

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

October 10, 2016 6:45p.m.-7:45p.m.

Attendees:

Jonathan Black, David Bristowe, Sharon Duris, Linda Noll, Tracey Pasquale, Laura Arnhold-Library Director

Minutes:

Minutes were approved from the September 12, 2016 meeting

Friend of the Library:

John Egan was presented the Friend of the Library.

Adult Services and Directors Comments:

Adult coloring night has been successful.

College Finance Workshop sponsored by Primercia was well attended.

Fall Book Discussion started on Sunday September 18, 2016 with a dedication of the book discussion series in memory of a long-time member Marian Palmer.

30 patrons attended yoga with Kamini on Monday, September 19, 2016.

Tech Night on September 19, 2016 was a successful night with 10 patrons and 13 volunteers.

SAT Strategy Class on Monday, September 26, 2016 sponsored by Princeton Review was a huge success.

Knit Night on September 26, was attended by our regulars along with a few new patrons.

Thanks to Jason Bishop from Upromise for arranging a wonderful workshop on Wills and Trusts.

The library is hosting Jazz Night on Friday, October 7, 2016 at 7p.m.

We will be celebrating Diwali at the library on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 6 p.m.

Children's Services:

Congratulations to Becky Ginther who will replace Laura Arnhold as the library's Children's Librarian. Becky earned her MLIS degree from Drexel University and has worked in the library's Children's Department for three years as a Circulation and Technical Services Assistant.

The library's summer reading program ended August 26, 2016.

Registration for the six-week Fall Story Time classes began on September 12, 2016.

Tryouts were held September 14, 2016 for this year's Enchanted Library.

The Junior Friends of the Library met on September 12, 2016 for the first monthly meeting of the school year.

Monthly Fun Friday programs resumed on September 9, 2016.

Sue Kirkpatrick attended Parents Night at the Upper Merion Middle School on September 22, 2016. She shared information about the library's programs and services and invited families to register for library cards.

The library's four week Fall Parent/Child Workshop began September 23, 2016 and continues consecutive Friday's through October 14, 2016.

Thirty-nine children attended two play workshops scheduled on September 29, 2016 and October 3, 2016 for children ages 1-3 and their parent or caregiver.

The library has begun receiving entries for the 42nd annual Write & Illustrate You Own Book Contest for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. The deadline for entries is October 19, 2016. The small display table showcases previous winner's books.

The Reading Buddy Program pairs children in kindergarten through second grade with children in 4th-12th grade for reading practice in the library. There are currently 51 pairs of reading buddies meeting weekly in the library.

Therapists from the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit have begun using the Upper Merion Township Building and library to work with preschool children with special needs to help them learn to sit quietly, use public stairs and behave appropriately in a public setting.

This fall's Traveling Story Time program provides outreach to local childcares and preschool programs.

On Monday October 3, 2016, eighteen children in 3rd-5th grade had fun exploring patterns using blocks with Becky Ginther for the Crazy 8 Math Super Cube Shuffle Workshop.

The library celebrated Hispanic Heritage month with a display featuring Spanish language children's books and biographies of famous Americans of Hispanic heritage. The children's Department small table display highlighted books related to technology and samples of the library's Write and Illustrate Your Own Book Contest collection. There were also smaller displays in September focused on remembering 9-11, autumn, grandparents, elephants and the Jewish holidays of Yom Kipper and Rosh Hashanah.

Upcoming Events:

Enchanted Library-Friday, November 4, 2016 at 7:00p.m.

November 6, 2016 Board Appreciation Lunch at Maggiano's King of Prussia 12p.m.

The Dead Really Do Tell Tales, Egyptian Medicine Part 2 with Dr. Steve-Wednesday,
November 9, 2016 at 7p.m.

November 14, 2016 Library Board Meeting 6:45p.m.

Family Harvest Festival-Tuesday, November 15, 2016 from 6:30-7:30p.m.

December 12, 2106 Library Board Meeting 6:45p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Sharon Duris, Secretary