

## Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

February 11, 2019 6:45 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

### Attendees:

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

### Unable to Attend:

Beth Nachman

### Minutes:

Minutes were approved from the January 14, 2019 meeting.

### Adult Services and Director's Comments:

- Tech night on Monday, January 7, 2019 was attended by many new patrons.
- Computer Class at the Senior Center on Wednesday, January 9 and January 23, 2019 was led by Sangeetha.
- Winter Reading for Adults and High School students started February 14, 2019.
- Family Game Event on Monday, January 21, 2019 was attended by almost 40 patrons.
- Stress Management Strategy on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 was a huge success.
- Our very first Seminar on Acupuncture was led by Dr. Meredith on Monday, January 28, 2019.
- Coloring Night Group met a few Mondays in January.
- Knit Nite in January was attended by many of our regulars.
- We will be celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our annual Black History Event on Saturday, February 23, 2019.
- The displays in the library featured beautiful designs of Mandala artwork in the case and large post-it type notes in front of the reference office with ideas and motivational words to jump start the New Year. Books offered help in initiating changes in behavior. The outside cases featured calendars from past years with pictures of lighthouses and beautiful scenery.

### Children's Services:

- Three winter play workshops were planned to give parents and caregivers opportunities for a place to play with their children ages 1-3 inside Freedom Hall.
- The Junior Friends of the library's officers met on January 7, 2019 to brainstorm programming ideas for the winter Junior Friends meeting.
- Laura Arnhold organized two Picasso art Workshops for children that included 6 separate stations for kids to experience and explore.
- Eight middle school students came out for Craft Night with Becky Ginther on January 9, 2019.
- Becky Ginther's popular Passport Pals program focused on Norway on January 14, 2019.
- Jessica Venezia led a workshop for children on mindfulness on January 16, 2019.
- Rena Staley and Jeanne Kauffman led an animal themed family story time on January 18, 2019 for twenty children and eighteen adults.
- Becky Ginther shared favorite stories, songs and finger plays with a group of 25 children and 34 adults who attended her Saturday story time on January 19, 2019.
- On January 21, 2019 the Children's Department offered two programs for children who had the day off from school in celebration of the Martin Luther King holiday.
- There were 133 entries submitted for the library's 44<sup>th</sup> annual Write and Illustrate Your Own Book Contest.

- Twenty children ages 3½ to 6 and twenty-one adults attended the library's STEAM story time focusing on the science of snow with Sue Kirkpatrick on January 15, 2019.
- Nineteen 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade students attended Morgan Cousin's Chemistry workshop for children on January 23, 2019.
- On January 25, 2019 twenty-nine students and four adults from Iqra Academy visited the library to receive an introduction to services and resources available to students at the township library.
- The winter six-week story hour session began January 22, 2019 and will end the week of February 25, 2019.
- Planning continues for the library's 2019 Summer Quest program based on a theme. A Universe of Stories.
- The Reading Buddy program currently has 54 active pairs of reading buddies.
- Holiday Books for the New Year and Martin Luther King Day were displayed in January as well as books on snow, polar bears, clothing and fashion and a special display titled Its Tea Time. The large table focused on the library's book contest collection. Rina das highlighted hobbies (in honor of National Hobby month) on the small table.

**Old Business:**

- Online Resources Update

**New Business:**

- Partnering with the ECDC on Resource Brochures
- March meeting-brainstorming for new space & joint board meeting
- April meeting-review Joint Board Meeting presentation

**Supervisor Liaison Report:**

- Carole updated the board on various township activities

**Up Coming Events:**

- March 11, 2019 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- April 8, 2019 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- May 9, 2019 Joint Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- May 13, 2019 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- June 10, 2019 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- July 8, 2019 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- August 12, 2019 Library Board meeting 6:45 p.m.
- September 9, 2019 Library board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- October 14, 2019 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- November 11, 2019 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- December 9, 2019 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- January 13, 2020 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.-Reorganization Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Duris, Secretary

