

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

December 13, 2021, 6:45 P.M.-7:40 P.M.

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

Unable to Attend: Janet Medrow

Minutes: Minutes were approved from the November 8, 2021, Meeting.

Adult Services and Directors Comments:

- 2021 Fall Book Discussion is led by English Professors Erin Hurt and Carla. We had our first in-person meeting after a break. The theme for the book discussion series is Understanding the Present By Way of the Past.
- Computer Basics Class for adults will be held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.
- Our ESL classes in -person sessions are held every Tuesday at noon at Valley Forge room.
- Job Search Seminar on Monday, November 1, 2021, was hosted by our very own patron Mr. Bill DeLone.
- We will resume Tech Nights from January and we have a good group of high school volunteers who got trained this month.
- Tutor.com-A walkthrough for library patrons. We will be partnering with tutor.com to host a webinar once a month that will help parents help their children utilize this great service we are offering.
- Thanks to The Princeton Review for hosting a High School Academics and College Admissions seminar and Practice SAT test.
- We are very excited to announce that Mrs. Lynne Williams-Executive Director of Philadelphia Area Great Careers Group will be hosting seminars for job seekers and on the very much-needed topic of LinkedIn every month starting January.
- Atrium Display Case: Upper Merion Park & Rec decorated the outside display case during the month of November. The display highlighted the programs they offered and upcoming camps.
- Inside Display Case: A young talented artist Sudhishna Suresh, an 8th grader from Upper Merion Area Middle School displayed her beautiful painting this month.
- Adult Book Display: During the first 2 weeks of November, our adult book display was filled with Indian authors, travel books, Bollywood movie DVDs, and Indian classical music CDs. During the last 2 weeks of November, the display highlighted Thanksgiving themed books.

Children's Services:

- On November 1st, 15 middle school students came to the library for our monthly Junior Friends meeting.
- During the week of 11/2, Miss. Sue enjoyed a fun, festive, fall themed story time.
- On the evening of 11/2, Miss. Sue had 11 children and 10 adults enjoy a wonderful Diwali Celebration Story Time.
- Groups of middle school students continued shooting their movies over the course of several weeks, using equipment provided to the library by the BCA grant.

- On November 8, 2021, 8 students in grades 3 and 4 came to the library for Passport Pals to learn all about France.
- During the week of 11/9, Miss. Sue led a Thanksgiving story time with 21 kids and 17 adults.
- A total of 31 people of all ages joined Miss. Becky on Zoom for a night of Virtual Harry Potter trivia.
- During the week of 11/16, Miss. Sue hosted a roaring good bear story time.
- What a fun and successful night we had enjoying everything Chocolate on the evening of 11/17.
- 10 children and 7 adults tuned into Zoom on Saturday, November 18th, for a virtual crayon themed story time.
- On the evening of Monday, 11/22, Miss. Sue facilitated a Hanukkah celebration story time.
- The 18 students involved in our Middle School filmmaking program met several times over the course the end of November to edit and put together their films.
- We only had two children that came for our Animals Around the World program featuring Tigers.

Old Business:

- ARP Funding-Digital Literacy Lab
- Staffing

New Business:

- Fine Free status
- Review Collection Development Policy & Reconsideration form

Supervisor Liaison Report:

- Carole updated the board on various township activities.

Upcoming Events:

- January 10, 2022, Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.-Reorganization Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Duris, Secretary