

## **Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting**

Monday March 11, 2019 6:45 P.M.-8:00 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 February 11, 2019 meeting.

### **Adult Services and directors Comments:**

- The Upper Merion Township Library Board Game Collection is available thanks to the generous support by the Fine Endowment.
- SAT Practice test on Saturday, February 2, 2019 was attended by 26 high school students.
- Tech Night on Monday, February 4, 2019 also served as a training and a refresher session for current and new youth volunteers.
- Financial Seminar on taxes on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 was very well attended.
- Computer Class at The Senior Center on Wednesday, February 13, 2019 and February 27, 2019 was led by Sangeetha.
- Winter reading for Adults and High School Students started on January 14, 2019.
- Hidden Figures movie was shown in freedom hall on Thursday, February 14, 2019 a 2 pm.
- Staff training on Monday, February 18, 2019 was held for all staff members for a three-hour period.
- Knit Nite in February was attended by 16.
- Coloring Night group met a few Mondays in January.
- Spring Book Discussion Starts March 17, 2019.
- The displays in the library, atrium and in front of the Reference office all celebrated Black History Month by featuring events, individuals and materials highlighting accomplishments of African Americans.

### **Children's Services:**

- A winter play workshop was planned to give parents and caregivers a place to play with their children ages 1-3 inside during the cold weather.
- On February 4, 2019 eight middle school children met to discuss the Series of Unfortunate Events book series and to participate in a trivia challenge with Becky Ginther.
- The library partnered with the Upper Merion Mother's Club on a Preschool Expo held in Freedom Hall on February 5, 2019.
- On February 6, 2019 Jessica Venezia returned to the library to share breathing techniques and mindfulness exercises designed to relieve stress and strengthen moms for the difficult job of parenting.

- Nine middle school students attended the library's February Craft Night on February 6, 2019.
- The library offered a special Saturday story time on February 9, 2019 with storyteller Kristine Pennese.
- Laura Arnhold provided guided instruction on use of the library's online resources for two groups of children and parents on February 3, 2019 and February 27, 2019.
- Becky Ginther, who enjoys participating in local theater was able to share some of her acting tips with nine middle school students on March 13, 2019 at the library's first theater workshop.
- High School senior Chimezie Amaefuns planned and presented two hands on brain science workshops for 25 children in 2<sup>nd</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> grade on February 21, 2019 and February 28, 2019 to fulfill the requirements for his senior graduation project.
- Becky Ginther's monthly Passport pals program focused on China on February 11, 2019.
- High School senior, Kanika Yadav planned and presented a hands-on experiment-oriented workshop for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls to fulfill her senior Graduation Project requirements.
- Twelve 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade students and two adults attended Morgan Cousin's Chemistry workshop for children on February 27, 2019.
- Jeanne Kauffman met with three pairs of judges to pick first, second, third and honorable mention winners for the library's annual book contest.
- Angie Dalasio's featured February displays included holiday books for Groundhog's Day, Valentine's day, the Chinese New Year (Year of the Pig), and Presidents Day and books in celebration of Black History Month. Rina Das put together the small table display on China and Meera Alve highlighted "New Books".

### **Old Business:**

- Partnering with the ECDC on resource Brochures
- Brainstorming for new space
- Joint Board meeting Presentation planning

### **Supervisor Liaison Report:**

- Carole updated the board on various township activities

### **Up Coming Events:**

- 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