

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

September 12, 2016 6:45p.m.-7:45p.m.

Attendees:

Jonathan Black, David Bristowe, Sharon Duris, Katie Kohler, Janet Medrow, Tracy Pasquale, Laura Arnhold-Library Director

Minutes:

Minutes were approved from the August 8, 2016 meeting.

Getting to Know You:

We had a quick introduction of ourselves to the new Library Director.

Adult Services and Director's Comments:

- Fitness 101 on August 1, 2016 was well attended. Next session is October 1, 2016 with "Bollywood Theme" as it is Diwali celebration month.
- Thanks to the Upper Merion Police Department for a wonderful presentation on phone and email scams which was attended by 30 patrons. Don Herbert and team videotaped the presentation.
- Adult Coloring Night has been successful and had 16 adults on Monday, August 8, 2016.
- Spray paint your own t-shirt on Wednesday, August 10, 2016 was attended by 10 teens.
- Ancestry.com workshop was a SUPER hit with 23 patrons attending.
- Mind and Breath workshop was attended by 12 patrons.
- Summer Reading ended on August 26, 2016. Grand Prize winners were Adult: Shirlee Ann Miller and Teen: Laura Rendon.
- Our regulars attended knit Night on August 22, 2016.
- Tech Night on August 29, 2016 was another successful night with 10 patrons and 10 volunteers.

Children's Services:

- The library's summer story hour classes ended the week of August 1, 2016. Registration for the Fall six week story hour session will begin the week of September 22, 2016.
- The library celebrated monarch butterflies with two separate events as well as other art and extension activities on August 2, 2016.
- 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 August 3 and 10, 2016.


- Wacky Wednesday was attended by six third and fourth graders on August 3, 2016. They discussed the book, The Impossibly Story of Tricky Vic the Man Who Sold the Eiffel Tower by Greg Pizzoli.
- A Self-check-out option is now available to patrons in the Children's Department for books only.
- This summer's Jeopardy Championship Match was filmed on August 8, 2016. Becky Ginther served as host. The top three scores were sixth grader, Caitlyn Cunnane came in first. Diya Das came in second. Amy Dallas came in third. Semifinalists Niki Khmelnitsky, Srisha Srinivasan, and Maria Volpe acted as scorekeepers.
- Retired school librarian, Maggie Caverly from Roberts Elementary School provided literacy out reach as a volunteer to the children participating in Bridgeport's summer Recreation Program.
- Eighty-two Extended Day Camp students visited the library with their camp classes to the library to select books to read during free time at camp. Fifty-two campers who did not previously have library cards registered for them.
- Nin e children in 3rd-6th grade attended Laura Arnhold's Maker Monday class on August 15, 2016.
- Twenty children and twenty-one adults attended a special program celebrating the children's completion of the 1,000 Books before Kindergarten challenge.
- Over 100 people attended, the library's culminating special event of the summer, the Library Olympics held in the township park on August 10, 2016.
- Prizes for Summer Reading Challenge, the Shredded Book Challenge and baseball gumballs were announced at the Library Olympics night on August 10, 2016.
- Shredded Book Winners were: Kevin Wu, Lauren Tyrell, Gabrielle Walker, and Kasha Canale.
- Reading Challenge winners were: Sam Foster, Brady Martin, Jasmine Kolati, Matthew Martin, Sophia Pham, Arierianna Bovell Tsioulfaidis, Erin Johnston, Aishani Mehta, Alexandra Hendricks, Simra Moghal, and Arjun Ahluwaum. The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt was the library's overall summer favorite.
- Eight entries were submitted for the eighth Annual Edible Book Contest. First place was Diya Das for her Tortoise and the Hare edible creation. Second place was Nick & Matt Adams for their Shark Vs Train creation. Third place was Mannat Bakshi for her Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Dog Days cake.
- Nineteen children and fourteen adults attended the library's movie matinee showing of Kung Fu Panda on August 23, 2016.

- There were 72 entries in this summer's Art Contest.
- Grades K-1, 1st place: Lola Fuenfstueck, 2nd place: Evan Martin and Sofia Ketsoun, and 3rd place Maggie Walton.
- Grades 2-4, 1st place: Nick Dolga, 2nd place: David Rendon, and 3rd place: Jenna Zue.
- Grades 5-8, 1st place: Megan Chaing, 2nd place: Diya Das and 3rd place Kyle Dolga.
- On August 22, 2016, Sue Kirkpatrick focused on the science of sound for her two Preschool Explorer classes for children 3½ to 5 years old.
- During the summer, different collections of materials were displayed each week. In August, there were book displays on all kinds of vehicles, backyard games, national parks, dogs and butterflies. Laura Arnhold and Stephanie Spangler created a back to school themed display.

Upcoming Events:

- Fall Book Discussion begins Sunday, September 18, 2016
- Story times begin the week of September 26, 2016
- Jazz Night-Friday October 7th at 7:00p.m.
- October 10, 2016 Library Board Meeting and Friend of the Year Celebration honoring John Egan.
- Enchanted Library-Friday, November 4th at 7:00p.m.
- November 6, 2016 Board Appreciation Lunch at Maggiano's King of Prussia 12p.m.
- November 14, 2016 Library Board Meeting 6:45p.m.
- December 12, 2016 Library Board Meeting 6:45p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Sharon Duris, Secretary