

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

August 14, 2017 6:45 p.m.-7:50 p.m.

Attendees:

Sharon Duris, Janet Medrow, Beth Nachman, Tracey Pasquale, Fauzia Shamim, Laura Arnhold-Library Director, Carole Keeney-Township Liaison

Unable to Attend:

David Bristowe, Linda Noll

Minutes:

Minutes were approved from the July 10, 2017 meeting

Adult Services and Director's Comments:

Summer Reading Program for Teens and Adults started on Monday, June 19, 2017. The last date to submit a review is August 25, 2017.

Tech Night on Monday July 10, 2017 was attended by a few new patrons.

Social Security workshop on Thursday, July 13, and July 20, 2017 was presented by our regular presenter Shawn Crowley.

Our monthly coloring night is getting very popular.

Library co-sponsored "Zumba" at the community center was attended by 10 patrons on Monday, July 17, 2017.

Knit Night was attended by 9 patrons on Monday, July 24, 2017

Open Mic for adults on Wednesday, July 26, 2017 was a fun evening for our participants and the audience.

DIY installing tile flooring on July 27, 2017 was a huge success.

Children's Services:

The library held auditions on July 5, 2017 and July 26, 2017 for its upcoming Talent Show, Upper Merion's Got Talent.

Eighteen students in 3rd-6th grade and four parents participated in Lego Building on July 6, 2017 and twenty children in k-2nd grade and 6 adults attended the July 24, 2017 Lego Jr. Party.

Thirty-nine children and thirty-two adults brought their own tools on July 11, 2017 to take apart old electronic equipment that had been donated to the library including computers, printers, cell phones, a coffee maker, carpet sweepers, dehumidifier and toasters to see the inner workings of these machines.

Family Stages presented a live version of Puss in Books for summer readers on July 18, 2017 starring the library's own Jeff Hunsicker.

The library partnered with Petrucci's on a fundraiser on July 25, 2017. The library received a \$216.11 donation.

Library Board member, Janet Medrow and her therapy dog, Star provided Read to the Dog services to children in kindergarten through fourth grade on Wednesdays during July.

Upper Merion Township Library was selected to host children's book author/illustrator, Matt Phelan, on July 12, 2017 as part of an author tour sponsored by Montgomery County Norristown Public Library.

GSK sponsored free hands-on experiment oriented classes with curriculum that was designed by educators from the Franklin Institute.

Sue Kirkpatrick's Preschool Explorers class focused on Art in Action on July 17, 2017.

As of August 8, 2017 there are 924 students registered for summer reading.

Close to twenty middle school students met every Monday night in July for book discussion and Library Jeopardy.

The Junior Friends of the Library Volunteer Group met July 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2017 after the Monday Night Book Discussions and Library Jeopardy.

Dana McGahey taught two art workshops in July that focused on two very different female artists, Georgia O'Keefe and Faith Ringgold.

The Literary Lunch book discussion program met on July 6 and July 20, 2017.

The library provided extended summer outreach services to the township's Adventure Day Camp (ADC) and Camp Beechtree programs as well as the school district's Extended Day program during the summer.

Different weekly theme related book collections were displayed on the large display table during July. These included a display on kindness put together by Linda Shust, Inventions and Inventors by Becky Ginther, Building Games and Toys by Jeff Hunsicker and Around the World by Dana McGahey. Other book displays showcased books on sharks, reduce, reuse and recycle, Sea and Sand, and the 4th of July.

The Summer Story Hour session for children from birth to six ends the week of August 1st. The Fall Story time session begins the week of September 25, 2017.

Old Business:

All shifting in the adult department is finished

Continuing to look at how processing is done to increase efficiency

2018 Budget

Goals & Objectives

New Business:

Removing VHS from circulation in children's department

Report from Carole Keeney-Township Liaison:

Carole updated the board on various township activities

Upcoming Events:

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, 2017 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.-Reorganization meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Duris, Secretary