

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

July 11, 2022, 6:45 P.M.-7:40 P.M.

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

Unable to Attend: Jenette Heil

New Board Member: Janette Heil

Minutes: Minutes were approved from the June 13, 2022, meeting.

Adult Services and Director's Comments:

- We are excited to announce the launch of Comic Plus for patrons.
- Summer reading is here!
- After a two-year break, we arranged for Kona Ice Truck to serve Kona Ice for all our patrons who registered for summer reading.
- Computer Basics Class for adults will be held the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.
- Face Yoga, a recently popular technique designed to soften and relax your face muscles to help alleviate tension, stress, and worry was scheduled in June.
- Sangeetha with her high school volunteer will be at the senior center every Wednesday in July & August from 11 am to 12:30 pm to help seniors with their digital devices.
- Summer ESL classes in-person will be held on Tuesdays at 6 pm during the months of June, July, and August.
- Our youth volunteers helped our patrons with their digital questions.
- Our adult volunteer Kathy Tauber will be replacing Erin Hurt and will be leading one of the book discussions in the fall.
- We are extremely fortunate to have Ms. Lynne Williams-Executive Director of Philadelphia Area Great Careers Group present seminars for job seekers every month.
- Our patrons were happy to gather to knit at the library.
- Both our study rooms are now open, and patrons may reserve the rooms from their home, or our staff can reserve them one week in advance and a maximum of two hours per day.
- Our staff Jess decorated our display window with her beautiful handmade memory book.
- Our new adult material display nook is next to Mary's Books and Beans.

Children's Services:

- On June 2nd the 3rd and 4th grade classes at Candlebrook Elementary School came to the library for a field trip.
- On Tuesday, June 21st Ms. Stephanie kicked off Summer Story Time in the Little Theater.
- On Wednesday, June 22, Ms. Sue visited the UM Camp Beechtree kids at Candlebrook Elementary School.
- On Thursday, 6/23, and 6/30, Ms. Sue presented fun story times for kids ages 2-5 years old.

- Ms. B J.'s back on Wednesday mornings for infant story time to an overly excited and brand-new group of babies.
- A beautiful summer morning found us dancing our socks off at the gazebo behind the Township building.
- Chess club is also back this summer on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons.
- Our Read to the Dog program started a little rocky with a "Read to the Turtle" program.
- Thirteen middle grade students joined us for a thought-provoking book discussion on When Stars are Scattered by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed.
- Students in grades k-8 got to create beautiful masterpieces during our Ocean Painting Parties that were held on 6/29 and 7/1.

Old Business:

- Goals and Objectives
- ARP allocation programing

New Business:

- PaLA Best Practices Award-Middle School Film Festival

Super Visor Liaison Report:

- Carole updated the board on various township actives.

Up Coming Events:

- August 8, 2022, Library Board Meeting Cancelled
- 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, 20232 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.-Reorganization Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Duris, Secretary