

## Upper Merion Township Library Board

April 10, 2017 6:45 p.m.-7:50p.m.

### Attendees:

David Bristowe, Sharon Duris, Janet Medrow, Linda Noll, Tracy Pasquale, Fauzia Shamim, Carole Keeney-Township Liaison

Unable to attend: Beth Nachman

### New Members:

The Board welcomed two new members, Fauzia Shamim and Beth Nachman. Beth was unable to attend due to a previous commitment.

### Minutes:

Minutes were approved from the March 13, 2017 meeting.

### Adult Services and Directors Comments:

Now, in addition to the free Burbio app, you can just “Ask Alexa” and find out about all of our upcoming events.

Winter Reading Program for teens and adults ended on March 20, 2013. There were 131 reviews in all.

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

Coloring night was held on February 13, 2017.

College Admission Made Easy on Monday, March 13, 2017 was well attended by local high school students and their parents.

Library co-sponsored “Dance & Define at the community center was attended by 12 of our patrons on Monday, March 20, 2017.

A social security workshop held on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 was hosted by Mr. Crowley.

ACT sponsored by Into Prep from Upper Darby held on Saturday, March 25, 2017 was attended by 11 high school students.

Spring book discussion started on 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, 2017: The Sellout, by Paul Beatty

May 21, 2017: The Nightingale, By Kristin Hannah

Knit Night was attended by 11 patrons on Monday, March 27, 2017.

DIY essential oil for adults was attended by 15 patrons.

Our very first standup comedy night was successful and attended by 46 patrons on Wednesday, March 29, 2017.

Upper Merion Township Library is proud to be a part of Money Smart week.org this year. Please mark your calendar for programs focusing on money and financial decisions April 24-27, 2017.

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.

### Childrens Services:

Fourteen students participated in experiment oriented math activities on March 6, 2017 with Becky Ginther.

Becky Ginther visited the fourth grade at Roberts Elementary School on March 6, 2017.

The library has begun offering outreach services to Upper Merion Area Elementary Schools through a program called Children’s Choice.

The library offered a four-week spring Family Place workshop session in March for children ages 1 to 3 and their parent or caregiver.

There were four consecutive play workshops scheduled in March that brought in fourteen to eighteen children and parents each week for free play with the library’s developmentally appropriate toys in freedom Hall.

There were twenty children and fifteen adults who attended Susan Kirkpatrick’s Preschool Explorer class on March 7, 2017.

On March 8, 2017 eight members of the Junior Friends of the library group auditioned for parts for the Spring Play focusing on popular Dr. Seuss stories.  
Sixteen children in 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade participated in Fun Friday activities on March 10, 2017 with Becky Ginther.  
On March 13, 2017, thirteen middle school students participated in book discussion and trivia challenges with Becky Ginther on then third book in the Harry Potter series, Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban.  
The library partnered with UMGA-TV to produce a summer reading commercial starring the Junior Friends of the library on March 13, 2017.  
Twenty-five preschool children and their parents attended the Saturday Family Story time with Kristine Pennese on March 18, 2017.  
On March 22, 2017, there were approximately seventy people who attended the library's Holocaust Survivor program sponsored by the Holocaust Awareness Museum and Education Center.  
Approximately 230 students have registered for the 1,000 Books before Kindergarten program this year.  
There are six separate story time classes offered during the Spring Story time Session that began March 28, 2017.  
April is Family reading Month at the library. During April, the library focuses on building early literacy for young children.  
The children's department displayed holiday books for St. Patrick's Day, Holi and Mardi Gras. Rina Das showcased books and materials related to the Holocaust and Angie Dalasio created special displays celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday, All Things Irish, Buildings and Bridges, Weather and Wind.

**Old Business:**

Book Sale Update-promotion has started digitally and physically, logistics are being decided on weeding is 99% done.  
Vision Statement: Building a connected and engaged community.  
Joint Board Presentation.

**New Business:**

Karen Hastings will be resigning, her last day will be May 1<sup>st</sup>  
September Meeting-Reschedule  
October Meeting-Reschedule or Cancel  
Library Logos  
Mission Statement: Educate-Empower-Engage

**Report from Carole Keeney-Township Liaison**

Carole updated the board on various township activities.

**Upcoming Events:**

April 27, 2017 Joint Meeting with the Board of Supervisors 9 p.m.  
May 8, 2017 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Duris, Secretary