

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

January 9, 2023, 6:45 p.m.-7:55 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

Reorganization Meeting:

- Chair: David Bristowe
- Vice Chair: Beth Nachman
- Secretary: Sharon Duris

Minutes: Minutes were approved from the December 12, 2022, meeting with edit to the part about the Policy Manual being approved.

Adult Services and Director's Comments:

- The switchover to SpringShare was smooth and our patrons are using our events calendar with no issues.
- December De-stress series was a remarkable success.
- Make your own Bangles/Bracelet workshop on Monday, December 5 was received very well by our patrons.
- Meditation Workshop run by volunteers from FalunDafa.org was held on Tuesday, December 6.
- Family Board Game event is always popular.
- Our new venture of Poetry Open Mic was held on Saturday, December 10.
- The Deadly Silence Book Talk by author Hisham Mohammed on Monday, December 12, was an emotional session to many who attended.
- Our passport service is going great.
- Our youth volunteers helped our patrons with their digital questions.
- Sangeetha will be teaching Basic Computer Class at UMSCC on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 11am to 12pm.
- Computer Basics Class for adults will be held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.
- ESL classes in-person continues to meet every Tuesday at 12 pm.
- Adult coloring and adult board game night is scheduled for the second Monday of every month from 6 pm to 8 pm.
- We are fortunate to have Ms. Lynne Williams-Executive Director of Philadelphia Area Great Careers Group present seminars for job seekers every month.
- John Fleming decorated our library window with his collections on World War 2.
- The library display cases displayed items related to the U.S. Army Air Force and Civilian Defense Corps aircraft identification.
- December display was not just the display of winter themed materials, but a whole lot more.
- Black History Month

Children's Services:

- On the first Monday of the month, fourteen middle school students came to the library for Junior Friends, our library volunteer program.
- Forty-four little ones and their caregivers joined us for a super Santa story time filled with Christmas music that had everyone's toes tapping and hands clapping.
- On Monday, December 12, over twenty friends joined Ms. Stephanie in the Little Theater for a Winter Party.
- Christmas Family Story Time, with adorable Christmas-themed stories and fun songs, this family story time was well attended and well loved.
- To help students become more familiar with our language resources at the library, we hosted a World Languages program for middle school students where we played World Language Bingo.
- Over ten families joined Ms. Stephanie for a Hanukkah story time in the Little Theater.
- Eleven middle school students met with Ms. Becky for a fun holiday craft night.
- During the Thursday of Christmas break, five middle school students attended Literary Lunch, where we discussed the book Attack of the Black Rectangles by Amy Sarig.
- On Friday, December 30, 12 kids partied with Ms. Stephanie as they counted down to noon.

Old Business:

- Staffing updates

New Business:

- Year in review
- MCLINC Board President Student Library Cards for Norristown School District
- DVD checkout policy
- Joint Board Meeting Prep.

Supervisor Liaison Report:

- Carole updated the board on various township activities.

Up Coming Events:

- February 13, 2023, Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- March 13, 2023, Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- April 10, 2023, Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- April 20, 27, or May 18, 2023, Joint Board Meeting-time to be determined.
- May 8, 2023, Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- June 12, 2023, Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- July 10, 2023, Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- August 14, 2023, Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- September 11, 2023, Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- October 9, 2023, Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- November 13, 2023, Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- December 11, 2023, Library Board Meeting
- January 8, 2024, Library Board Meeting-Reorganization Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Duris, Secretary