

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

February 10, 2020, 6:45 p.m.-7:40 p.m.

Attendees: David Bristowe, Sharon Duris, Janet Medrow, Linda Noll, Beth Nachman, Fauzia Shamim, Tracey Pasquale, Laura Arnhold-Library Director, Carole Keeney-Township Liaison

Minutes: Minutes were approved from the January 13, 2020 meeting.

Adult Services and Directors comments:

- The library is getting ready for our 21st Annual Black History Event on Saturday, February 29, 2020 from 10 am to 3 pm.
- Winter Reading for adults and high school students started on January 6, 2020.
- Coloring Night for adults is scheduled for the second Monday of every month.
- Tech Night on January 6, 2020 was attended by our regular patrons.
- ESL classes meet on Tuesdays at 1 pm.
- Adult Game Night is scheduled for the 2nd Monday of every month.
- SAT Practice Class on Saturday, January 11, 2020 was well attended by our local high school students and students from our neighboring townships.
- Senior Center Computer Class on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 taught by Sangeetha, focused mainly on everyday usage of cell phones.
- Starting with Ourselves this New Year, a presentation by Josh was well received.
- Family Board game event on Monday, January 20, 2020 was very well attended by many of our patrons.
- Knit Nite in January was attended by 12 enthusiastic knitters.
- The display cases featured photographs taken by members of the Upper Merion Camera Club and an assortment of vintage cameras.
- The display tables in front of the Reference Office were centered around the theme of “Kindness” and had various materials reflecting that topic.

Children’s Services:

- The Junior Friends of the library’s officers met on January 6, 2020 to brainstorm programing ideas for the upcoming winter meetings.
- The first of five scheduled winter play workshops took place on January 10, 2020.
- On January 20, 2020 twenty-one children in k-4th grade came out to build their own creations using the library’s Legos, blocks and other props.
- There were 122 entries submitted for the library’s 45th annual Write and Illustrate Your Own Book Contest. Diane Shatzman, Judy Snook, Terry McArdle, Joan Shaw, John Miraglia, and Laura Selinsky reviewed the manuscripts and met in pairs with Jeanne Kauffman to select first, second, third and honorable mention winners for each grade level.
- Twenty-seven children ages 3½ to 6 and twenty-one adults attended the library’s Preschool Explorer class focusing on the science of snow with Sue Kirkpatrick on January 14, 2020.
- On January 25, 2020 the library partnered with Christine Roy from Guide by Your Side to provide a signed story time appropriate for kids with hearing disabilities which was open to all children ages 2-5.
- Becky Ginther’s popular monthly Passport Pals program on January 27, 2020 focused on Sweden.
- The library partnered with the Upper Merion Mother’s Club on a Preschool Expo held in Freedom Hall on January 29, 2020.
- The winter six-week story hour session began January 21, 2020 and will end the week of February 24, 2020.
- Planning continues for the library’s 2020 Summer Reading program based on the theme, Imagine Your Story.
- The Reading Buddies program gives young readers the opportunity to practice their reading skills for half an hour each week with an older buddy at the library.

- Angie Dalasio featured books for the Chinese New Year and Martin Luther King Day in January as well as books on polar bears. The large table highlighted books on snow and ice and was titled, "Snow is Falling, and Books are calling. Rina Das focused on the country and culture of Australia on the small table.

Old Business:

- Staff Training on February 17, 2020.
- AARP Tax Appointments

New Business:

- PLA in Nashville (February 26-29)
- Joint Board Meeting
- Friend of The Library

Supervisor Liaison Report:

- Carole updated the board on various township activities.

Upcoming Events:

- March 9, 2020 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- April 13, 2020 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- May 11, 2020 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- June 8, 2020 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- July 13, 2020 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- August 10, 2020 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- September 14, 2020 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- October 12, 2020 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- November 9, 2020 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- December 14, 2020 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- January 11, 2021 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.-Reorganization Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Duris, Secretary