

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

January 12, 2015-6:45-7:45

Attendees:

David Bristowe, Sharon Duris, John Egan, Karl Helicher-Library Director, Linda Noll, Janet Medrow, Carole Kenney-Township Liaison

Minutes:

Minutes were approved from the December 8, 2014 meeting.

Adult Services and Directors Comments:

- The library Board had there re-organizational meeting electing officers, which will remain the same with John Egan as Chair, David Bristowe as Vice Chair, and Sharon Duris as secretary.
- Several "de-stress" programs were held at the library throughout the month. They were well attended and well received.
- The library now offers wireless printing, which allows patrons to send their printing jobs from home or other off site locations and pay and pick them up within six hours after sending their requests.
- The library's new study room reservation software is active and patrons can now reserve these rooms online through our website.
- Tech Night will be held on January 26, 2015 at 7p.m.
- On January 26, 2015 at 7p.m., Dr. Arthur will have a "Sports Talk" program.
- On Saturday February 7, 2015, noted African-American history scholar and bibliophile Dr. Blockson will appear in the Henderson Room, from 2-4p.m. to sign and discuss his recent book *The President's House Revisited Behind the Scenes: The Samuel Fraunces Story*.
- Reaching Back, Moving Forward is the theme of the 16th annual Celebration of Black History, sponsored by the Upper Merion Township's Friends of Black History. The event will be held on Saturday February 21, 2015 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Spring Book Discussion Series will begin on Sunday March 29, 2015 with the list to soon be released.
- In February, Dr. Bruce Kurlick will discuss *Death In The Congo: Murdering Patrice Lamumba*.

Children's Services:

- Diane Shatzman planned this year's Hanukkah story time for children ages 2-5. Twenty-five children and adults attended the program on December 2, 2014.

- Colored paper and crayons were made available to children visiting the library to create holiday cards and notes of appreciation for veterans in the Veterans Hospital in Coatesville. Approximately 35 cards were made and delivered.
- Eleven children in grades kindergarten through second grade brought stuffed animals with them for a Paddington Teddy Bear Picnic at the library.
- Twenty-six Junior Friends members attended the Junior Friends Holiday party on December 8, 2014.
- On December 13, 2014, four children with special needs and four adults attended a special sensory friendly story time with Laura Arnhold.
- Christmas pajama story times were held on December 9, 2014. Kristine Pennese, BJ Miraglia and a troupe of six story time stars shared stories, a skit, a puppet show, and led singing and finger plays for two back to back programs.
- Twenty-six children in 1st-4th grade participated in Fun Friday with Laura Arnhold on December 13, 2014.
- Art and book contest winners were honored at an awards ceremony on December 7, 2014. Over 250 people attended the ceremony in Freedom Hall. Sixth graders, Razeen Akbar and Sophie Kvetan received the Susan Lomax Award for outstanding artwork in their book entitled The Adventures of Fluffy McBurgerKinz. Eighth grader, Brennen Leach was selected as this year's Joane F. McNamara Award winner for her book, The Wrong Bus? chosen as the best overall story. All of the winning entries will be bound, cataloged and added to the library's circulating collection.
- Twenty-five children and fifteen adults attended the showing of Disney's Frozen for December's movie matinee on December 30, 2014.
- Forty-five children from birth to eight years old came to the library with their families for a countdown to noon celebration on Wednesday, December 31, 2014.
- Registration for all winter daytime classes for children from birth to six years old begins the week of January 12, 2015. The six week session will start the week of January 26, 2015.
- Displays showcased holiday music and musicians in her Jingle All the Way book display on the large table. Rina Das' display, White and Wonderful featured library books where the color white is prominent including books about white animals. Ice, igloos, and snow. Additional displays focused on stories about dinosaurs, cookies and December holidays including Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa.

New Business:

- The library board discussed and approved the 2015 Library Friend of the Year as Aleta Duey. Date to be determined when it will be presented.

Report From Carole Kenney-Supervisor Liaison

- Carole updated the board on various township activities.

Upcoming Events:

- February 9, 2015 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- March 28, 2015 Library Mini Golf fundraiser 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon Duris, Secretary