

Upper Merion township Library Board Meeting

November 11, 2018 6:45 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

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

Minutes:

Minutes were approved from the October 15, 2018 meeting.

Adult Services and Director's Comments:

- Our very first try at a Hypnosis seminar on Monday, October 1, 2018 was a great success.
- Tech night on October 1, 2018 was well attended.
- Thanks to UMPR for letting us be a part of **Community and Fall Fest Event** on Saturday, October 6, 2018.
- Art lecture presented by Fred Dixon on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 was a "Full House".
- Computer Class at the Senior Center on Wednesday, October 10, and October 24, 2018 was well attended by the seniors.
- Coloring Night group met a few Mondays in October.
- Women and Finance Workshop presented by our patron Ms. Debra focused on financial challenges and concerns specific to women, basic financial concepts six steps to financial independence.
- 2018 Jazz Night: Performance by Louis Pettinelli and band was attended by many of our patrons on Friday, October 12, 2018.
- Dance Fitness at the Community center on Monday, October 15, 2018 was a great session for our library patrons.
- Princeton Review's co-sponsored SAT Sample Class for high school students on Monday, October 15, 2018 was attended by 14 high school students in the area.
- Thanks to UMAMS for allotting a table space for us at the Middle School ESL Night on Thursday, October 19, 2018.
- Dr. Steve's presentation, I want my Mummy! On Monday, October 22, 2018 was very well attended by our patrons.
- Knit Nite on October 22, 2018 was very well attended.
- 2018 Fall Book Discussion Series started on September 23, 2018
- The Atrium display featured information related to women in business commemorating National Women's Business Week in October.
- A beautiful collection of dolls from our staff member, Cecelia, graced the display case inside the library.
- The display in front of the Reference Office offered a variety of books and music to highlight the library's annual Jazz night celebration.

Children's Services:

- The six-week fall story hour session began the week of September 24 and ended November 8, 2018.
- The Junior Friends Group of twenty-two students met October 1, 2018.

- Twenty-four students received acting roles and six students participated in the stage crew for this year's tenth annual Enchanted Library. 303 patrons attended the show.
- In honor of national Fire Prevention Month, Sue Kirkpatrick invited Deputy Fire Marshal, Bill Daywalt to visit her story time on October 13, 2018 to talk to children about fire safety.
- The library's four week Fall Parent/Child Workshop ended October 19, 2018.
- Nineteen children in 3rd-6th grade participated in Passport Pals with Becky Ginther on October 22, 2018.
- Therapists from the Montgomery Intermediate Unit work with preschool children with special needs at the library to teach them the necessary social skills for behaving appropriately in a public space. The library provided space and support for 26 therapist visits serving 37 children in October.
- Mary Davenport and Cecelia Crommarty represented the library at the school district's annual ESL night on October 18, 2018 at the Upper Merion middle school.
- In advance of the library's annual Write and Illustrate Your Own Book Contest the library offered 3 Writing Workshops for different age groups.
- Susan Kirkpatrick coordinated October visits to 18 local preschools and childcare facilities involved in the library's outreach program.
- There are currently 60 Reading Buddy Pairs meeting each week.
- Community member, Rich Andrews and his group, The Inventors of America partnered with the library on an Inventors' Fair that took place in Freedom Hall on October 20, 2018.
- On October 24, 2018 the library celebrated fall with harvest Festival for children ages 2-9 and an author visit with children's book author, Patti Gill, a former Upper Merion High School graduate who has written the book, Paddy's Forest Trek.
- Becky Ginther represented the library at the Upper Merion Baptist Nursery School's Fall Festival on October 25, 2018.
- On Friday, November 2, 2018 the library was magically transformed for the 10th annual Enchanted Library.
- Library staff members Rina Das and Sangeetha Srinivasan coordinated special programs for various age groups on November 5, 2018 for Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights.
- On Election Day, November 6, 2018 preschool students ages 3 1/2-6 learned about the election process at Sue Kirkpatrick's Preschool Explorer class.
- To commemorate Fire Safety Month, Rena Staley showcased fiction and non-fiction titles related to fire fighting and fire safety on the large table. There were also displays during October featuring holiday books on Christopher Columbus, and Halloween. Rina Das created a small table display highlighting books on Indian culture in anticipation of this year's Diwali festival. Small displays focused on apples, pumpkins, monsters, bats and St Francis.

Old Business:

- Budget Meeting update
- Policy Manual
- 2019 Goals

New Business:

- Performance Evaluations
- New Employees

Report from Carole Keeney-Township Liaison:

- Carole updated the board on various township activities.

Upcoming Events:

- 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