

## Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

February 13, 2017 6:45p.m.-8:00p.m.

### Attendees:

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

### Minutes:

Minutes were approved from the January 9, 2017 meeting.

### Adult Services and Directors Comments:

Winter reading program for teens and adults started Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

The Bookmas Tree contest had 146 adults and 46 children guessing the number of books making up our Bookmas tree. The number of books was 177.

Special thanks to the Upper Merion Area High School National Honor Society for volunteering at our library as their service project.

Coloring night on January 9, 2017 had nine participants.

Tech Night on Monday January 9, 2017 was attended by four registrants.

Our first fitness class at the community center was successful with ten of our patrons participating in "Dance and Define" on Monday, January 16, 2017.

Thanks to Princeton Review for sending their well-trained staff to conduct a seminar on college admission.

Knit Night was attended by our regulars on Monday, January 23, 2017.

The 18<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of Black History "Steeping Out With Black History" is on Saturday February 25, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Spring book discussion starts March 26, 2017. The theme is "Not the usual: Unexpected acts of exploration and resistance." All programs will meet from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The program dates and titles are:

1. March 26, 2017 The Greatcoat, by Helen Dunmore
2. April 9, 2017 The Moviegoer, by Walker Percy
3. April 23, 2017 The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry, by Gabrielle Zevin
4. May 7, 2017 The Sellout, by Paul Beatty
5. May 21, 2017 The Nightingale, by Kristin Hannah

In 2017 our Tech Nights will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month, Coloring Night the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, the Fitness Class 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday and Knit Nights the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday.

### Children's Services:

Four children and four adults participated in the free-Play Block Party on January 12, 2017.

Laura Arnhold provided Fun Friday activities for twenty-three children in 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade on January 13, 2017.

Twelve children aged 3½ to 6 and twelve adults attended the library's STEAM story time focusing on snow.

The winter six-week story hour session began January 23, 2017 will end the week of February 27, 2017.

On January 16, 2017, fourteen middle school students participated in book discussion and trivia challenges with Becky Ginther on the 2<sup>nd</sup> book in the Harry Potter series, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets.

The Junior Friends Middle School Volunteer Group held their first meeting of the new year on January 16, 2017.

The library has scheduled monthly Saturday family story times through May for children ages 2-5 and their parents or caregivers.

Eighteen children in 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> grade had the opportunity to create and explore with makey makey, an invention tool that turns everyday objects like bananas into touchpads on January 18, 2017.

The Crazy 8 math club, sponsored by the Bedtime Math Foundation, a non-profit group that seeks to put fun and discovery back into math met on January 23, 2017.

Planning continues for the library's 2017 summer reading program based on the theme, **Build a Better World**.

There are currently 54 active pairs of reading buddies.

The library partnered with the Upper Merion Mother's Club on a Preschool/Childcare Expo held in Freedom Hall on January 25, 2017. The directors and teachers from thirteen local preschools and childcares were on hand to

meet parents interested in enrolling their children in programs for the fall.

On January 30, 2017, Becky Ginther led the library's first Leap into Science workshop for eighteen children in k-4<sup>th</sup> grade and their parent or caregiver.

Holiday Books for the New Year, Martin Luther King Day, and Groundhog Day were displayed in January as well as a display on snakes and themed displays titled, "It is all about Ice" featuring books on winter sports and the athletes associated with them, "Space: the Final Frontier" including books on space travel and the planets. The library featured newly created book bundles on the large display table during January. Book bundles have been made up of four books on popular topics like dinosaurs, pirates, princesses and cars and trucks that have been packaged together for the convenience of patrons looking for materials on these topics. The small display table highlighted snow related books and materials.

**Old Business:**

Laura updated the board on the Weeding project which is about 2/3 done.

In-Service Day on February 20, 2017-Customer Service focused

Community Survey 269 responses

SWOT Analysis recap

**New Business:**

PEST Analysis

Stakeholder Identification

**Report from Carole Keeney-Township Liaison:**

Carole updated the board on various township activities

**Upcoming Events:**

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

April 10, 2017 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.

April 27, 2017 Joint Meeting with the Board of Supervisors 9 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon Duris, Secretary