

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

August 12, 2013 @ 6:45 – 7:25 P.M.

Attendees:

David Bristowe, Aleta Duey, Tracy Pasquale, Sharon Duris, Linda Noll, Janet Medrow, and Library Director Karl Helicher. David acted as chair and Aleta as secretary.

Minutes:

- Minutes of the June 2013 Library Board meeting were approved. No meeting was held in July.

Adult Services:

- Fall 2013 Book Discussion series "On the Move: Changing Places and Spaces" has started. Series runs for five Sundays from September 29 to December 1.
- Book Chats will be held on August 26, October 2, and October 23, the last being with Larry Kane and followed by a public book signing.
- Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration will begin with participation in the Annual Fair on Saturday, September 7, and on Thursday, Sept. 12, with a proclamation by the Board of Supervisors.
- 2013 Library Friend of the Year is Helene Thorpe and on Thursday, September 12, there will be a resolution by the Supervisors at their 7:00 board meeting followed by a dedication of the Family Place in the Children's Department posthumously in her honor followed by a reception for Helene's family and friends. The staff is making preparations.
- Jazz Night will be held Friday, Oct. 11, at 7:00 P.M.

Children's Services:

- There are 1076 children registered for the Summer Reading program which ends August 30.
- Science in the Summer – 64 children from grades 2 to 6 attended sessions on DNA & genetics from July 22-25.
- Some activities for older children were: Library Jeopardy, Literary Lunch, and Junior Friends Volunteers; and art workshops, Spanish language instruction, story hours, and read-aloud activities for the younger children.
- Adventure Day Camp and Camp Beechtree – two librarians did outreach.

New Business:

Report from Carole Kenney-Supervisor Liaison:

- Carole updated the Board on current township events.

Upcoming Events:

- Sat., Sept. 7 - Township Community Fair

- Mon., Sept. 9 - Board meeting
- Thurs., Sept. 12 - Township Board of Supervisors proclamation of the Library's 50th anniversary and also proclamation of Helene Thorpe as the 2013 Library Friend of the Year followed by dedication of the Library's Family Place center in the children's department in honor of Helene Thorpe and posthumous awarding of the Library Friend of the Year to her daughters and family.
- October 20 - Citizen's Board Appreciation Luncheon at Maggiano's Restaurant.

Respectfully submitted,

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Aleta Duey, Acting Secretary