

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

September 9, 2019, 6:45 p.m.-8:15 p.m.

Attendees: David Bristowe, Sharon Duris, Janet Medrow, Beth Nachman, Tracey Pasquale, Fauzia Shamim, Laura Arnhold-Library Director, Carole Keeney-Township Liaison, Laura MacBride-Library Intern, Stephanie Spangler-Friend of the Library

Unable to Attend: Linda Noll

Friend of the Library: Stephanie Spangler was awarded the Friend of the Library

Minutes: Minutes were approved from the July 9, 2019 meeting.

Adult Services and Directors Comments:

- Adult and high school patrons' summer reading program started on June 17, 2019 and ended on August 23, 2019. This year there were 339 adult Reviews, 20 Online Adult Reviews, 60 High School Reviews, 3 Online High School reviews, and 49 Staff reviews.
- Tech Night on August 5, 2019 was well attended.
- Thanks to our TAG **youth volunteers** for helping out during all our children's programs in Freedom Hall and also for helping our seniors every Tuesday in July & August at the Senior Center with their digital questions.
- We offered computer classes for adults on Thursday nights in August. Sangeetha led the class and it was very well received by our patrons.
- Thanks to Upper Merion Police Department for including us to join the National night Out event on Tuesday, August 6, 2019.
- Adult Game Night on Thursday, August 8, 2019 was attended by our regulars.
- Balanced Plate Seminar on Monday, August 12, 2019 was attended by more than 20 patrons. Knit Night in June was attended by eight knitters.
- ESL class will resume on Tuesday, September 10, 2019.
- The displays in the atrium and library highlighted a variety of interests in August. The atrium highlighted activities on the Girl Scouts including service, STEM, adventure and fun! The inside case displayed a number of artistic works from one of our patrons and the display table in front of the Reference office offered a variety of test related materials and back to school books.

Children's Services:

- On August 5, 2019, Sue Kirkpatrick focused on "Rainbow Science" with her Preschool Explorers class.
- The library's summer story hour classes ended the week of August 16, 2019.
- Library Board member, Janet Medrow and her greyhound dog, Star provided Read to the Dog services to children in kindergarten through fourth grade on August 7, and 14, 2019. A mom came up to Janet and said before Read to the Dog her son didn't like to read. Now he reads every day.
- Ninety-two Extended Day Camp students visited the library on August 5, 2019 to return library books and collect the incentives they had earned for their reading during camp quiet times. Twenty-five campers who didn't previously have library cards registered for them through Extended Day.
- More than a hundred summer readers and their families attended the Puppets Pizzazz in Outer Space show on August 6, 2019.
- Stubby the Helicopter's scheduled visit to the library on August 14, 2019 was cancelled at the last minute due to mechanical issues with the helicopter's trailer. The library was able to invite Professor Bob instead to present his program on "living and working in space".
- Fourteen entries were submitted for this year's 2019 Edible Book Contest.
- Ten children attended a special program celebrating their child's completion of the 1,000 Books before Kindergarten challenge this year on August 12, 2019.

- The library's summer reading program ended August 31, 2019. There was a total of 995 students who registered for the program.
- On August 19, 2019 fifty people came out for the library's showing of Star Wars: A New Hope.
- The library's Star Viewing scheduled on August 21, 2019 with the Delaware Valley Amateur Astronomers Club was cancelled due to rain. It will be rescheduled at a later date.
- During August, different collections of materials were displayed each week. There were small book displays on the sea, fishing, dogs and the Islamic New Year. Laura Arnhold put together a special display on aliens and UFOs, Jeff displayed Star Wars books and resources and Sue Kirkpatrick put together a back to school themed display.

Old Business:

- Feasibility Study Update

New Business:

- PaLA conference-October 13-16, 2019
- Food for fines

Supervisor Liaison Report:

- Carole updated the board on various township activities

Upcoming Events:

- October 7, 2019 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- November 10, 2019 Citizens Board Luncheon at Fogo de Chao
- 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