

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

May 13, 2019, 6:45 p.m.-7:25 p.m.

Attendees: Sharon Duris, Beth Nachman, Linda Noll, Janet Medrow, Tracey Pasquale, Fauzia Shamim, Laura Arnhold-Library Director

Unable to Attend: David Bristowe, Carole Keeney-Township Liaison

Minutes: Minutes were approved from the April 8, 2019 meeting.

Director's Comments and Adult Services:

- Gardening was the theme for adult programs this month.
- Tech Night on Monday, April 1, 2019 was well attended.
- SAT practice test on Saturday, April 6, 2019 was attended by 28 high school students.
- Social Security Workshop Series on Saturday April 6, and April 13, 2019 was led by our regular presenter Mr. Crowley.
- DIY Lollipop Topiary Workshop for adults on Sunday, April 7, 2019 was a huge success.
- Employment After 50 seminar led by Ginny Neumer on Monday, April 8, 2019 provided practical solutions for achieving meaningful employment for 50+ patrons.
- ESL Parent Workshop was held on April 10, 2019 at the Middle School.
- Computer Class at the Senior Center on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 was led by Sangeetha.
- Earth Day at the Upper Merion Township Park on Saturday, April 13, 2019 hosted by UMPR was attended by local and neighboring residents.
- Community Center Fitness class continues.
- Thanks to Penn state Gardeners for volunteering their time to present for our patrons.
- Knit Nite in April was attended by 12 knitters.
- Board Game Night at Workhorse Brewing Co. was held on Wednesday April 24, 2019 and 30 adults were in attendance.
- Herbal Teas and Tinctures: Mother's Nature Medicine on Sunday, April 28, 2019 was attended by 16 patrons.
- TechGirlZ workshop on Monday, April 29, 2019 was attended by 14 girls.
- The displays for the month of April highlighted Autism awareness in the Atrium cases, Upper Merion's Department of Parks and Recreation in the Library case and Gardening in front of the Reference office.

Children's Services:

- The library partnered with Chris Roy from Hands & Voices Guide by Your Side of PA on a Signed Story time on March 10, 2019.
- April was designated as Family Reading Month in the Children's Department.
- The title featured by the state of Pennsylvania for the 2019 Pennsylvania One Book, Every Young Child campaign is Not a Box, written and illustrated by Antoinette Portis.
- Becky Ginther highlighted England at April's Passport Pals program on April 8, 2019.
- Children's book author, Hallee Adelman visited the library on April 10, 2019 to share her book, My Quiet Ship.
- Eighteen children ages 2-5 and twenty adults participated in the library's Earth Day Story time with Sue Kirkpatrick and Rena Staley on April 13, 2019.
- Becky Ginther and Sue Kirkpatrick attended the annual Kutztown University Children's Literature Conference on April 13, 2019 which featured author/illustrator talks by Duncan Tonatuih, Marc Tyler Nobleman and Andrea Warren and highlighted the year's top middle school chapter books.
- On April 15, 2019 six adults attended Laura Arnhold's presentation discussing the most successful strategies for book sharing with young children as well as great children's book that every child should know.
- Seventeen middle school students joined Becky Ginther for craft night on April 17, 2019.

- Nine 2nd-4th grade students and two adults attended Morgan Cousin's Chemistry workshop for children on April 22, 2019.
- The library offered a LEAP info Science parent/child workshop with a focus on building and creating for kids in K-4 and their parent or guardian on April 24, 2019 with Becky Ginther.
- The library supports the efforts of the community's early intervention specialists to help children with special needs learn important life skills.
- Younger students' inK-2 meet weekly with their older students in 5th-12th grade to practice their reading skills. There are currently 62 active pairs of reading buddies.
- Outreach to local preschools and childcare centers took place during April.
- The six-week Spring Story time session ended the week of April 30, 2019.
- The final event for Family Reading Month on April 30, 2019 was an animal show presented by Katie Fisk from Briar Bush Nature Center.
- Becky Ginther organized posters and lists that the Junior Friends of the library had created at their March meeting to put together a Junior Favorites display. Young library patrons had fun writing down their favorite books on the comment sheet Becky provided. Rina Das featured Earth Day on the small table display. In April there were holiday displays for Passover and Easter. There were joke books highlighted in honor of April Fools' Day and books on autism on honor of Autism Awareness month. There was also a "Rainy Day" and "Hoot Said the Owl" displays and science books were featured in honor of the annual Science Festival held each year in April in Philadelphia.

Old Business:

- Conceptual Plan
- Library Goals for 2019-update

New Business:

- Summer schedule
- Library goals for 2020

Upcoming Events:

- 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 Cancelled
- 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