

Upper Merion Township Library Board meeting

October 7, 2019, 6:45p.m.-7:40 p.m.

Attendees: David Bristowe, Sharon Duris, Janet Medrow, Beth Nachman, Linda Noll, Fauzia Shamim, Laura Arnhold-Library Director, Laura MacBride-Intern

Unable to Attend: Tracey Pasquale, Carole Keeney-Township Liaison

Minutes: minutes were approved from the September 9, 2019 meeting.

Adult Services and Director Comments:

- Jazz Night is Friday, October 11, 2019.
- ESL Classes resumed on Tuesday, September 10, 2019. Mrs. Olexy teaches, and Ms. Nalini assists.
- Emotional & Physical Balance seminar on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 presented by Kathryn Landis was attended by many of our patrons.
- Savvy social security Workshop presented by Mr. Crowley was well attended.
- Adult Game Night is scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of every month.
- ACT Practice Test co-sponsored by Princeton Review on Saturday, September 21, 2019 was attended by 27 high school students from Upper Merion and neighboring townships.
- Movement & Meditation at the Community Center on Monday, September 23, 2019 was attended by our patrons who were not community center members.
- Knit Nite in September was attended by 14 knitters.
- Senior Center Computer Class on Wednesday, September 11 & 25, 2019 taught by Sangeetha focused on uploading and downloading documents on to a flash drive.
- Senior Fall Fling on Thursday, September 24, 2019 honored the library for all services and resources it provides to the community.
- The Upper Merion Senior Fling honored the library this year and in recognition of that honor the display cases in the atrium and library highlighted the services and programs the library provides to the Upper Merion Senior Center.
- The display in front of the Reference office showcased materials for academic readiness. I included books and study guides for students of all ages.

Children's Services:

- The library's summer quest program ended August 23, 2019.
- The Junior Friends of the Library met on September 9, 2019 for the first monthly meeting of the school year.
- Tryouts were held September 11, 2019 for this year's Enchanted Library scheduled on November 8, 2019.
- Fifteen students (grades 3-6) attended Passport pals with Becky Ginther on September 16, 2019.
- On September 17, 2019 Sue Kirkpatrick's Preschool Explorers class focused on the magic of fall and leaves.
- The Reading Buddy Program pairs children in kindergarten through second grade with children in 5th-12th grade for reading practice in the library. There are currently 56 pairs of active reading buddies meeting weekly in the library.
- Therapists from the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit are using the library to work with preschool children with special needs on appropriate social skills in public settings.
- This fall's Traveling Story time program provides outreach TO LOCAL CHILDCARES AND PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS.
- The six-week fall story time session began the week of September 24, 2019.
- During September Sue Kirkpatrick featured Back to School books on the large table display. Rina das highlighted Coretta Scott King award winning books on the small table display to mark the 50th anniversary of this book award given each year to books that best exemplify African American art and culture. The children's Circulation Desk shelving featured books on giraffes, materials commemorating 9-11, the Jewish celebrations

of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the Islamic New Year celebration, and a display of seasonal autumn and apple related books put together by Angie Dalasio.

Old Business:

- Feasibility Update
- Food for Fines-need to do more research

New Business:

- Senior Fall Fling Recap
- Hispanic & Latinx Heritage Week-November 18-22, 2019

Upcoming Events:

- November 10, 2019 Citizens Board Luncheon at Fogo de Chao 12 noon
- 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