

## **Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting**

November 13, 2017 6:45 p.m.-7:55 p.m.

### **Attendees:**

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

### **Unable to Attend:**

Beth Nachman, Tracey Pasquale

### **Minutes:**

Minutes were approved for the August and October meetings.

### **Adult Services and Director's Comments:**

Fall Book discussion Series continues: The Lives we Lead: The Results and Repercussions of Making Choices started September 17, 2017.

Outreach at the Senior Center: Sangeetha was at the Upper Merion Senior Service Center on October 10 and October 31, 2017, from 10 am to 12 noon.

Tech Night on Monday, October 2, 2017, was attended by six adult patrons.

Our monthly coloring night is getting very popular.

Community day on Saturday, October 7, 2017, was well attended by our township residents.

Jazz Night on Friday, October 13, 2017, was attended by 64 patrons.

Legacy Planning workshop on Monday, October 16, 2017, co-sponsored by U financial was an educative and informational seminar for our patrons.

Knit Nite was attended by 11 patrons. We will soon be hosting a Teen Knit Nite led by our adult leaders' sometime during the spring of 2018.

Diwali Celebration on Monday, October 23, 2017, was a huge success. About 250 residents attended the celebration.

Library co-sponsored "Zumba" at the community center was attended by 13 library patrons on Monday September 18, 2017.

Baby Boomers Road Map Series all Thursdays in November at 6:30 p.m.

### **Children's Services:**

The six week fall story hour session began the week of September 25, 2017, and ends November 7, 2017.

The Junior Friends Group met on October 2, 2017. The group's new officers brain stormed ideas for the upcoming year, cut out name tags for story times and priced books for the book sale.

The library's four week Fall Parent/Child Workshop ended October 13, 2017.

Sixteen children in 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade participated in Fun Friday with Elizabeth Galassini from Cunningham Piano on October 13, 2017, who presented a Halloween program on music.

As part of National Fire Prevention Month, Sue Kirkpatrick invited Deputy Fire Marshal, Bill Daywalt to visit her preschool story time on October 10, 2017, to talk to preschoolers about fire safety.

Therapists from the Montgomery Intermediate Unit are working with preschool children with special needs at the library to teach them the social skills for behaving appropriately in a public space.

Jeanne Kauffman represented the library at the school district's annual ESL night on October 19, 2017, at the Upper Merion Middle School.

Becky Ginther and Reena Staley attended Upper Merion Baptist Nursery School's fall Festival on October 26, 2017.

Susan Kirkpatrick coordinated October visits to 19 local preschools and daycare facilities involved in

the library's outreach program.

Reading Buddy coordinator Susan Kirkpatrick pairs emerging readers in K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade with older students in 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade for reading practice.

There were 317 entries submitted for the library's 43<sup>rd</sup> annual Write and Illustrate Your Own Book Contest. Diane Shatzman, Judy Snook, Terry McArdle, Joan Shaw, John Miraglia, and Laura Selinsky are reviewing the manuscripts and will select first, second, third, and honorable mention for each grade level. The winners will be notified on Monday November 20, 2017.

On Friday, November 3, 2017, the library was magically transformed for the ninth annual Enchanted Library.

Becky Ginther visited Roberts Elementary School on October 20, 2017, to present information about the library.

Library staff members Rina Das and Sangeetha Srinivasan coordinated special programs for various age groups on October 23, 2017, for Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights.

Laura Arnhold shared popular picture books with twelve preschool teachers and provided instruction to them on best practices to help children develop early learning skills during an In-service Day at Footsteps Academy on October 25, 2017.

Twenty-eight parents and preschoolers attended a special Saturday story time with Reena Staley on October 28, 2017.

Jeanne Kauffman led a panel discussion on October 30, 2017, with special guests Susan Shelton, the community mobilizer with Community Alliance for a Safer Tomorrow, (CAST), Upper Merion Police Detective Connie Marinello and high school student, Mariah Boccella on the topic of Bullying and what families can do about it with a group of forty middle school students and their parents.

To commemorate National Bullying Month, Susan Kirkpatrick showcased fiction and non-fiction books related to Bullying with a display on the big table titled: Be a Buddy not a Bully. There was also displays during October featuring holiday books on, Christopher Columbus day, Halloween, the Muslim New Year, Yom Kippur, Rosh Hashanah and Succoth. Rina created a small table display highlighting Hindu books in anticipation of this year's Diwali festival. Other displays featured fire safety with educational coloring books for children, books on apples, pumpkins and Polish culture.

#### **Old Business:**

Removal of DVD & video game fees

Staff training-President's Day(February 19, 2018) on Customer Service and Managing Stress & Self-Care

#### **New Business:**

Website update

Logo & Strategic Plan Reveal

Weeding & Catalog Clean-up

Reorganization Meeting Date

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

Carole updated the board on various township activities

#### **Upcoming Events:**

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