

Upper Merion Township Library board Meeting

January 11, 2021, 6:45 p.m.-7:35 p.m.

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

Reorganization:

- Chair: David Bristowe
- Vice Chair: Tracey Pasquale
- Secretary: Sharon Duris
- Meet second Monday of the month at 6:45 p.m.

Minutes: Minutes were approved from the December 14, 2020 meeting

Adult Services and Director's Comments:

- We are continuing our virtual **Financial Series**. First one for December was held on Tuesday, December 1, 2020. The presenter focused on Life Insurance.
- **Immunity and our Microbiome** Two Part Virtual Series (Dec. 8 & 15) presented by Diann Poole. Part 1 focused on Learn about Immune system, Part 2 focused on Natural remedies.
- Second part of the financial series was held on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 focusing on **Maximizing Your Healthcare: HMP/PPO**. This program covered what an HMO and PPO plan is and the difference therein.
- Thanks to Princeton Review for hosting an informative webinar for our high school students. The topic covered on December 14, 2020 was **"College Application Essay Writing Workshop."**

Children's Services:

- The library focused on snow in December. Susan Kirkpatrick created a book display at the large table titled "Some Books Are Worth Melting For" featuring the character Olaf from the movie, Frozen and snow themed books and materials. The December Grab and go bags for kids included materials and instructions to create a melted snowman ornament. Families registered ahead of time for the 100 bags offered and could pick up the bags anytime during the month. All but 3 of the bags were claimed.
- Thirteen middle school students attended the library's virtual holiday party on December 14, 2020. Participants played holiday trivia and enjoyed mad lib holiday stories.
- Becky Ginther planned and presented a Christmas themed family story time on December 11, 2020 with Christmas stories, interactive songs and finger plays for 34 children and 20 adults. A highlight for the group was flannel board Rudolph the reindeer activity.
- Jeff Hunsicker planned and presented a Zoom family New Year's Eve story and activity time on December 31, 2020 for 21 children and 16 adults. Registered participants picked up a kit ahead of time that included craft materials, glow sticks and blowers in preparation for the story time. Jeff shared stories and songs and then invited the kids to use the craft pipe cleaners to decorate plastic glasses provided so participants could look to the future as they counted down to noon.

- Angie Dalasio featured small displays including books on winter holidays, new books, and a special display on bears.

Old Business:

- 2021 Hours

New Business:

- 2019 vs. 2020 comparison
- 2021 weeding Project

Supervisor Liaison Report:

- Carole updated the board on various township activities.

Upcoming Events:

- February 8, 2021 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- March 8, 2021 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- April 12, 2021 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- May 10, 2021 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- June 14, 2021 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- July 12, 2021 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- August 9, 2021 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- September 13, 2021 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- October 11, 2021 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- November 8, 2021 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- December 13, 2021 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- January 10, 2022 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.-Reorganization Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Duris, Secretary