

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

December 14, 2020 6:45 p.m.-7:35 p.m.

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

Unable to Attend: David Bristowe, Tracey Pasquale

Minutes: Minutes were approved from the November 9, 2020 meeting.

Adult Services and Director's Comments:

- We are continuing our virtual **Financial Series**. First one for November was held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. The presenter focused on Estate Planning 101: Wills, Living Will, Power of Attorney & Beneficiary Designations.
- **Fall Book Discussion** series continued the third virtual meeting on Sunday, November 8, 2020.
- **How to Stay Calm During Uncertain Times** on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 7 pm was well attended.
- Second in the series of the month of **Financial Series** on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 focused on Life Insurance 101: Term, Universal, Whole Life Overview.
- **Fall Book Discussion #4** was virtually held on Sunday, November 22, 2020.

Children's Services:

- The library has been offering "Grab and Go bags" for kids that include materials and instructions for a different featured craft or activity each month. For November, which is National Novel Writing Month, the Children's Department offered mini journals in a bag along with writing tips, stickers, and assorted journal decorations.
- Susan Kirkpatrick created a Writing Themed display as well of books and other materials on the large table display that provided a wealth of resources designed to strengthen students writing and illustrating skills.
- Susan Kirkpatrick planned and organized a Diwali themed virtual story time which took place on November 12, 2020.
- Jeanne Kauffman put together a themed Diwali display on the small display table that showcased the library's collection of Diwali books. The display also featured many beautiful new Hindu, Indian Folklore, and Indian history books that were given to the library last year by library staff member Meera Alve in memory of her late sister, Sunanda K.
- On November 16, 2020 eleven Junior Friends members participated in a writing workshop organized and presented by Becky Ginther.
- Sue Kirkpatrick planned and filmed a virtual Thanksgiving themed story time for families attending the Valley Forge Presbyterian Nursery School.
- Meg Lawn planned and presented a Zoom story time for 11 children ages birth to 2 years old along with their parents or caregiver on November 13, 2020.

- Susan Kirkpatrick presented a Thanksgiving themed virtual story time on November 20, 2020 with 35 children and 26 adults.
- Angie Dalasio featured Thanksgiving holiday books, books for sharing aloud from Joane McNamara Collections as well as new books and books about squirrels on the display unit shelving.

Old Business:

- Coronavirus update

New Business:

- 2021 Tentative Hours

Supervisor Liaison Report:

- Carole updated the board on various township activities.

Upcoming Events:

- January 11, 2021 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.-Reorganization Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Duris, Secretary