

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

July 10, 2017 6:45 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

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

Unable to Attend: Janet Medrow, Fauzia Shamim

Minutes:

Minutes were approved from the June 12, 2017 meeting

Adult Services and Directors Comments:

Tech Night was attended by five new patrons on Monday June 5, 2017.

History of the King of Prussia Mall on Monday, June 5, 2017 presented by Michael Shaw was attended by 46 patrons.

ESL group that meets every Tuesday will take a break during summer months and will resume on Tuesday, September 12, 2017.

De-Stress workshop by Kellie Brunton was on Wednesday, June 7, 2017.

Our monthly coloring night is getting very popular.

Summer Reading Program for Teens and Adults started Monday, June 19, 2017.

Kona Ice truck was here on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 to serve ice to all who registered for our Summer Reading Program.

Knit Night was attended by ten patrons on Monday, June 26, 2017.

In 2017, our tech nights will be held the first Monday of the month, Coloring night the second Monday, fitness class the third Monday and night nights the fourth Monday.

Children's Services:

The library offered a Saturday story time on June 3, 2017 for families with children from birth to 5 years old.

Third grade teacher, Hilary Borzillo brought 100 students from Candlebrook Elementary School to the library for a pre-summer visit on June 5, 2017.

The library offered a free building workshop for children ages 3 to 7 on June 15, 2017.

Sue Kirkpatrick focused on The Three Little Pigs and building and construction with her Preschooler's Explores class on June 19, 2017.

Sue Kirkpatrick provided outreach story times on June 22, 2017 to twenty-eight children age's 3-g and eight counselors at the townships Camp Beechtree program held at Candlebrook and to the 20 kids and 5 adults at the Camp Beechtree Roberts Elementary site.

The official start to the summer reading program began June 19, 2017. The program will continue throughout the summer.

The library offers two middle school book discussions programs. Students may participate in a five week Monday night book discussion programs that began June 26, 2017. There is also a three-week Literary Lunch group that meets for lunch, discussion and trivia competitions on Thursdays.

The library continues to enroll preschoolers in the 1,000 books before Kindergarten Program. There are currently 819 registrants.

Paul Miller of Flow Circus entertained families with his one man juggling and comedy show on June 23, 2017.

Scienceteller's interactive science based pirate adventure on June 27, 2017 was well attended.

Workshops for different age groups have been planed for the summer.

There are four story hour classes offered during the summer including two infant classes for children for birth to 24 months, a traditional toddler story time class, and a family story time geared to children ages 2 to 5. Summer story hours began the week of June 20, 2017.

The library has extended library services to the campers enrolled in the township's Adventure Day Camp and the school district's Extended Day Programs.

This year's reading club centers on the theme Building a Better World and will feature a different theme related display each week. Sue Kirkpatrick highlighted construction and building books during the week of June 19, 2017. Stephanie Spangler showcased books on recycling and caring for the earth during the week of

June 26, 2017 and Linda Shust created a kindness themed display for the week of July 3, 2017. There were separate holiday displays for Juneteenth, Flag Day, Father's Day and the Fourth of July and separate displays on chemistry, summer and pirates.

Old Business:

Job Opening Update
Goals and Objectives-2018

New Business:

Pop-Up Computer Lab-contact with Senior Center
First draft of strategic plan
Beginning brand & style guide
2018 budget

Report from Carole Keeney-Township Liaison:

Carole updated the board on various township activities

Upcoming Events:

August 14, 2017 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
September 11, 2017 Library Board Meeting-cancelled
October 9, 2017 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