

## Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

August 9, 2021, 6:45 P.M.-7:20 P.M.

**Attendees:** David Bristowe, Sharon Duris, Janet Medrow, Beth Nachman, Fauzia Shamim, Laura Arnhold-Library Director

**Unable to Attend:** Linda Noll, Tracey Pasquale, Carole Keeney-Township Liaison

**Minutes:** Minutes were approved from the June 14, 2021 meeting. There were no July minutes as the meeting for that month was cancelled.

### Adult Services and Director's Comments:

- Computer Basics Class for adults will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.
- Our ESL classes resumed online via zoom in July.
- We are continuing our virtual Financial Series.
- Breathing Seminar series hosted by yoga teacher Mrs. Subha was very well attended.
- Techgirtz Camp in July was a huge success!
- Thanks to The Princeton Review for hosting SAT Strategy class in July along with High School Academics and College Admissions.
- Thanks to Master Gardener Apprentice for Montgomery County Marisa Smith, for hosting a very informative presentation on Spotted Lanternfly presentation.
- Python Basics for high school students led by one of our tech volunteers was very well received.
- The library display case was brightened with beautiful artwork featuring vividly colored pictures of flowers, outdoor scenes, and animals.
- The Atrium display cases had information about our "Read to a Dog Program", featuring Star, a loveable greyhound.

### Children's Services:

- 18 elementary school students met on Zoom for their first session of Science Explores on July 1, 2021, hosted by college student volunteers Meeval and Sarah.
- 30 children and 20 adults joined Miss. Sue on Zoom for a 30-minute bird filled" story time on Tuesday, July 6, 2021.
- On Tuesday July 13, 2021, 22 children and 20 adults joined Miss. Sue on Zoom for a 45-minute STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) session related to birds.
- 12 tweens joined Miss. Laura to create their own book folded porcupine!
- 26 children joined Miss. Becky on Zoom for half an hour on Monday July 12, 2021 to craft and create their bird feeders together.
- A second zoom crafternoon occurred on Monday, July 26, 2021, when 21 kids joined Miss. Becky over zoom to learn how to make a beaded lizard craft.
- On July 12, 2021, the library hosted its second Middle School Monday night of the summer.
- On July 19, 2021 we had 16 middle school students return in person and outside to have a very insightful discussion on Never Caught, the Story of Ona Judge, followed by Library Jeopardy.

- On July 26, 2021, 14 middle schoolers joined Miss. Becky outside the library (despite the heat!) for a discussion on the book Pay attention, Carter Jones, and a game of library Jeopardy.
- A HUGE thank you to Library Board member Janet Medrow and Star the reading dog for their help this summer.
- On Tuesday, July 20, 2021, 28 children and 23 adults joined Miss. Sue on zoom for a 30-minute “all about Reptiles” story time.
- Two different grab and go crafts were available for the month of July.
- 18 stuffed animals were dropped off at the library on Wednesday, July 14, 2021.
- Ashley Nguyen, a library page, and BCA grant recipient taught kids about the environment with fun, interactive programs that include rock painting, growing seeds, a nature scavenger hunt and more.
- A representative from the group Eyes of the Wild joined 14 kids from the library virtually to show off several live animals.
- 23 PreK kids joined Miss. Laura for a fun program filled with artistic activities.
- 20 children and 6 adults met with Miss. Becky over Zoom to learn about animals from different countries.
- Ashley Nguyen continued her Environmental programs with a story time, a program about reduces, reuse, and recycle, and how to reduce usage of water and electricity to better the planet.
- 37 kids submitted photos of their Edible book creations, where they made cakes and other items to eat inspired by books such as Harry Potter, Goodnight Moon, The Hobbit, Dog Man, and more.
- 65 children entered the library’s art contest by creating a work of art out of a sheet of paper with the outline of an open book.

**Old Business/New Business:**

- MCLINC Report
- Budget 2022

**Upcoming Events:**

- 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