

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting  
September 12, 2022, 6:45 P.M.-8:05 P.M.

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

**Unable to Attend:** Linda Noll

**New Board Member:** The board welcomed new board member Janette Heil.

**Minutes:** Minutes were approved from the July 11, 2022, board meeting. There were, no August minutes as that meeting was cancelled.

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

- Summer Reading has ended. This year's theme was "Oceans of Possibilities."
- Computer Basics Class for adults will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.
- Sangeetha along with her high school volunteers was at the senior center every Wednesday in July and August.
- ESL Classes in person resumes.
- For Tech Night, our youth volunteers helped our patrons with their digital questions.
- Family Board Game Night was hosted every second Monday.
- The Princeton Review offered many workshops focusing on College Prep in August for our high school students and scheduled a lot more in September.
- Photo Organizing, with Darla on August 1, was attended by very many.
- Sewing Class that focused on making Scrunchies was a big hit among the teens.
- Our adult volunteer Kathy Tauber will be replacing Erin Hurt and will be leading a Fall Book Discussion.
- We are fortunate to have Ms. Williams-Executive Director of Philadelphia Area Great Careers present seminars for job seekers every month.
- Our patrons are always happy to gather to knit at the library on the fourth Monday of each month.
- Atrium & Library Display Windows: Brittany from "Hope is the way; Love is the Answer" decorated both our atrium and library display case in August. Her artwork was beyond beautiful and emphasized on love and read. The word "Hope" in the display read both "Hope and Love" in one. Brittany was kind and donated two of the signs to us.
- Adult Book Display: Our new adult material display nook is next to Mary's Books and Beans. Megan displayed materials highlighting "Fall." The display has materials on the season "Fall" and "Autumn" in the title. Megan also printed read alike bookmarks to go with the book theme.

**Children's Services:**

- Our Middle School Monday Nights program met one more time the first Monday in August.
- On Tuesday, August 2, 22 kids and seventeen adults joined Ms. Stephanie for story time in the little theater.

- Our ocean themed story time was packed to the gills.
- Julia has continued to bring her dog August, a beautiful German Shepherd who is not only a certified therapy dog, but also a trained seeing eye dog to the library.
- On Wednesday August 3, the library hosted Mr. Will from Briar Bush Nature Center in Abington, PA for three sessions where he featured various animals.
- Sixteen students in grades 2-4 continued to meet on Thursday afternoons to learn about different science topics with volunteer Ms. Sarah and Ms. Meeval.
- Ms. Sue had thirty-five kids and twenty-five adults attend her family story time all about Pirates.
- On Friday, August 5, 16 kids and twelve adults came aboard for our Pirate Party.
- Children and parents came to the library on Thursday, August 4, between 11am-2pm to try out some of the library's Makerspace and STEM activities.
- One more Zoom crafternoon occurred in tandem with our grab and go activities.
- The top four scorers from our middle school Library Jeopardy games this summer were invited to compete in a final Jeopardy game on August 8<sup>th</sup>.
- It is always fun to stretch and read with kiddos.
- The elementary school students shared what they knew about circuits and created their own anglerfish with a light-up LED using special tape, a battery, and LED lightbulb.
- We ended summer with a fun outdoor festival for the whole family.
- Six young readers were invited to a special celebration for completing the 1000 Books before kindergarten.
- On Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, the library hosted six ceremonies to present children with their medals for summer reading.

#### **Old Business:**

- AARP allocation

#### **New Business:**

- 2023 Budget
- Phone Routing
- Staff Organization
- Calendar, Room Reservation, Museum Pass Reservation, Library of Things

#### **Supervisor Liaison Report:**

- Carole updated the board on various township activities.

#### **Up Coming Events:**

- October 10, 2022, Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- November 2, 2023, Mixer at King of Prussia Tavern, 5p.m.-7p.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