

Upper Merion Township Library Board

May 8, 2017 6:45 p.m.-7:35 p.m.

Attendees:

David Bristowe, Sharon Duris, Beth Nachman, Linda Noll, Fauzia Shamim, Laura Arnhold-Library Director

Unable to attend: Janet Medrow, Tracy Pasquale, Carole Keeney-Township Liaison

New Member:

The Board welcomed new member Beth Nachman

Minutes:

Minutes were approved from the April 10, 2017 meeting.

Adult Services and Directors Comments:

The used book sale on Friday, April 21, 2017 raised \$1,400.

Tech Night on Monday, April 3, 2017 was attended by five new patrons.

Meet the photographer on April 4, 2017 was hosted by Mr. Milt Dienes.

Our coloring night is reaching more local organization. We had a group of ladies with intellectual disabilities from a local organization attending our coloring night with their mentor/leader. The ladies were very happy to color and even requested for butterfly books.

Ms. Sangeetha and our tech volunteers hosted an e-book training session at the Senior Center on Tuesday, April 11, 2017.

Few of our tech volunteers trained/refreshed our staff with e-book apps and answered their tech related questions during their spring break week.

Library co-sponsored "Vinyasa Yoga" at the community center was attended by eight of our patrons on Monday, April 17, 2017.

Our very first Money Smart Week partnership was well appreciated by our patrons. Chris Crail from Primerica and representatives from the same organization hosted 4 sessions starting Monday, April 24, 2017 through Thursday, April 27, 2017.

Knit Night was attended by 10 patrons on Monday, April 24, 2017.

Our ESL classes on Tuesdays at 1 pm are going strong.

Our library will be busy every Monday and Wednesday evening in May. Several adult and teen programs are lined up. Our major highlight for May is Gardening Series.

Our Bertucci's fundraiser is on Tuesday, May 16, 2017.

Spring Book Discussion continues. The theme is "Not the Usual: Unexpected Acts of Exploration and Resistance."

In 2017, our tech nights will be held the first Monday of the month, Coloring night second Monday, fitness class 3rd Monday and knit nights 4th Monday.

Children's Services:

April was designated as Family Reading Month in the Children's Department.

The title featured by the state of Pennsylvania for the 2017 Pennsylvania One Book, Every Young Child campaign is **Daniel Finds a Poem**, written and illustrated by Micha Archer.

Laura Arnhold led workshops for two groups of high school students (approximately 23 students) on April 7, 2017 as part of the Upper Merion High School's Literacy Day.

Forty children family members, many of them in costume attended the family Character Ball on April 12, 2017.

Laura Arnhold and Becky Ginther attended the annual Kutztown University's Children's Literature

Conference on April 1, 2017.

The library's annual environmental Jeopardy competition for 5th-8th graders took place April 17, 2017. The library was selected as one of three libraries in Montgomery County to host a free author visit with Micha Archer on April 19, 2017.

On April 21st, 2017 sixteen children in 1st-4th grade participated in hands-on Fun Friday centering on the theme of collages with Miss Becky.

The library supports the efforts of the community's early specialists to help children with special needs learn to behave appropriately in public spaces.

Younger students in K-2 meet weekly with older students in 5th-12th grade to practice their reading skills. Twenty-four children ages 2-5 and thirty-one adults participated in the library's Earth Day Story time with Susan Kirkpatrick and Rena Staley on April 22, 2017.

Eight children and seven adults participated in a Play-K workshop with Sue Kirkpatrick on April 25, 2017.

Outreach to local preschools and childcare centers took place during April.

The library offered special Saturday story times geared to children ages 2 to 5 on April 29, 2017.

Fifty people attended the ceremony on April 25, 2017 honoring the students who earned summer reading medals in last summer's reading club.

Twelve children in 2nd-4th grade attended the Common Cents Financial Literacy class with Laura Arnhold.

Nine members of the Junior Friends Thespian group presented skits and songs for approximately 80 people at the Family Reading Month closing event on May 2, 2017.

The large table display featured a Poetry in Your Pocket display in honor of National Poetry Month.

There were holiday displays for April Fools' Day, Arbor Day, Passover and Easter.

The small table display highlighted books and materials about the Holocaust.

There were also small displays on springtime, trees, autism, rabbits, and science in honor of the annual Science Festival held each year in April in Philadelphia.

Old Business:

September Meeting canceled

October Meeting rescheduled to October 16, 2017

Library Logos

Mission Statement: Educate-Empower-Engage

New Business:

Core Values: Educate, Empower, Engage

Upcoming Events:

June 12, 2017 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.

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

August 14, 2017 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.

September 11, 2017 Library Board Meeting-cancelled

October 9 Library Board Meeting rescheduled to October 16, 2017 6:45 p.m.

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

December 11, 2017 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.

January 8, 2018 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.-Reorganization meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Duris, Secretary