

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

March 8, 2021 6:45p.m.-7:45p.m.

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

Minutes: Minutes were approved from the February 8, 2021 Board Meeting.

Adult Services and Directors Comments:

- Winter Reading Program for adults and high school students continues.
- Computer Basics Class for adults will be held 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.
- Thanks to our high school teachers Ms. Durland and Ms. Bontempo for leading a Writing Workshop for high school students Monday, February 1, 2021.
- We are continuing our virtual Financial Series.
- Eastern State Penitentiary and Prisons Today virtual tour was a successful program.
- Build Your Own Voice App with VoiceFlow co-sponsored by Techgirtz was attended by 20 teen girls.
- Thanks to The Princeton Review for hosting informative webinar for our high school students each month.
- Breathwork and Meditation for a good night's sleep on Thursday, February 25, 2021 focused on learning simple yet effective techniques to calm your mind, restore your system, and help you to sleep well.
- Second part of the financial series was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 focusing on Social Security Filling Strategies.

Children's Services:

- We celebrated Black History Month with a Storytime celebrating black voices by sharing modern stories from black authors and illustrations.
- 9 middle school students joined Becky Ginther for a virtual book discussion over Zoom on the book Wonder, by R.J. Palacio.
- We celebrated Lunar New Year with a special Storytime that highlighted Lunar New Year celebrations in a few different cultures.
- Becky Ginther hosted a virtual trivia night about all things Disney with 4 rounds animated movies, Pixar films, fill in the song lyrics, and theme parks.
- The Upper Merion Township Library partnered with Family Connections for Language and Learning to provide ASL signed Storytime all about bears!
- Our overarching theme in the Children's Department for February was to "Spread Kindness Like Confetti."
- We gave out over 85 kits to kids to create their own greeting card to send to family or friends to spread some kindness.
- Laura updated the board on the Write & Illustrate Your Own Book Contest

Old Business:

- Patron visits were 24.2% of what they were compared to February 2020.
- Circulation was 72.7% of what it was compared to February 2020.
- Operating hours are at 69.7% of what it was compared to February 2020.

New Business:

- Policy Manual Updates
- Joint Board Meeting Presentation review
- BCA Grant Opportunity

Supervisor Liaison Report:

- Carole updated the board on various township activities.

Upcoming Events:

- April 12, 2021 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- April 13, 2021 Joint Board Meeting 7:00 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