

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

October 12, 2020 6:45 P.M.-7:20 P.M.

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

Unable to Attend: Beth Nachman, Fauzia Shamim

Minutes: Minutes were approved from the September 14, 2020 meeting.

Adult Services and Directors Comments:

- The library reopened to the public on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. It opened with a modified schedule-Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 10am-2pm, and Tuesday and Thursday from 3pm-8pm.
- We have heard extremely positive comments from our patrons who are excited to be back in the library.
- Regular part-time staff had additional hours added to their schedule and more staff were invited back to begin the first week of October.
- The library continued to offer curbside pick-up during open hours for patrons uncomfortable or unable to come into the building.

Children's Services:

- The library's summer reading program ended August 21, 2020. Participation in summer reading activities and programs was down for all ages due to necessary safety restrictions on gathering during the Pandemic. There were 380 elementary, middle school and teen students who participated in the library's virtual and online summer reading activities. The library offered a total of 49 programs for children and families during the months of June, July, and August that included 1,268 participants.
- Jeff Hunsicker created and hosted a "Name that Tune" competition on September 23, 2020 for five adults and two children.
- During September Sue Kirkpatrick featured "New Books" on the large table display. The Children's Circulation Desk shelving featured seasonal books on autumn, materials commemorating 9-11, the Jewish celebrations of Rosh Hashanah put together by Angie Dalasio.

Old Business:

- Reopening to the Public Update
- Staffing Update

New Business:

- State Waiver of Standards due to COVID-19

Supervisor Liaison Report:

- Carole updated the board on various township activities.

Upcoming Events:

- 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