

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

February 13, 2023, 6:45 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

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

Unable to Attend: Tracey Pasquale

Minutes: Minutes from the January 9, 2023, meeting were approved.

Adult Services and Director's Comments:

- The library is gearing up for Black History Month. We have several programs spread out throughout the month based on this year's theme "Back to Africa".
- We will be partnering with King of Prussia Bridge Club to host 6 week beginners Bridge class for adults.
- We are excited to start 2023 book discussion with a few changes. Thanks to our new leaders Pat and Susan. There will be no fee to join.
- Ms. Pat has a theme: "helping people get better at whatever they do."
- Susan is a retired librarian with over thirty years' experience in both academic and public libraries.
- Meditation Workshop run by the volunteers from FalunDafa.org will be held the second Tuesday of every month at 6pm in the Valey Forge room.
- Our passport service is going great.
- Stay tuned for major changes coming to Tech Night.
- Sangeetha will be teaching Basic Computer Class at UMSCC the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 11 am to 12 pm.
- Computer Basics Class for adults will be held the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.
- ESL continues to meet every Tuesday at 12 pm.
- Adult coloring and board game night is scheduled for the second Monday of every month from 6 pm to 8 pm.
- We are extremely fortunate to have Mrs. Lynn Williams-Executive Director of Philadelphia Area Great Careers Group present seminars for job seekers every month.
- Our patrons are always happy to gather to knit at the library.
- John Fleming decorated our library window with his collections on World War 2 both November and December.
- The library display case is a display case of items related to the U.S Army Air Force and the Civilian Defense Corps aircraft identification.
- As always, Krissy and Megan did a fantastic job on decorating Mary's Café area of the library for winter reading.

Children's Services:

- On Saturday January 7, more than twenty families joined Ms. Stephanie in the Little Theater for the first story time of the new year.

- On Monday nights during the month of January, Ms. Stephanie held a week American Sign Language class for students in k-4.
- Twelve middle school students joined Miss. Becky for our January Junior Friends meeting.
- On Tuesday, January, in Freedom Hall over twenty families joined Ms. Stephanie for Open Play.
- Thirteen students in grades k-4 joined Miss. Becky on Wednesday evening for a program exploring feelings and emotions using emojis.
- On Friday, January, we had over fourteen families join Ms. Stephanie for Baby Signs.
- With a day off from school, a total of fifty-one people came out to our Open Marketspace event.
- Seventeen kids and fourteen adults enjoyed an interactive Preschool Explores Science program all about Hibernation, Migration, and Adaption.
- Twenty-four children and thirty-four adults attended our Lunar New Year Story Time on Saturday, January 21st.
- Thirty-two children and parents met on the afternoon of January 23rd for our first Homeschoolers Afternoon event.
- Twenty-two middle school students attended our first monthly session of Occupation Exploration, where they will learn about a different career each month and do a fun related activity.
- On Tuesday, January 24th Ms. Stephanie held a story time about Penguins.
- Our popular chess club is back for another six-week session starting the week of January 24th.
- The babies are excited to be back for our next session of story time.
- Intermediate chess players meet with Mr. Ethan on Wednesday s to continue learning about the game of chess.
- On Thursday, January 26th, twenty-one kids and twenty adults enjoyed a fun, firsthand Explorer session all about math.
- Twenty-two children joined Miss. Becky on a Monday night for some arts and crafts, where we did some puzzle themed activities.
- Twenty-two kids and eighteen adults enjoyed a fun story time all about bears.

Old Business:

- Joint Board Meeting Prep
- Passport Applications report

New Business:

- Staff training (February 20, 2023)
- Polaris Server Upgrade (February 27-March 1)

Supervisor Liaison Report:

- Carole updated the board on various township activities.

Up Coming Events:

- March 13, 2023, Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- April 10, 2023, Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- April 20, 2023, Joint Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.
- 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