

## Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

June 11, 2018 6:45 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

### Attendees:

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

### Unable to Attend:

Fauzia Shamim

### Minutes:

Minutes were approved for the May 14, 2018 meeting.

### Adult Services and Director's Comments:

Gardening series in April presented by Master Gardeners from Penn State Extension covered a variety of topics every Wednesday in May.

Tech Night on May 6, 2018 was well attended.

Sangeetha was at the Upper Merion Senior service Center on May 8, and May 12, 2018.

Coloring Night group met on Monday, May 14, 2018.

Dr. Steve's presentation on Jewels of the Pharaohs on Monday, May 14, 2018 was educative, informative, and fun.

Our second Game Event on Saturday, May 19, 2018 was attended by around 75 patrons with requests to make it a monthly event.

2018 Book Discussion Series ended on Sunday, May 20, 2018.

Library co-sponsored "Dance Fitness" at the community center was attended by many of our patrons on Monday, May 21, 2018.

Summer Reading starts on June 18, 2018. The theme this year will be "Libraries Rock".

We will be hosting an International Music Festival on Tuesday July 10, 2018.

ACT Practice test was attended by 20 students. SAT Practice test will occur in July.

The displays in the Atrium and library cases highlighted toe goods and activities of the Upper Merion Township Farmer's Market, which opened on May 19, 2018.

Gardening was the theme of the eye-catching display in front of the Reference office.

### Children's Services:

High school senior Trinity Pike led three engineering themed workshops in May for students in 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade to fulfill her senior graduation project requirements.

Twenty middle school students attended the Junior Friends end of the year party on May 7, 2018.

The six-week spring story hour sessions ended the week of May 2, 2018.

Laura Arnhold presented a yoga story and activity time for children ages 3½ to 6 on May 15, 2018.

On May 19, 2018, the library held an awards ceremony for the students who earned reading medals but attended schools outside of Upper Merion.

The library supports the efforts of the community's early intervention specialists to help children with special needs learn important social skills in public spaces.

The library received two Board of Community Assistance Grants this year for children's department programs.

During the month of May, registrations were taken for the Science in the Summer classes sponsored by GSK in partnership with the Franklin Institute.

On May 11, 2018 Jeanne Kauffman, Becky Ginther and Jeff Hunsicker visited Candlebrook to award summer reading medals to the students who earned them in two separate assemblies and to invite all students to participate in summer reading this year.

Jeanne, Becky and Jeff also visited the Upper Merion Middle School(May 22<sup>nd</sup> & May 25<sup>th</sup>), Roberts(May 23<sup>rd</sup>),

Mother Teresa Regional Catholic School(May24<sup>th</sup>) and Bridgeport(May 29<sup>th</sup>) to award reading medals and to preview this summer's reading club in assemblies at each school.

One hundred and fifty children in 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade and their parents attended the library's Super Fun Friday on May 11, 2018 to learn about and see animals from the Briar Bush Nature Center. Since the school district will no longer schedule monthly early dismissal Fridays, this was the library's last planned Fun Friday.

On May 15, 2018, Sue Kirkpatrick presented a gardening themed S.T.E.M. story and activity class for children ages 3½ to 6.

On May 24, 2018, Diane Shatzman repeated Sue's gardening themed S.T.E.M. story and activity class with 8 children and 10 adults from the Upper Merion Baptist Nursery School.

Susan Kirkpatrick coordinated the library's Reading Buddies Celebration on May 21, 2018. Close to 200 hundred students and parents were on hand to honor this year's reading buddies. Sixty-five pairs of reading buddies are currently meeting weekly at the library for reading practice.

Ninety-eight first graders visited the library on June 4, 2018 for a tour and story time.

The children's department is gearing up for the Summer Reading Program, which starts June 18, 2018.

Biographies was the theme of the large table display put together by Diane Shatzman in early May and Meera Alve showcased non-fiction books with her display titled, Just Dewey It for the remainder of the month. Rina Das celebrated the Great Outdoors with books and materials on the small table display. Other special displays highlighted holiday books for Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, Ramadan, Shavuot and Memorial Day. Books on the police, frogs and trees and flowers were also displayed by Angie Dalasio.

### **Old Business:**

Library Goals for 2019

1. Work with a consulting firm to create a conceptual plan for a new space
2. Create a technology competency framework to ensure staff is well-trained in accessing and using online resources as well as promoting them to the public.
3. Promote the cost-saving benefits of our services to patrons using return on investment metrics.

Library Capital Projects for 2019

Drive up Material Return

Contract for a conceptual plan

Library Friend of the Year: Karl Helicher

### **New Business:**

Summer Reading is starting

### **Report from Carole Keeney-Township Liaison:**

Carole updated the board on various township activities.

### **Upcoming Events:**

July 9, 2018 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.

August 13, 2018 Library Board Meeting Cancelled

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