

## Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

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

### Attendees:

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

### Unable to attend:

Linda Noll, Tracey Pasquale

### Minutes:

Minutes were approved from the February 12, 2018 meeting.

### Adult Services and Director's Comments:

Winter Reading Program for adults and teens continues.

Spring Book Discussion 2018 continues with the Theme: Reflection, Retribution, and Rhythm: The Focus that Move Us.

Transform You, a 6 part series for adult, our new venture kick started in January and ended February 15, 2018.

Tech Night on February 5, 2018 was attended by many new senior patrons.

Sangeetha was at the Upper Merion Senior Service Center on February 13, and 27, 2018 from 10 am to 12 noon.

Princeton Review's co-sponsored SAT sample class was very well attended by our high school students in the area.

Coloring Night was attended by our special friends from Norristown this month.

Our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Black History Event "Snapshots of Black History" was a HUGE success.

Knit Night was attended by eight patrons in January.

The display cases in the atrium and library celebrated this year's theme for Black History Month: Snapshots of Black History.

### Children's Services:

High School Senior, Grace Wu organized a Lunar New Year Celebration for families on February 6, 2018 to fulfill her senior graduation project requirements.

On Friday, February 9, 2018 nineteen 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in hands-on fun with a "crafternoon" themed Fun Friday.

The library offered special Saturday story times on February 10, and 17, 2018.

Eleven students in 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade participated in a discussion and trivia challenge on the 5<sup>th</sup> book in the Harry Potter book series, Harry Potter and the Order of Phoenix on February 12, 2018 with Becky Ginther.

Twenty middle school kids met on February 12, 2018 for the monthly Junior Friends meeting.

There were three additional class meetings (February 11, 18, and March 4, 2018) for the library's six week Writers' Workshop that began on January 14, 2018.

Sue Kirkpatrick provided a Children's Choice Outreach visit to all of the kindergarten classes in the Upper Merion School District during the months of January, February, and March.

As part of her senior graduation requirements, High School senior, Shreya Srinivasan presented a series of 4 STEM workshops for girls in 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade during January and February.

Thirty children ages 5-9 and twelve parents participated in the library's Lego Party on February 15, 2018.

The winter Story time Session ended the week of February 26, 2018.

Book displays in February included holiday display for Groundhog's Day, Valentine's Day, Mardi Gras, Chinese New Year (Year of the Dog), and Presidents Day. There was a small display entitled, "Feed the Birds". Rina Das put the large table display together which focused on the Winter Olympics. The small table assembled by Sue Kirkpatrick highlighted Women Scientists.

**Old Business:**

Township Employee Open House March 15, 2018 from 7:45-10am  
Joint Board Meeting April 26, 2018 at 7:30 pm  
Procedure Manual-Library Board, Employee, Collection Development

**New Business:**

Procedure Manual-Library Cards & Loaning Materials  
PLA Conference-March 21-24

**Report from Carole Keeney-Township Liaison**

Carole updated the board on various township activities

**Upcoming Events:**

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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