

## Upper Merion Township Library Board

March 13, 2017 6:45 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

### Attendees:

David Bristowe, Sharon Duris, Janet Medrow, Linda Noll, Tracy Pasquale, Laura Arnhold-Library Director, Carole Keeney-Township Liaison

### Minutes:

Minutes were approved from the February 13, 2017 meeting.

### Adult Services and Directors Comments:

The Winter Reading Program for adults and teens started on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

Tech Night on Monday, February 6, 2017 was attended by five registrants.

Coloring night on February 13, 2017 had eight participants. We added an afternoon session at 2 p.m. for seniors who cannot come out in the dark.

Explore, Create, & Build on February 13 was a huge success with more than 35 middle school students attending the program.

The Estate Planning Workshop on Wednesday, February 8, 2017 was attended by 29 patrons.

A staff training/in-service day was held on Monday, February 20, 2017 with three, two-hour training sessions held for staff to learn about customer service, get reminders about our software, and updates on where the library's headed in the future. Many staff responded positively and asked if this could become a more regular aspect of our work.

Vinyasa Yoga co-sponsored by the library at the community center was attended by 18 patrons on Monday, February 20, 2017.

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration of Black History "Stepping Out with Black History" on Saturday, February 25, 2017 was attended by around 250 residents.

Knit Night was attended by 10 patrons on Monday, February 27, 2017.

The library also set up a table at the community center on February 28, 2017 and March 4, 2017 for three hours each day to have a library card drive.

Spring book discussion starts March 26, 2017. The theme is "Not the usual: Unexpected acts of exploration and resistance."

March 26, 2017: The Greatcoat, by Helen Dunmore

April 9, 2017: The Moviegoer, by Walker Percy

April 23, 2017: The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry, by Gabrielle Zevin

May 7, 2013: The Sellout, by Paul Beatty

May 21, 2017: The Nightingale, by Kristin Hannah

In 2017, our tech nights will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month, Coloring night the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, fitness class the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday and knit night the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday.

### Children's Services:

Susan Kirkpatrick presented a special Valentine's Day themed story and activity time for nineteen children and twenty-two parents involved in the Upper Merion Mother's Club on February 9, 2017.

On Friday, February 10, 2017, twenty-one 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade students visited the library for hands on fun with STEM toys.

The Junior Friends of the Library met for a combined event with members of the library's Teen Advisory Group (TAG) on February 13, 2017 for a Build, Create and Explore Workshop also using STEM kits.

Sixteen students in 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade participated in experiment oriented math activities with Becky Ginther on February 6, 2017 at the library's Crazy 8 Math Club.

Six children ages 4.5-6 attended the library's Play K Workshop led by Sue Kirkpatrick on February 8, 2017 focusing on Transportation.

The library offers monthly Saturday story times to give parents who work during the week the opportunity to participate with their children in story times at the library.

Twenty-one children in grades 3-7 had the opportunity to build and decorate their own simple robots using Bristle Bots on February 15, 2017 with Becky Ginther.

Ten children and six adults attended the library's Block Party on February 17, 2017.

The library has begun offering monthly LEAP into Science workshops for kids in K-4 and their parent/guardian.

The Winter Story time Session ended the week of February 27, 2017 except for a few make up classes.

The Spring Story hour session begins the week of March 14, 2017.

The children's department helped sponsor DIY activities for children as part of the library's annual Celebration of Black History on February 27, 2017.

On February 27, 2017, Jeanne Kauffman provided a tour for a troop of six Girl Scouts and their parents. Four of the Girl Scouts registered for library cards.

Book displays in February included holiday displays for Ground Hog's Day, Valentine's Day, Chinese New Year, and President's Day as well as celebrating Black History and birds. The large display table was themed, Read the Rainbow and included books with covers the color of all shades of the rainbow. The small table display featured biographies of Inventors and Makers.

#### **Old Business:**

Weeding Project update

In-Service Recap

Community Survey-333 responses

PA Forward Star Program-Bronze Star achieved, working toward 5 silver stars

#### **New Business:**

ILS Cloud Migration

Vision Statement-outlines the worldview of the organization and why it exists

#### **Report from Carole Keeney-Township Liaison:**

Carole updated the board on various township activities.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

April 10, 2017 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.

April 27, 2017 Joint Meeting with the Board of Supervisors 9 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Sharon Duris, Secretary