

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

April 11, 2022, 6:45 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

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

Unable to attend: Carole Keeney-Township Liaison

Minutes: minutes were approved from the March 14, 2022, meeting.

Adult Services and Directors Comments:

- Computer Basics Class for adults will be held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.
- In Person ESL classes are held every Tuesday at noon in the Valley Forge room.
- We resumed Tech Night in March.
- 2022 Spring Book Discussion lex by Carla and Erin started off with a wonderful experience for our readers as they participated in a hybrid format.
- We are extremely fortunate to have Ms. Lynne Williams-Executive Director of Philadelphia Area Great Careers Group present seminars for job seekers every month.
- Thanks to The Princeton Review for hosting a college prep seminar in March.
- Atrium Display Case: Upper Merion area High School Heritage club decorated the display cases in March. The display cases represented the rich culture of various countries. It included wall decors, kitchen tools, jewelries, clothing, and many more that represented each culture/country.
- Adult Book Display: Ms. Simone displayed books and materials highlighting travel. She put together informative pamphlets on our e-resources focusing on language learning, recipes, cuisines, and travel. We saw that patrons were very much interested in the display and checked out the materials.

Children's services:

- PreK kids were excited to stretch along with jungle-themed stories during Yoga storytime with Ms. Laura.
- Two groups of children ages 6-12 have been meeting regularly on Monday and Tuesday afternoons to learn about chess with our volunteer, Mr. Eathan.
- The Junior Friends meeting was busy one! With the help of a lot of hands, we were able to get decorations and book suggestions ready for the front windows and bulletin board, while also filming the Summer Reading commercial-all in an hour!
- On 3/8/22, 23 kids and eighteen adults enjoyed a cool in-person storytime about cats.
- Some overly excited elementary students shared all they know about Minecraft at a fun party filled with activities like making your own creeper, coloring in a self portrait that looks like a Minecraft character and weaving a Minecraft heart out of paper.
- On 3/15/22, 24 kids and twenty-four adults celebrated St. Partick's Day in style at a festive Luck of the Irish in-person storytime.
- Thirty-four people logged onto Zoom the evening of Wednesday, March 16th for a fun family night of Disney movie trivia.

- Kids logged on to learn about the basics of coding, how to write their name in Binary, learned how important specific instructions are when writing code through an origami activity, and we used dice and a drawing activity to learn about if, then statements.
- On 3/22/22, Ms. Sue celebrated the new season with a fun in-person storytime all about Spring with twenty-five kids and twenty-three adults.
- Kids in grades 5-8 met in Freedom Hall on Wednesday, March 23rd to learn about the culture of Columbia and the movie Encanto.
- A special thanks to Ms. Fauzia (Library Board member) and Mr. Bilal who helped to make an incredibly special Ramadan storytime.
- On 3/29/22, Ms. Sue's in-person storytime was all about Things that Go...trucks, cars, trains, and more.
- Kids were given everything they needed to create their own catapult using popsicle sticks, a plastic spoon, and some rubber bands.

Old Business:

- Picture Book Neighborhoods.
- Joint Board Meeting presentation (April 21, 2022, at 7:30pm in the Board room)

New Business:

- Children's Reference Assistant-Stephanie Calabretti

Up Coming Events:

- April 21, 2022, Joint Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- May 9, 2022, Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- June 13, 2022, Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- July 11, 2022, Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- August 8, 2022, Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- September 12, 2022, Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- October 10, 2022, Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- November 14, 2022, Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- December 12, 2022, Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- January 9, 2023 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.-Reorganization Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Duris, Secretary

