

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

February 8, 2021 6:45 p.m.-7:15 p.m.

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

Unable to Attend: Carole Keeney-Township Liaison

Minutes: Minutes were approved from the January 11, 2021 meeting.

Adult Services and Directors comments:

- Winter Reading Program for adults and high school students started on January 2, 2021. Patrons may register, read, and review to win exciting prizes.
- Computer Basics Class for adults will be held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.
- We are continuing our virtual Financial Series.
- Start the New Year Stress Free focused on breathing techniques and postures that may help in leading a stress-free life.
- Thanks to The Princeton Review for hosting an informative webinar for our high school students.
- Second part of the Financial Series was held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 focusing on Disability Benefits & Strategies.
- The library has offered virtual tours of Eastern State Penitentiary.

Children's Services:

- The children's department theme for the month of January was cooking and baking, featuring a book display of cookbooks and other food related stories.
- Children's librarian Becky Ginther presented a virtual story time on Friday, January 8, 2021.
- 12 middle school students and 2 parents joined Becky Ginther for a virtual craft night over zoom on January 11, 2021.
- On January 20, 2021 Becky Ginther hosted a virtual trivia night where participants were shown food and restaurant logos and had to guess the company.
- Jeff Hunsicker hosted a winter themed story time over zoom on January 22, 2021.
- Black History Month, Lunar New Year, ASL Story time, Kindness story times in February.
- Disney Trivia-Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 6:30pm.
- Write & Illustrate Your Own Book Contest.

New Business:

- Patron visits were 24.3% of what they were compared to January 2020.
- Circulation was 73.9% of what it was compared to January 2020.
- Operating hours are at 70.9% of what they were compared to January 2020.

Upcoming Events:

- 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