

Upper Merion Township Library Board

May 14, 2018 6:45 p.m.-7:40 p.m.

Attendees: David Bristowe, Sharon Duris, Linda Noll, Tracey Pasquale, Fauzia Shamim, Laura Arnhold-Library Director

Unable to Attend: Janet Medrow, Beth Nachman, Carole Keeney-Township Liaison

Minutes: Minutes were approved from the April 9, 2018 meeting.

Adult Services and Directors Comments:

Money Smart April by Co-Sponsored by Stonehenge Advisor Group LLC was well attended.

Baby Boomers Retirement Road Map series workshops on Saturdays in April were very well attended.

Tech Night on April 9, 2018 was well attended.

Coloring Night group met on Monday, April 9, 2018.

Sangeetha was at the Upper Merion senior Service Center on April 10, 2018 and April 24, 2018 from 10 am until noon.

Our patrons loved "Author Talk with Shelia Vance" on Tuesday April 10, 2018.

A number of our staff members have taken the Family & Friends CPR class held by the UM Police.

Library co-sponsored "Family Pound" at the community center was attended by many of our patrons on Thursday, April 19, 2018.

Upper Merion Township Library was a part of Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, APRIL 21, 2018.

Princeton Review's co-sponsored ACT Sample Class for high school students on Monday, April 23, 2018 was attended by our high school students in the area.

Knit Nite on Monday, April 23 was attended by 12 patrons.

Spring Book Discussion series started on March 25, 2018.

The atrium display cases were filled with a plethora of colorful and informative items highlighting April as Autism awareness Month.

The library display case highlighted the activities of the Upper Merion Department of Parks and recreation.

The display in front of the Reference office was "Money Smart Month" featuring books, audio books and DVD's related to investments, saving and finance.

Children's Services:

April was designated as Family Reading Month in the Children's Department.

The title featured by the state of Pennsylvania for the 2018 Pennsylvania One Book, Every Young Child campaign is My Cousin Momo, written and illustrated by Zachariah O'Hara.

The library offered a special Saturday story geared to families with children ages 2 to 5 on April 7, 2018.

Thirteen students came out on April 16, 2018 to learn about tetrahedrons with Becky Ginther and to build 3 dimensional tetrahedrons with paper pyramids on April 16, 2018.

Becky Ginther and Sue Kirkpatrick attended the annual Kutztown University Children's Literature Conference on April 21, 2018.

On April 9, 2018, eleven middle school students met with Becky Ginther for pizza and book discussion of the sixth book in the Harry Potter series, Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince.

The library's annual Environmental Jeopardy competition for 5th-8th graders took place April 9, 2018.

On April 21, 2018 nineteen children in 1st-4th grade participated in hands-on Fun Friday activities centering on Katherine Sessions, an American botanist, horticulturalist and landscape architect.

Twenty-six preschool children registered since the beginning of the year for the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program.

The library supports the efforts of the community's early intervention specialists to help children with special needs

learn to behave appropriately in public spaces.
Twenty-five children and thirty adults participated in the library's Earth Day Story time with Rena Staley and Diane Shatzman on April 21, 2108.
Outreach to local preschools and childcare centers took place during April.
Becky Ginther highlighted the culture of Brazil for March's Passport Pals program on April 23, 2018.
The library celebrated all things Mother Goose on April 30, 2018 with crafts, games, activities and two live sessions with Mother Goose.
The six-week Spring Story time session ended the week of April 30, 2018.
Senior, Trinity Pike is leading three engineering workshops for students in 5th-8th grade to fulfill the requirements for her senior graduation project.
The large table displayed Mother Goose books and rhymes. In April, there were holiday displays for April Fools' Day and Arbor Day and books on autism in honor of Autism Awareness month. The small table display featured books on the environment. There were also displays on poetry, sheep and science in honor of the annual Science Festival held each year in April in Philadelphia,

Old Business:

Procedure Manual
Joint Board Meeting
2018 Capital Projects
Circ Assistant Position

New Business:

Library Goals for 2019
Library Capital Projects for 2019

Upcoming Events:

June 11, 2018 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
July 9, 2018 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
August 13, 2018 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
September 10, 2018 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
October 8, 2018 Library Board meeting 6:45 p.m.
November 12, 2018 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
December 10, 2018 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
January 14, 2019 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.-Reorganization Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Duris, Secretary