

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

January 9, 2017 6:45p.m.-8:00p.m.

Attendees:

David Bristowe, Sharon Duris, Tracey Pasquale, Laura Arnhold-Library Director, Carole Keeney-Township Liaison

Unable to attend:

Linda Noll, Janet Medrow

Minutes:

Minutes were approved from the December 12, 2016 meeting.

Adult Services and Directors Comments:

Our Stress Free December Series was a super hit and the attendance increased compared to last year's series.

On December 5, 2016, an instructor from Lucille Roberts led a class full of enthusiastic participants.

Essential Oil DIY class on December 6, 2016 was successful with 21 adult participants.

Teen Essential Oil DIY class presented by Ms. Mega on December 7, 2016 was attended by 12 teens.

Meditation on Monday, December 12, 2016 was very well attended by many new patrons.

Coloring night on December 12, 2016 had 10 participants.

Card making class on December 14, 2016 by our regular presenter, Ms. Sheetal was full.

Tech Night on Monday, December 19, 2016 was attended by 10 registrants.

Knit Night was cancelled in December and will resume in January 2017.

Spring book discussion starts March 26, 2017.

The Black History Celebration is Saturday, February 25, 2017 from 10a.m. to 3 p.m.

Children's Services:

Becky Ginther's Crazy 8 Math class for grades 3rd-5th on December 5, 2017 focused on geometric shapes.

Approximately 150 people attended Christmas story times this year.

Twenty-two middle school students attended the library's Junior Friends Holiday Party on December 12, 2016.

Twenty-two middle school students and teens celebrated all things Harry Potter with trivia, games, and activities on December 14, 2016 at the library's Harry Potter Party.

Sue Kirkpatrick's Preschool Explorer STEM story time introduced the concepts of building and materials strength on December 13, 2016 and centered on the book The Three Little Pigs.

Thirteen children participated in Fun Friday with Sue Kirkpatrick on December 9, 2016.

Registration has begun for all six daytime story hour classes for children from birth to six years old.

Diane Shatzman shared special Hanukkah stories, games and songs with different groups of children on December 20 and 22, 2016.

Twelve children ages 2-5 and their parent or guardian participated in a demonstration parent/child movement and activity class with staff members from The Little Gym of Audubon.

Becky Ginther highlighted Christmas and Hanukkah books in the Tis the Season to be Reading display on the large table. Rina Das, highlighted Cool Reads on the small table. Additional displays focused on Kwanzaa books, stories about December happenings, cookies, cakes, pies, bears and mitten stories.

Old Business:

Laura updated the board on the Weeding project.
PA Forward Star Library Program-information submitted for Bronze Level.
In-Service Day-officially approved by board and Sally for February 20, 2017.
Community Survey-plan to go live this week.

New Business:

Board Reorganization: staying the same: Chair: David Bristowe

Tracey Pasquale

Vice Chair:

Secretary: Sharon Duris

Meeting time: Second Monday of the month 6:45 p.m.
Coffee Shop possibility
SWOT Analysis
PEST Analysis
Stakeholder Identification

Report from Carole Keeney-Township Liaison:

Carole updated the board on various township activities.

Upcoming Events:

February 13, 2017 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon Duris, Secretary