

## Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

March 9, 2020, 6:45 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

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

**Minutes:** Minutes were approved from the February 10, 2020 meeting.

### Adult Services and Director's Comments:

- Our 21<sup>st</sup> **Annual Black History Event** on Saturday, February 29, 2020 from 10 am to 3 pm was a great success. The theme this year was Blues: The Universal Healer.
- Winter Reading for Adults and High School Students began on January 6, 2020.
- Meditation for beginners on February 2, 2020 conducted by Isha Philadelphia volunteers was very well attended.
- Coloring Night for Adults is scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of every month.
- Tech Night on February 3, 2020 was attended by our regular patrons.
- ESL classes meet on Tuesday s at 1 pm.
- Chess club on Monday, February 10, 2020 was attended by several children and adult patrons.
- Adult Game Night is scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month.
- Senior Center Computer Class on Wednesday, February 11 & 25, taught by Sangeetha, focused mainly on flash drive uses and how to protect files.
- Staff Training on Monday, February 17, 2020 was attended by all staff where we focused on team building and learning about parts of the library the staff might not be familiar with working in one department.
- Book folding activity on Monday, February 23, 2020 at 2pm was attended by 17 adults where each person learned how to take a weeded library book and create a heart by folding the pages.
- Knit Nite in February was attended by 8 patrons.
- February was Black History Month, so all the displays were to celebrate accomplishments, especially as they related to the theme this year which was: Blues-The Universal Healer. Several books, CD's, pictures, and posters were featured in all the displays.

### Children's Department:

- Becky Ginther presented a "Storytime Favorites" Family Storytime on February 1, 2020 for 15 children ages 2-5 and 12 adults.
- A winter play workshop was planned to give parents and caregivers a place to play with their children ages 1-3 inside during cold weather with the library's age appropriate toys.
- On February 3, 2020 twenty-three middle school children met for the monthly Junior Friends meeting with Becky Ginther.
- On February 5, 2020 Becky Ginther presented a theater workshop for 15 middle school students.
- Becky Ginther's monthly Passport Pals program on February 10, 2020 focused on Australia.
- High school seniors, Meeval Biju and Uyen Phan each planned and presented a three-class session of hands-on STEM programing for elementary age children at the library as part of their Senior Graduation Project.
- The winter six-week story hour session began January 21, 2020 and ended the week of February 24, 2020.
- Close to 200 people attended the library's 45<sup>th</sup> annual Write and Illustrate Your Own Book Contest Awards Ceremony on February 23, 2020 in freedom Hall. The library awarded this year's young winning authors/illustrators with gift cards sponsored by Peppers By Amadeo's. The contest was open to students in Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Book submissions were received from many different public and private schools in Upper Merion Library's service area. All winning books will be bound, cataloged and added to the library's permanent circulating collection.
- **Kindergarten:** 1<sup>st</sup> place-Selena Aneesh
- **First Grade:** 1<sup>st</sup> place-Riyan Gandhi, 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Ritu Gandhi, 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Layla Vartanian, HM (tie)-Yeran Baronian, HM (tie)-Alaina Sharma

- **Second Grade:** 1<sup>st</sup> place-Victoria Megerian, 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Alice Yang, 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Sophia Keshishian, HM-Anna Desilets
- **Third Grade:** 1<sup>st</sup> place (tie)-Jenevieve Krummrich, 1<sup>st</sup> place (tie)-Eshan Pathan, 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Emma Diemer & Hunter Schweikert
- **Fourth Grade:** 1<sup>st</sup> place-Natalie Ford, 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Valerie Selverian, 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Arunima Banerjee & Ahana Banerjee, HM-Madison Megerian
- **Fifth Grade:** 1<sup>st</sup> place-Kohar Baronian, 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Max Belmonte, 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Rida Fathima, HM-Ara Speirs
- **Sixth Grade:** 1<sup>st</sup> place-Amelia Desliets, 2<sup>nd</sup> place(tie)-Sofia Bagarazzi, 2<sup>nd</sup> place(tie)-Sophie Yacoubian, 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Nishan Shamilian, HM-Ishitaa Saxena
- **Seventh Grade:** 1<sup>st</sup> place-Sierra Martello & Anna McCarel, 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Sam Belmonte, 3<sup>rd</sup> place-Nishan Shamlian, HM-Isha Saxena
- **Eighth Grade:** 1<sup>st</sup> place-Jocelyn Biker, 2<sup>nd</sup> place-Megan Chaing, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place-Sofia Nannetti, HM-Rujuta Gandhi
- Planning continues for the library's 2020 Summer reading program based on the theme, Imagine Your Story.
- For the month of February Angie Dalasio featured holiday books for Ground Hog's Day, Presidents Day and Mardi Gras as well as award winning books about dinosaurs and Dr. Seuss books in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2. Meera created a display celebrating Black history Month on the large table display and Rina das highlighted Valentine's Day books on the small table display.

#### **Old Business:**

- PLA in Nashville Recap
- Joint Board Meeting Presentation
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#### **Supervisor Liaison Report:**

- Carole updated the board on various township activities.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- 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