

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting
September 9, 2013 @ 6:45 – 7:30 P.M.

Attendees:

John Egan, David Bristowe, Tracy Pasquale, Sharon Duris, Linda Noll, Janet Medrow, and Library Director Karl Helicher.

Minutes:

- Minutes of the August 2013 Library Board meeting were approved.

Adult Services:

- The Library's Fiftieth Anniversary will be honored on Thursday, September 12, 2013 when the Township Board of Supervisors will honor the library with a proclamation for the library's fifty years of service to the township. Supervisor Carole Kenney will present the proclamation to Dr. John Egan, library board president and to the members of the library board.
- Helene Thorpe, library board member and longtime advocate for the library will be honored and remembered for her exemplary service on September 12, 2013 as well. Helene's daughters, Holly Beauchamp and Amy Dahart, will receive the Friend of the Year award in memory of Helene. The Library Board will present the plaques to Helene's daughters and Carole Kenney will present the accompanying proclamation to Amy and Holly.
- The Library's new Family Place will be dedicated on September 12, 2013 in memory of Helene Thorpe. The dedication will be hosted by Jeanne Kauffman, children's librarian, and will be attended by Helene's friends and family.
- On October 14, 2013, Paul Evans Pederson, Jr., will return to the library to present a Halloween night of stories and original songs. This event is aimed at providing entertainment to both children and adults.
- "On the Move: Changing Places and Spaces" – the five book Fall Book Discussion Series – begins on September 29. So far 33 people have signed up, which is a good number for this program. The program is in its sixteenth year and is lead by Drs. Carla Verderame, and Erin Hurt of West Chester University.
- The Library participated in the Tricentennial Community Fair, staffing an information booth and participating in some of the activities of the day.
- Some of the October activities at the library:
 - On October 2, a book chat will be held with Dr. Stanley Weintraub, discussing his book *Young Mr. Roosevelt: FDR's Introduction to War, Politics, and Life*.
 - Jazz Night will be held on October 11, from 7-9 p.m. and will feature the Tal Shtuhl Band.
 - Larry Kane will discuss and sign copies of his book, *When They Were Boys: The True Story of the Beatles Rise to the Top*, on October 23, from 7-8:30 p.m.

- The Library continues to expand its presence on Facebook with daily updates being added by Laura Arnhold and Sangeetha Srinivasan. It also features "Karl's Korner" a periodic column published by Karl Helicher.

Children's Services:

- The Summer Reading program ended August 30. Participation in summer reading was high this year for all ages. There were 245 preschool children who participated in read to me programs and the 1,000 books before kindergarten challenge and reported reading 14,470 books. 1,104 elementary and middle school children registered and reported reading 20,459 books.
- Digger Day was held on August 14 and was the closing event of the season for school age children. Nine members of the Junior Friends of the Library presented a reader's theater version of two popular children's books, *Dirty Gert* by Ted Arnhold and *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* by Bill Martin. Shreiner's Tree Care donated and planted a kousa dogwood tree on the township building's front lawn in memory of Helene Thorpe. Over 125 people were on hand for the Junior Friends presentation and tree planting.

New Business:

- The Children's department is the recipient of a \$2,000 grant from the Target Foundation for books and to support the new Family Place. Jeanne Kauffman was instrumental in applying for this grant.
- Jeanne Kauffman and Karl Helicher are currently interviewing six candidates for the part-time children's processing clerk position.
- The Library Board decided to hold its October meeting on October 7 – a move requested by Karl so the Paul Evans Pederson, Jr., event mentioned above can be held.

Budget:

- Karl is working on the library's 2014 budget, which will be presented to David Kraynick on September 30. The Board of Supervisors approves budgets in December. Karl mentioned one potential request out of the normal requests would be for new drapery. John inquired about looking into a 3-dimensional printer.

Upcoming Events:

- Monday, October 7, 2013 at 6:45 p.m. will be the next Board meeting.
- October 11 – Jazz Night
- October 14 – Halloween night of stories and songs with Paul Evans Pederson, Jr.
- October 20 - Citizen's Board Appreciation Luncheon at Maggiano's in King of Prussia.
- October 23 – Larry Kane book discussion

Respectfully submitted,


David Bristowe, Secretary