

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

October 16, 2017 6:45 p.m.-7:40 p.m.

Attendees:

David Bristowe, Sharon Duris, Janet Medrow, Beth Nachman, Tracey Pasquale, Fauzia Shamim, Laura Arnhold-Library Director

Unable to Attend:

Linda Noll, Carole Keeney-Township Liaison

Minutes:

Minutes for the August 14, 2017 meeting will be approved at the next meeting on November 13, 2017. There were no September minutes as there was no meeting for the month of September 2017.

Adult Services and Director's Comments:

Outreach at the Senior Center with Sangeetha at the Upper Merion Senior Center on September 5th and September 19th, 2017 for seniors who could not attend our tech night, got their digital questions answered.

Tech Night was on Monday, September 11, 2017 and was attended by 10 patrons.

Dr. Steven's Presentation: Ancient Egyptian Pyramids in Context on Wednesday, September 13, 2017 was attended by more than 60 patrons.

Fall 2017 Book Discussion Series: The Lives We Lead: The Results and Repercussions of Making Choices started on September 17, 2017.

Library co-sponsored "Beginners Spin Class" at the community center was attended by 14 library patrons on Monday, September 18, 2017.

Knit Nite was attended by 10 patrons. We will soon be hosting a Teen Knit Nite led by our adult leaders.

Trends in Digital Marketing on Wednesday, September 27, 2017 presented by Bob Clark, was well attended.

Library participated at Senior Fling on Thursday, September 28, 2017.

Diwali Celebration at the library will be on Monday, September 23, 2017.

Children's Services:

The library's summer reading program ended August 25, 2017. Participation in summer reading activities and programs was good for all ages.

Monthly Fun Friday programs planned for early dismissal Fridays resumed September 8, 2017.

Tryouts were held September 13, 2017 for this year's Enchanted Library Event scheduled on November 3, 2017.

The Junior Friends of the Library met on September 13, 2017 for the first monthly meeting of the school year.

Sue Kirkpatrick focused on the science of water with her preschool explorer class of children ages 3½-5 on September 19, 2017.

The library's four-week Fall Parent/Child Workshop series began September 22, 2017 and continues consecutive Fridays through October 13, 2017.

The library has begun receiving entries for the 43rd annual Write and Illustrate Your Own Book Contest for children in kindergarten through eighth grade.

The Reading Buddy Program pairs children in kindergarten through second grade with children in 4th-12th grade for reading practice. There are currently 57 pairs of reading buddies meeting

weekly in the library.

Therapists from the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit are using the library to work with preschool children with special needs in order to teach them social skills needed to behave appropriately in public settings.

This fall's Traveling Story time program provides outreach to local childcares and preschool programs.

The library showed The Lego Movie to a group of thirty-five children and twenty adults on September 21, 2017.

On Monday September 25, 2017, eleven children in 3rd-5th grade attended Math Madness with Becky Ginther.

The six-week fall story time began the week of September 25, 2017.

The library is providing monthly Saturday story times for families of young children who cannot participate in the library's daytime classes.

The library's big table display created by Reena Staley featured Back to Schoolbooks. The Children's Department small table display highlighted books and materials on ancient Egypt, The display case across from the circulation desk featured displays for Labor Day, books remembering 9-11, autumn, the Jewish holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the Islamic New Year, and a display of new non-fiction books recently added to the library.

Old Business:

Strategic Plan

New Business:

Removal of DVD & Video game fees-board recommendation

Program Assessment & Evaluation

Board of Supervisors Library Promo Video

2 Circulation assistants retiring

Ongoing training and Staff Training Day

Upcoming Events:

October 29, 2017 Citizens Board Appreciation Luncheon Maggiano's 12p.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