

## Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

October 15, 2018 6:45 p.m.-7:40 p.m.

**Attendees:** David Bristowe, Sharon Duris, Janet Medrow, Beth Nachman, Tracey Pasquale, Fauzia Shamim, Laura Arnhold-Library Director

**Unable to attend:** Linda Noll, Carole Keeney-Township Liaison

### **Minutes:**

Minutes were approved from the July 9, 2018, and September 10, 2018 meetings were approved. There was no meeting in August 2018.

### **Adult Services and Directors Comments:**

- It was an exciting month in the library with several visits to open houses at all the schools in the district-thanks to Jeanne, Sangeetha, BJ and Linda for helping out.
- As always, our Baby Boomer Retirement series in September was educative and informative to our patrons.
- Get organized by Darla, was attended by about 45 patrons.
- Family Game Day on Monday, September 10, 2018 was attended by around 75 patrons.
- Tech Night on September 10, 2018 was well attended.
- Our very first Adult Painting Class was very well received by our adult patrons.
- How to save for College Seminar was attended by high school students and parents.
- Computer Classes at the Senior Center kick started on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 and session 2 was held on September 26, 2018.
- Coloring Night met a few Mondays in August.
- Movement and Meditation at the Community Center on Monday, September 17, 2018 was a great session for our library patrons.
- Princeton Review's co-sponsored ACT Practice Test for high school students on Saturday, September 22, 2018 was attended by 15 high school students in the area.
- Knit Night on September 24, 2018 was very well attended.
- We held our first official Pop-Up Computer Lab for adults on Friday, September 28, 2018.
- Thanks to Choolah, King of Prussia for letting us coordinate a fundraiser on Friday September 28, 2018. We raised \$180.
- 2018 Fall Book Discussion Series kick started on September 23, 2018.
- September was Library Card Sign-up Month and the display cases both inside the library and in the atrium celebrated the month by highlighting all of the materials, programs

and services the Upper Merion Township Library has to offer as well as memorabilia from the inception of the library until now. The table in front of the reference Office highlighted “Back to School” with a number of study guides and helpful books to students heading to school in the fall.

### **Children’s Services:**

- The library’s summer reading program ended August 31, 2018.
- Forty children ages 5-8 attended the library’s LEGO Block party on September 10, 2018.
- Twelve middle school students came out for our Super Build Program on September 10, 2018.
- The Junior Friends of the Library met on September 10, 2018 for the first monthly meeting of the school year.
- Tryouts were held September 12, 2108 for this year’s Enchanted Library Event scheduled on November 2, 2018.
- The library is providing monthly Saturday Storytimes for families of young children who can’t participate in the library’s daytime classes.
- Laura Arnhold led a movement and music class for 17 preschoolers and their parent or caregiver on September 18, 2018.
- The Reading Buddy Program currently has 55 pairs of reading buddies meeting weekly in the library.
- Therapists from the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit are using the library to work with preschool children with special needs on appropriate social skills in public settings.
- This fall’s Traveling Story time program provides outreach to local childcares and preschool programs.
- The library showed The Lego Batman Movie to a group of twenty-eight children and fourteen adults on September 21, 2018.
- The six week fall story time session began the week of September 24, 2018.
- Nineteen students attended Passport Pals with Becky Ginther on September 24, 2018.
- The library’s four week Fall Parent/Child Workshop series began September 28, 2018 and continues consecutive Fridays through October 19, 2018.
- Seventeen children and their parent or caregiver attended the Monday Play Workshop on October 1, 2018.
- Information about the library’s 44<sup>th</sup> annual Write and Illustrate Your Own book contest was distributed to students through the schools in the library’s service area in September.
- The library’s big table display put together by Meera Alve featured Early Childhood Literacy books along with helpful pamphlets and booklists suggested for families to help their preschool children develop early literacy skills. The children’s Department small

table was designed by Rina Das. It highlighted books and materials for Grandparents Day. The display area across from the Children's Circulation Desk highlighted books for Labor Day, remembering 9-11, autumn, the Jewish holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the Islamic New Year, and a display of horse books.

**Old Business:**

- Review library policies.
- Library Card Sign-Up Month Review
- Raised \$180 from Choolah fundraiser
- Budget Meeting Update

**New Business:**

- Community Outreach

**Upcoming Events:**

- November 4, 2018 Citizens Board Luncheon at Maggiano's 12:30 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