

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

January 11, 2016 6:45 p.m.-7:35 p.m.

Attendees:

David Bristowe, Sharon Duris, Katie Kohler, Janet Medrow, Linda Noll, Tracey Pasquale, Karl Helicher-Library Director, Carole Keeney-Township Liaison

Library Board Re-Organization:

President: David Bristowe

Vice President: Tracey Pasquale

Secretary: Sharon Duris

Day and time of meeting staying the same second Monday of the month at 6:45 p.m.

Minutes:

Minutes were approved from the December 14, 2015 meeting.

Adult Services and Director's Comments:

- Stress free December was a huge success. We saw a significant increase in our patron attendance. The series motivated us to start the New Year with a new theme Fitness 2016. We have scheduled several fitness programs for our patrons throughout the year, partnering with the local fitness centers.
- 30 patrons attended Holiday Card Making Class held on Thursday, December 3, 2015. Our local Girls Scout leader with eight of her troop members made cards for the local shelter. We scheduled an additional card making class in May, just before Mother's Day.
- Yoga with Kamini on Monday, December 7, 2015 was very well attended; five yoga sessions are scheduled for 2016.
- Dr. Butera's talk on Meditation and Yoga on December 8, 2015 was very informative.
- Bertucci's fundraiser was held on December 10, 2015 at the Audubon Location. We received \$86.74. We will repeat this fundraiser in 2016.
- Zumba with Shannon on December 14, 2015 was a fun and well appreciated program.
- 25 patrons attended Zantangles with Ms. Laura on Wednesday, December 16, 2015. The adults who attended had a lot of fun trying the new relaxation.

Children's Services:

- Thirty-five people (15 children and 10 adults) attended Laura Arnhold's family story time on December 19, 2015. Laura's theme for the class was *saying hello*. She shared the story, Hello Baby by Mem Fox and some different ways to say hello with songs, motions and different languages.
- Thirteen children in grades 2nd-4th grade participated in Fun Friday and nine children in k-1st grade participated in Fun Friday Jr. with Laura Arnhold on December 11, 2015. Participants created 3D art projects using paper rolls on a cardboard base. Laura selected some favorite stories to share including the following: He Came with the Couch by David Slonim, Duck Rabbit by Amy Krouse Rosenthal, and Guess Again by Mac Barnett.

- Registration for all daytime classes for children from birth to six years old begins the week of January 11, 2016. The six week winter session will begin the week of January 25, 2016. Registration has already begun for two special classes, a Dance Party on January 12, 2016 and a Preschool Yoga class on January 19, 2016 for children ages 3 to 5 during the interim period before the story time session begins.
- Becky Ginther showcased everything Star Wars on the large table display. Rina Das highlighted Christmas books on the small table display. Additional displays focused on stories about winter, snow, cookies and gingerbread and December holidays including Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa.

Library Friend of the Year:

- The board is going to decide at the February meeting on who will be the Library Friend of the Year.

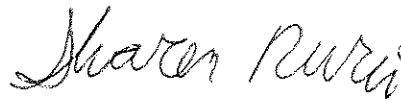
Report from Carole Keeney-Supervisor Liaison:

- Carole updated the board on various township activities

Upcoming Events:

- February 8, 2016 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon Duris, Secretary