

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

February 12, 2018 6:45 p.m.-8:10 p.m.

Attendees:

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

Unable to Attend: Tracey Pasquale

Minutes:

Minutes were approved from the January 23, 2018 meeting.

Directors Comments and Adult Services:

Winter Reading Program for adults and teens continues.

Spring Book Discussion 2018 begins March 25, 2018.

Sangeetha was at the Upper Merion Senior Service Center on January 9, 2018 and January 23, 2018 from 10 am to 12 noon.

Transform You series for adults, our new venture kick started on Thursday January 11, 2018 with “Building an impactful LinkedIn profile was attended by 18 adults.

Monthly coloring night was cancelled due to snow.

Family Game Night was attended by 75 patrons on January 15, 2018.

Library co-sponsored “Zumba: Dance Fitness” at the community center on Monday, January 15, 2018 was attended by 18 patrons.

Princeton Review’s co-sponsored ACT practice test on Saturday, January 20, 2018 was attended by 28 high school students.

College finance workshop led by PHEAA on Monday, January 22, 2018 was informative and educational.

Knit Night was attended by 10 patrons in January.

The theme of the display in front of the Reference Office was “Warm up with a Good Book” and featured books with words like cold, ice, chill and snow in the title.

The display cases in the atrium were filled with needlework crafts, materials and books on knitting, crochet, etc. and promoted our “knit nights”, one Monday evening a month.

The library display case featured a delightful collection of snowmen to add some cheer to a quiet post-holiday month.

Children’s Services:

Six play workshops were planned for the winter months to give parents and caregivers opportunities to bring their children ages 1-3 to play inside with the library’s age appropriate toys in Freedom Hall.

The January 8, 2018 Harry Potter book discussion and Junior Friends meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather and rescheduled for February 12, 2018.

Laura Arnhold shared stories including the books, From Head to Toe by Eric Carle and I am by Susan Verde and yoga movement activities with a group of eighteen children ages 2-5 on January 9, 2018.

Becky Ginther provided Fun Friday activities for twelve children in 1st-4th grade on January 12, 2018.

The library is offering a seven session Writers’ Workshop for third and fourth grade students during January and February which began on January 14, 2018.

Eighteen children 3½ to 6 and 15 adults attended the library’s STEAM story time focusing on the science of snow with Susan Kirkpatrick on January 16, 2018.

Michelle from Tempo Music provided a sample music and movement class for six children and four adults on January 17, 2018.

Library page, Shreya Srinivasan planned and is leading a 4-week STEAM workshop for girls in 3rd-5th grade that began January 10, 2018.

Fifteen children in 3rd-6th grade participated in Passport Pals with Becky Ginther.

The winter six-week story hour session began January 23rd and will end the week of February 26th.

Twenty-three children and twenty-three adults participated in a Saturday storytimes with Becky Ginther on January 13, 2018.

Becky Ginther invited fourteen 3rd-5th grade students to explore and learn about two and three-dimensional geometric shapes at her Math Madness class on February 5, 2018.

Planning continues for the library's 2018 Summer Quest program based on the theme, Libraries Rock.

There are currently 64 active pairs of reading buddies.

Holiday Books for the New Year, Martin Luther King Day, Groundhog Day, and Valentine's Day were displayed in January as well as books on winter sports. The large table put together by Rina Das focused on the Winter Olympics with books for children and adults. Sue Kirkpatrick highlighted Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math on the small table.

Old Business:

Reviewing Library Policies Manual

Library Logo Update

New Business:

Township Employee Open House

Mandatory HR Training

Joint Board Meeting-April 26, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Report from Carole Keeney-Township Liaison

Carole updated the board on various township activities.

Upcoming Events:

March 12, 2018 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.

April 9 2018 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.

April 26, 2018 Joint Board Meeting 7:30 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