

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

January 23, 2018 6:45 p.m.-7:25 p.m.

Attendees:

Sharon Duris, Janet Medrow, Beth Nachman, Linda Noll, Tracey Pasquale, Fauzia Shamim, Laura Arnhold-Library Director, Carole Keeney-Township Liaison, Bill Keeney

Unable to Attend: David Bristowe

Minutes:

Minutes were approved from the December 11, 2017 meeting.

Adult Services and Director's Comments:

Winter Reading Program for adults and teens started on January 3, 2018.

Spring Book Discussion 2018 starts March 25, 2018. The theme is: Reflection, and Rhythm: The Forces that Move Us.

Sangeetha was at the Senior Center on December 5 and 19, 2018 from 10 until noon.

De-Stress December series was very well attended.

Holiday Card making Class on December 6, 2018 was attended by 30 patrons.

Preston Moore from King of Complementary Health Care Presented "De-stress Naturally".

DIY Holiday Candle Holder workshop was led by our regular patron Mr. Wani.

Our monthly coloring night continues to grow in size.

Mind & Breath workshop on December 12, 2017, was led by a local non-profit organization.

Dr. Steve's presentation on "Stress Free Travel to Egypt" was very well attended.

Library co-sponsored "Chair Yoga" at the community center on Monday, December 18, 2017 was attended by our library patrons.

Knit Nite was cancelled for December. The group will meet on January 23, 2018.

We are excited for this new venture Transform. You. Series. Starting January 11, 2018.

Children's Services:

On Saturday, December 2, 2017, Kristine Pennese presented a family story time for fifteen children.

Seventeen middle school students attended the library's holiday party on December 4, 2017.

Diane Shatzman shared special Hanukkah stories, games and songs with children ages 2-5 and their parents on December 5, 2017.

Twenty children participated in Fun Friday activities with Becky Ginther and Rena Staley on December 8, 2017.

Sue Kirkpatrick introduced the concepts of electricity and light to her Preschool Explorer's class on December 11, 2017.

On December 11, 2017, thirteen children in 2nd through 4th grade and nine Junior Friends helpers participated in a Choose Kindness Party in celebration of the book and feature length movie, Wonder by R.J. Palasio.

Kristine Pennese, BJ Miraglia and Poppy Pennese presented a Christmas themed Pajama Story Time on December 12, 2017 with stories, songs, finger plays and a puppet show. They also provided special daytime story hours on December 13 and 14, 2017.

Tempo Music Therapy Services offered three free music classes for children in December.

The library's Countdown to Noon, New Year's celebration for children ages 2-5 was held on December 27, 2017.

Rena Staley highlighted holiday books in her Warm Up with a Good Book display on the large table Rina Das, showcased Friendship books on the small table and included a hand-out with instructions for making friendship bracelets. Angie Dalasio provided additional displays focused on Kwanzaa, stories about

December happenings, bears, and gingerbread Cookies, Cakes & goodies.

Old Business:

Removal of DVD & video game fees
Strategic Plan & Logo Update

New Business:

Reorganization: Chairman: David Bristowe, Vice Chairman: Tracey Pasquale, Secretary: Sharon Duris, same as last year. Meeting time will be the same which is the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:45 p.m.
Goals for 2018: Educate the public about the library creating short videos to post to social media. Create a brand/marketing guide to ensure that all marketing material from the library has the same “look & Feel”. Offer pop-up computer classes for patrons and staff to learn about technology. Updated Procedures Manuals and Job Descriptions-for each position/desk.

Report from Carole Keeney-Township Liaison

Carole updated the board on various township activities.

Upcoming Events:

February 12, 2018 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
March 12, 2018 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
April 9 2018 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
May 14, 2018 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
June 11, 2018 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
July 9, 2018 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
August 13, 2018 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
September 10, 2018 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
October 8, 2018 Library Board meeting 6:45 p.m.
November 12, 2018 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
December 10, 2018 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
January 14, 2019 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.-Reorganization Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Duris, Secretary