

**Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting**  
August 8, 2016 6:45p.m.-7:45p.m

**Attendees:**

Jonathan Black, David Bristowe, Sharon Duris, Katie Kohler, Janet Medrow, Linda Noll, Laura Arnhold-New Library Director, Karl Helicher-Library Director, Carole Keeney-Township Liaison

**Minutes:**

Minutes were approved from the June 13, 2016 meeting. There were no July minutes, as the board did not have a meeting in July.

**Introduction of New Library Director:**

The library board was introduced to the new Director of the Library-Laura Arnhold

**Adult Services and Director's Comments:**

- Next TAG book discussion is Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. We will be discussing the book Me Before You.
- Adult Coloring has been successful: 16 adults attended on Monday July 11, 2016.
- Dr. Steve's program was a hit on July 13, 2016. 35 adults and 15 children/teens participated. The topic was "Medicine in Ancient Egypt."
- Healthy Eating workshop was hosted by Gina on Thursday July 14, 2016.
- Thanks to Public Information Officer Allison Pimm for promoting tech night on Monday July 18, 2016.
- Our first ever Women Self Defense Class at Lucille Roberts was a huge success: 15 high school students and 5 adults participated.
- Our TAG and Tech volunteers made our "Gaming Night" on Thursday, July 28, 2016 a grand success.
- Knit Night on July 25, 2016 was attended by our regulars.

**Children's Services:**

- Summer Family Entertainment Shows: Radioactive Rick from Mad Science of New Jersey entertained audiences with fun science demonstrations focusing on Newton's Laws of Motion.
- Library Board member Janet Medrow and her therapy greyhound dog, Star provided Read to the Dog services to children in kindergarten through fourth grade on Wednesdays during July.
- Upper Merion Township Library was selected to host young Adult book author, Margo Rabb, author of Kissing in America on July 6, 2016.
- On July 7, 2016, sixteen middle school students participated in the In My Head Art Workshop led by art educator from the ACPPA Art Center.
- Laura Arnhold led two Sports Science Workshops in July.
- GSK sponsored a free hands-on experiment oriented science classes for 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders during the week of July 11-14, 2016.
- Children's Book Author Mara Rockliff visited the library on July 12, 2016.
- On July 18, 2016, Laura Arnhold held a Maker Monday class with 13 children in 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Miss. Sue shared stories and provided activities related to body science for two classes of 3-6 years olds on July 19, 2016.
- As of July 29, 2016 there are 1,044 students registered for summer reading. The program ends August 26, 2016.
- Approximately twenty middle school students met every Monday night in July for book discussion and Library Jeopardy.
- The Junior Friends of the Library Volunteer Group met the first four Mondays in July after the Book

- Discussion and Library Jeopardy.
- Laura Arnhold led a book discussion and activity time with seven third and fourth graders centering on the book, Legends of Zita the Spacegirl by Ben Hatke on July 20, 2016.
  - Kristine Pennese taught three art workshops in July for children in K-3<sup>rd</sup> grades that focused on the artwork of Claude Monet, Alexander Calder and Laurel Burch.
  - Sixteen people attended a showing of Sandlot on July 27, 2016.
  - The literary Lunch program met on July 14 and July 28, 2016.
  - The library provided extended summer outreach services to the township's Adventure Day Camp (ADC) and Camp Beechtree programs as well as the school district's Extended Day program during the summer.
  - In addition, Laura visited Extended Day program on July 21, 2016.
  - Seventy campers from the Extended Day Camp made visits to the library to select books to read during camp on July 25, 2016.
  - Sue Kirkpatrick provided themed story time classes for Camp Beechtree locations at Roberts and Candlebrook Elementary Schools on July 17, 2016.
  - Different weekly theme related book collections were displayed on the small display table during July. These included Healthy Living and Healthy Eating displays put together by Diane Shatzman. Winter in July by Linda Shust and Backyard Games by Stephanie Spangler were also feature book display themes. Other book displays showcased books on dogs, sharks, Sea and Sand, and the holidays of Fourth of July and Ramadan.
  - The summer Story Hour session for children from birth to six ends the week of August 1, 2016. Registration for the fall story hour begins the week of September 12, 2016.

**Report from Carole Keeney-Township Liaison**

- Carole updated the board on various township activities

**Upcoming Events:**

- September 12, 2016 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- October 10, 2016 Library Board Meeting and Friend of the Year Celebration honoring John Egan
- November 6, 2016 Board Appreciation Lunch Maggiano's King of Prussia 12p.m.
- November 14, 2016 Library Board Meeting 6:45pm
- December 12, 2015 Library board Meeting 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon Duris, Secretary