

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

December 9, 2019 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Attendees: David Bristowe, Sharon Duris, Janet Medrow, Fauzia Shamim, Laura Arnhold-Library Director, Carole Keeney-Township Liaison, Mike Duris

Unable to Attend: Beth Nachman, Linda Noll, Tracey Pasquale

Minutes: Minutes were approved from the November 11, 2019 meeting.

Adult Services and Directors Comments:

- Coloring Night for adults is scheduled for the 2nd Monday of every month.
- Tech Night on November 4, 2019 was cancelled due to Diwali celebration.
- ESL classes meet on Tuesdays at 1 pm.
- Savvy Social Security Seminar on Saturday, November 2, 2019 led by Mr. Crowley taught the group how to maximize their social security income.
- Diwali Celebration on Monday, November 4, 2019 was a HUGE success with at least 250 residents attending.
- Antiques Appraisal Seminar on Monday, November 11, 2019 was attended by at least 28 patrons.
- Pilates at the Community Center on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 was attended by our patrons who were not community center members.
- Senior Center Computer Class on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 taught by Sangeetha, focused mainly library e-resources.
- Adult Game Night is scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of every month.
- ACT/SAT Strategy class co-sponsored by Princeton Review on Monday, November 18, 2019 was attended by 17 high school students from Upper Merion and neighboring townships.
- Nierika Yarn Art was offered as a hands-on craft program for adults for Hispanic Heritage Week November 18-22, 2019.
- Knit Nite in November was attended by 11 patrons.
- The display cases in the atrium featured the beautiful and amazing artwork of a 6th grade student at the Upper Merion Middle School who has been studying art techniques for the past 3 years.
- The library case was filled with beautiful hand painted glassware by a Touch of Glass and the display table in front of the reference office highlighted materials to celebrate Hispanic and Latin X month for the first couple of weeks and then books, music and DVD's highlighting the "World of Thanks". There was also a giveaway with the word Thanks in many foreign languages.

Children's Services:

- The library offered a four-week Parent/Child workshop series on consecutive Fridays in November for children ages 1 to 3 and their parent or caregiver.
- The library also offered four Play Workshops on Mondays during November to allow children to play indoors in the colder weather with the library's toys in Freedom Hall.
- On Friday, November 8, 2019 the library was magically transformed for the 11th annual Enchanted Library.
- Junior Friends members had an author visit on November 11, 2019 with local children's book author, Adrienne Wright.
- Sue Kirkpatrick coordinated October and November visits to the 18 local preschools and childcare facilities involved in the library's outreach program.
- Participation in the library's monthly Chess Club continues to grow.

- “Design it, Build it” was the theme for Sue Kirkpatrick’s Preschool Explorer class with 22 kids and 18 adults on November 12, 2019.
- The library offered a week of special activities in celebration of Hispanic and Latinx culture including Passport Pals, Bilingual Spanish Story time, and Latinx Art Celebration.
- On November 22, 2019, sixteen children and 14 adults attended the library’s showing of the movie, Ferdinand based on the book, The Story of Ferdinand by Munro Leaf.
- Becky Ginther presented a special Frozen story time on November 23, 2019 for 18 children and 23 adults in anticipation of Disney’s Frozen 2 which opened in theaters on November 24, 2019.
- Dana McGahey put together a display for the large table titled, Trees are Terrific and Rina Das highlighted the library’s book contest with her small table display, Angie Dalasio’s monthly small displays featured holiday books for Thanksgiving and the Day of the Dead, as well as night fliers, and books on planes.

Old Business:

- Feasibility Study Update

New Business:

- Project ideas for 2020

Supervisor Liaison Report:

- Carole updated the board on various activities around the township.

Upcoming Events:

- January 13, 2020 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.-Reorganization Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Duris, Secretary