

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

April 9, 2018 6:45 p.m.-7:50 p.m.

Attendees:

David Bristowe, Sharon Duris, Janet Medrow, Beth Nachman, Linda Noll, Tracey Pasquale, Fauzia Shamim, Laura Arnhold-Library Director

Unable to Attend:

Carole Keeney-Township Liaison

Minutes:

Minutes were approved from the March 12, 2018 meeting.

Adult Services and Directors Comments:

Winter Reading Program for adults and teens ended.

Tech Night on March 9, 2018, was well attended.

Sangeetha was at the Upper Merion Senior Center on March 13, for seniors who could not attend tech night.

Due to weather, some programs were rescheduled.

Much awaited Author Talk with David Walton was cancelled due to weather. We will be rescheduling this author talk in the summer.

Seminar "Pulled in All Directions", by author Robyn Deluca has been rescheduled to Tuesday May 1, 2018.

Author of the book Nourishing the Body & Recovering Health, Dr. Ana M Negron was at the library on Monday March 12, 2018.

Coloring Night group met on Monday March 12, 2018.

Let's Talk Minerals originally scheduled for March 6, 2018 was rescheduled to March 13, 2018 and was attended by many enthusiastic patrons.

Ancestry.com demo presented by our patron Ms. Nance Thompson on March 15, 2018 was attended by more than 27 patrons.

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

Knit Night was attended by 18 patrons this month. Special thanks to Mrs. Audry Gibbs for leading this group and welcoming many new patrons every month. The group will next meet on April 30, 2018.

Spring Book Discussion 2018 Book Discussion Series started on March 25, 2018. The Theme is :Reflection, Retribution, and Rhythm: The Forces that Move Us

Hagseed by Margaret Atwood-April 8, 2018

Swing Time by Zadie Smith April 22, 2018

Everybody's Fool by Richard Russo May 6, 2018

The Whore's Child short story collection by Richard Russo May 20, 2018

The library display case highlighted: Minerals-Mother Nature's "Rocky treasures" offering advice on collecting minerals and sources for minerals and displaying some "wow" minerals and favorites of awesome specimens. Beautiful!

The atrium display was done in conjunction with a program offered by Dr. Ana M. Negron and featured her book: Nourishing the Body & Recovering Health, showing the connection between food and wellness and changing your diet to improve your health.

The table display in front of the Reference office was "Historical Highlights of Pennsylvania" and offered books covering local history of Upper Merion, Philadelphia and environs.

Children's Services:

Laura Arnhold planned and presented two parachute story time programs on March 6, 2018 that combined story sharing with fun parachute and song activities.

The library offered outreach programs to Upper Merion Area Elementary School Kindergarten classes during February and March.

Seventeen middle school students participated in Harry Potter fun at the library on March 14, 2018 with Becky Ginther.

The library offered a four-week spring Parent/Child workshop series on Fridays in March for children ages 1 to 3 and their parent or caregiver.

There were four consecutive play workshops scheduled on Mondays in March that brought in sixteen to twenty-one children and parents each week for free play with the library's developmentally appropriate toys in Freedom Hall.

Library page, Nebiyou Elias planned and presented four themed Saturday Story Times for children ages 2-5 in March. March's Preschool Explorer class focused on birds and flight.

Twenty-five children in 1st-4th grade participated in Fun Friday activities on March 9, 2018 with Becky Ginther.

The library provided a book discussion for eight girls from Girl Scout Troop 07753 to assist them in meeting their scribe badge requirements.

The library partnered with UMGA-TV to produce a summer reading commercial starring the Junior Friends of the library on March 12, 2018.

Becky Ginther highlighted Irish Culture for March's Passport Pals program on March 19, 2018.

There are six separate Storytime classes offered during the Spring Story time Session that began March 27, 2018.

Thirty families received free booster seats for their children in the free booster seat give away and child check event sponsored by Montgomery County Health Department in conjunction with the library and held on March 28, 2018 in the Township Building.

April is Family Reading Month at the library.

The children's department displayed holiday books for St. Patrick's Day, Holi, Easter, Purim and Passover. Rina Das showcased books on Ireland on the small table and Angie Dalasio created special displays celebrating March winds, and the approach of spring.

Old Business:

15 people showed up for the Township Employee Open House

PLA Conference March 21-24

Joint Board Meeting April 26, 2018 at 7:30 pm(30 minutes long)

Procedure Manual

New Business:

2018 Capital Projects

Robert & Shirley Fine Endowment

Upcoming Events:

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