 2014, the Library plans to expand its Social Media.

On January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. experts will be on hand to offer demonstrations on how to use the nook.

**Children's Services:**

On December 3, 2013, twenty-five children and twenty adults participated in Hanukkah Story Time and learned about the eight day festival.

On December 4, 2013, twenty children and twelve adults listened to the book The Polar Express.

On December 9, 2013, twenty-five Junior Friends members attended the Junior Friends Holiday party.

On December 10, 2013, the Christmas pajama story time had to be postponed due to inclement weather and rescheduled for December 17, 2013 where twenty-five children and twenty-one adults attended the 6:30 show and sixteen children and twenty-one adults attended the 7:15 show.

On December 11, 2013, thirty children and twenty-five adults participated in a Christmas Story Time program.

On December 12, 2013, another thirty-five children and twenty-five adults participated in a Christmas Story Time program.

On December 13, 2013, fifteen children grades 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> participated in Fun Friday with the book Time to Sleep by Steve Jenkins.

On December 14, 2013, the 39<sup>th</sup> annual Write and Illustrate Your Own Book Contest and summer art contest winners were honored. Over 200 people attended. Seventh grader, Laura Rendon received the Susan Lomax Award for her artwork in her book entitled Anything But Wonderland. Eighth grader, Mikayla Yatsko was selected as this year's Joane F. McNamara Award winner for her book How One Day Could Change Anything which was chosen as the best overall story.

On December 30, 2013, twenty-five children and ten adults attended the showing of Disney's The Jungle Book.

The week of January 13, 2014 begins the registration for Winter daytime story time classes for children from birth to six years old. The six-week session of classes will start the week of January 27, 2014 with the exception of the Toddler class, which will start the week of February 3, 2014.

Registration has begun for the four special Mother Goose story times open to children from birth to 3 years old scheduled in January before regular story class time session begins.

**Directors Comments:**

The elevated platform in the children's area is going to be replaced as it had collapsed. The new one will not be elevated.


**Report from Carole Kenney-Supervisor Liaison:**

Carole updated the Board on various township actives.

**Upcoming Events:**

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Duris". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Sharon Duris, Secretary