

Upper Merion township Library Board Meeting

June 13, 2022, 6:45 P.M.-7:45 P.M.

Attendees: David Bristowe, Sharon Duris, Linda Noll, Beth Nachman, Fauzia Shamim, Laura Arnhold-Library Director, Carole-Township-Liaison

Unable To Attend: Tracey Pasquale

Minutes: Minutes were approved from the April 11, 2022, meeting. There were no May minutes as there was not a quorum.

Adult Services and Director's Comments:

- Computer Basics Class for adults will be held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.
- Summer ESL classes in-person sessions will be held on Tuesdays at 6pm.
- For Tech Night, our youth volunteers helped our patrons with their digital questions.
- For Fall Book Discussion, our adult volunteer Kathy Tauber will be replacing Erin Hurt.
- We are extremely fortunate to have Ms. Lynne Williams-Executive director of Philadelphia Area Great careers Group present seminars for job seekers every month.
- Family Board Game event is picking up and May's event went very well with our TAG volunteers and our adult volunteer Liz.
- We will have in-person computer class every week in July & August.
- Our patrons were happy to resume knitting at the library.
- Thanks to The Princeton Review for hosting a week-long seminar in May.
- We were so excited to finally be able to dedicate our new café space in memory of our beloved circulation manager, Mary Davenport.
- Atrium Display Case: Upper Merion Township's EAC volunteers decorated the display cases with Earth Day related materials.
- Library Display Window: our Patron Ms. Selva decorated our display window with her beautiful hand-crafted jewelry.
- Adult Book Display: With changes to accommodate Mary's Beans and Books, we are yet to secure a good place for our adult display.

Children's Services:

- At our outside gazebo on May 2022, 61 adults and kids enjoyed a fun storytime all about birds.
- With graphic novels being a favorite among our readers, we offered a virtual graphic novel program where we learned about the parts of a graphic novel.
- On Saturday, May 7, 2022, the library hosted four ceremonies to award medals to the students who participated in our 2021 summer reading program and read for 15 or more hours.
- Eleven middle school students met at the library for their monthly Junior Friends meeting, where they help with various community service projects for the library.
- In two story times during the week of 5/10, one in-person outside at the gazebo and one via zoom, Ms. Stephanie, and Ms. Sue had over seventy adults and kids age birth-5 enjoyed some great construction books and songs.

- In conjunction with Family Connections for Language and Learning, Ms. Sue, and Ms. Stephanie did a virtual signed story time all about the Garden.
- Nineteen students in grades K-4 met at the library on Monday, May 16, 2022, to take part in a children's book themed escape room created by Becky Ginther.
- On 5/17/22, Ms. Sue had forty-nine adults and kids enjoy an outside story time all about Sweet Treats.
- On Wednesday, May 18, 2022, a version of the Escape Room was repeated for thirteen middle school students.
- On May 19, 2022, the four kindergarten classes at Candlebrook Elementary School walked to the library for a field trip.
- On Friday, May 20, 2022, inside Freedom Hall, Ms. Stephanie read books about delicious ice cream.
- On 5/24 outside at the gazebo, and 5/26, on zoom, Ms. Sue did two interactive story time sessions all about Animals and Movement.
- On May 26, 2022, three first grade classes at Candlebrook Elementary School came to the library for a field trip.

Old Business:

- Picture Book Neighborhoods

New Business:

- Goals and Objectives

Supervisor Liaison Report:

- Carole updated the board on various township activities.

Up Coming Events:

- 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