

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting
April 13, 2015-6:45p.m.-7:55p.m.

Attendees:

David Bristowe, Sharon Duris, Karen Hastings-Assistant Library Director, Karl Helicher-Library Director, Katie Kohler, Janet Medrow, Linda Noll, Carol Kenney-Township Liaison

Minutes:

- Minutes were approved from the March 9, 2015 meeting.

Fundraising:

- The Library Board discussed the outcome of the Library Mini Golf Tournament from March 28, 2015.

Adult Services and Directors comments:

- Spring Book discussion began March 29, 2015 with nineteen readers discussing Helen Dunmore's The Siege. The five-book discussion series, "Reading Love and Loss on Foreign Shores" will run through May 31, 2015.
- On April 20, 2015, Tech Night will include Ipad and eBook instruction.
- Public fax and scan to E-mail is now available at the library.
- Monday April 13, 20, and 27, 2015 at 7pm there will be a three part series on Money Smarts.
- Taping April 22, 2015 with Rich Westcott who will discuss his recent book Great Stuff: Baseball's Most Amazing Pitching Feats.
- Displays in the atrium included autism awareness by Patti Erickson
- Displays in the library included scrapbooking by Jessica Cavaliere.

Children's Services:

- On March 9, 2015, a group of eighteen parents and children attended the Play Workshop.
- On March 12, 2015 members of the Junior Friends of the library volunteer group auditioned for parts for the Spring Play. On April 29, 2015, this group will perform a live show focused on fractured fairy tails.
- The library offered a three week Family Place workshop for children ages 1 to 3 that began February 20, 2015 and was scheduled to end March 6, 2015. The last session took place on March 13, 2015 to make up a day missed due to weather. The workshops are designed to give parents/caregivers the opportunity to connect with each other, use the library's parenting resources, and ask questions of parenting and child development experts. Stacie Collins, a speech therapist was on hand for the last class to answer questions and address areas of parent concern.
- On March 13, 2015 Sue Kirkpatrick offered a S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, art & math) story and activity class for eighteen children. This month's focus was on math and measuring.
- Laura Arnhold organized a party celebrating the Disney movie, Frozen. Participants had the opportunity to visit five separate stations in Freedom Hall to do various activities related to the movie Frozen.
- On March 13, 2015, sixteen 1st-4th graders attended Fun Friday. Miss Diane shared the book, Boy + Bot by Amy Dycman. Participants decorated their own balancing robot made from

- card stock that was weighted on two sides with pennies.
- Registration for the Spring Story time classes for children from birth to six years old began the week of March 16, 2015. There are 8 separate story time classes offered. The six-week Spring Story time session begins the week of April 6, 2015 and will continue through the week of May 11, 2015.
 - The evening family drop-in pajama story time class for children from 2 to 5 begins April 7, 2015. It runs concurrently with the daytime story hour classes and does not require registration though registration is preferred.
 - Instructors from the Golden Key Russian School provided three sample math workshops, for children from 4-7 on March 16th and 17th, 2015.
 - On March 24, 2015, Laura Arnhold led two dance parties for children ages 2 to 5. Laura provided dance and movement activities for songs from the Laurie Berkner Band, Jim Gil, The Beatles, The Beach Boys and Chubby Checker.
 - April is Family Reading Month at the library. During April the, library focuses on early literacy and the very young child. To kick off Family Reading Month ten members of the Storytime Stars under the direction of Kristine Pennese shared a special presentation of reader's theater and songs based on themes from the book, Number One Sam by Greg Pizzoli. This book is the focus of the 2015 One Book Every Young Child initiative sponsored by the state of Pennsylvania to highlight early literacy.
 - Calendars were distributed to participants listing April's events along with suggestions for activities that parents could do at home to help their children develop early literacy skills. Parents were asked to use the calendars to log reading times. Parents reporting 20 minutes of reading with their child for at least 5 days during April are eligible to enter the prize raffle, which will take place on April 29, 2015 at the Junior Friends Spring Show.
 - The library displayed holiday books for St. Patrick's Day, Purim and Easter.
 - The large table display featured books on fairy and folk tales from around the world.
 - Rina Das highlighted Dr. Seuss books on the small table in celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2 and the Read across America Campaign. Her display included an extension activity that gave participants the opportunity to guess which Dr. Seuss title was associated with which of the pictured hats.
 - Angie Dalasio also showcased books on spring, the Iditarod, and time.

Report from Carole Kenney-Supervisor Liaison

- Carole updated the board on various township activities

Upcoming events:

- Joint Meeting with the Board of Supervisors April 30, 2015 7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
- May 11, 2015 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- May 17, 2015 Eric Burbano dedication 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Duris, Secretary