

## Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

August 10, 2020 6:45 P.M.-7:45 P.M.

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

**Unable to Attend:** Janet Medrow

**Minutes:** Minutes were approved from the July 13, 2020 meeting.

### Adult Services and Director's Comments:

- The library has offered 20 hours of curbside pick-up weekly for the month of July.
- The full-time staff welcomed back seven regular part-time staff members to work 10-hours a week to help with curbside pickup and processing new material.
- Plans to reopen to the public continue to evolve as more information is provided.
- Summer Reading ends on August 21, 2020.

### Children's Services:

- Library families were invited to experiment each week in July with different art mediums and science activities to create at home art and science projects with their children.
- Twelve people participated in Becky Ginther's Disney family trivia challenge.
- The library held a Zoom visit with Pakistani American author Saadia Farqui on July 8, 2020. Saadia writes popular children's book series.
- Approximately 46 people attended the virtual one man Zoom show with David Darwin on July 16, 2020.
- Becky Ginther invited middle school students to use their imagination to design and draw beasts with different capabilities using markers and colored pencils during a Zoom Activity Night.
- Laura Arnhold lead a book discussion for children in K-4<sup>th</sup> grade focusing on the book The Unicorn Whisperer from the popular book series, Phoebe and Her Unicorn Adventures by Dana Simpson.
- Upper Merion Township Library was selected to host local book author, Jon McGoran as part of a Teen Author Tour sponsored by Montgomery County Norristown Public Library on July 20, 2020. A group of middle school students met every Monday night in July except for July 6<sup>th</sup> for a book discussion and book trivia competition using the Kahoot gaming platform.
- BCA grant recipient, Suhas Ganta partnered with the library to offer a four-week session of basic coding classes for middle school grade students that began on July 23, 2020.
- Summer readers were invited to create bookmarks for this year's art contest. Thirty-four students entered the contest.
- Grades: K-1: 1<sup>st</sup> Place-Kinnera Vanga
- Grades: 2-4: 1<sup>st</sup> Place-Nathaniel Vilanilathu, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place-Riya Kapadia, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place-Kiyansh
- Grades 5-8: 1<sup>st</sup> Place-Jenna Xue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place-Avishi Shukla, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place-Adalyn Becker

- BCA grant recipient, Brittany Glauner partnered with the library to put together four special Saturday story times during the summer.

**Old Business:**

- Laura Arnhold updated the board on the Phased Reopening Plan of the library.
- Laura Arnhold updated the board on the 2020 Budget.

**New Business:**

- Part-Time Staff

**Supervisor Liaison Report:**

- Carole updated the board on various township activities.

**Upcoming Events:**

- 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