

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

October 10, 2022, 6:45 P.M.-7:40 P.M.

Attendees: David Bristowe, Sharon Duris, Janette Heil, Linda Noll, Beth Nachman, Fauzia Shamim, Laura Arnhold-Library Director

Unable to Attend: Tracey Pasquale, Carole Keeney-Township Liaison

Minutes: Minutes were approved from the September 12, 2022, meeting.

Adult Services and Director's Comments:

- Upper Merion Township Library is excited to announce that we are a **Passport Acceptance Facility**.
- Our library is now a proud partner of NationalVoterRegistration.org.
- Our youth volunteers helped our patrons with their digital questions.
- Sangeetha will be teaching Basic Computer class at UMSCC on 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 the month.
- ESL in-person session resumes after a month-long break.
- Adult Coloring and board game night is scheduled for the second Monday each month.
- The Princeton Review offered many workshops focusing on College Prep in September for our high school students.
- Family Board Game Event was hosted on Monday, September 26, 2022.
- Sewing class on Monday, September 19, focused on hand sewing techniques was a superhit this month.
- We are very fortunate to have Ms. Lynne 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.
- Our adult volunteer Kathy Tauber will be replacing Erin Hurt and will be leading one of the book discussions in the fall.
- Brittany from "Hope is the way, Love is the answer" decorated both our atrium and library display case in August & September.
- Wendy Higgin decorated our display case with animal figurines and books that went with the animal.
- Our new adult material display nook is next to Mary's Books and Beans. Megan displayed materials highlighting "Fall" and Autumn."

Children's Services:

- On Saturday, September 10, 2022, the library had a special Saturday story time.
- 17 middle school students joined us for our first Junior Friends meeting of the school year.
- Our reading dog August will now be visiting once a month.
- We had an excited group of caregivers and little ones attend a beautiful fall day as we danced our socks off to popular music from movies like Encanto, Frozen, and Sing.

- Our popular chess club is back for another six-week session.
- Intermediate chess players meet with Mr. Eathon on Wednesdays to continue learning about the game chess.
- On Tuesday, September 20, in anticipation for fall, we read stories about leaves.
- Miss. Sue did a fun story time that featured fruits for 14 kids and 12 adults.
- We've invited our youngest readers back with infant story time for children from birth-2 years.
- 12 middle school students joined Miss. Becky to learn about the filmmaking classes and film festival that will be happening this fall.
- On a day off from school, everything was awesome for some building loving kids at the library's Lego Build Party.
- On Tuesday, September 27, Ms. Stephanie got a little "nutty" as she read books and sang songs about acorns.
- On Wednesday, September 28, we had the first of our filmmaking classes for middle school with the goal to have a completed short film by mid-November.
- On Thursday, September 29, Miss. Sue and her 40 story time participants had a BLAST learning more about stars and space.
- This month we hosted a special all ages reading challenge for the month of September through Beanstack, with theme "NASA's Artemis Project: to the Moon and Beyond!"

Old Business:

- Event calendar & room reservation software
- Passport services
- Photo & Video policy
- Budget 2023

New Business:

- 2021 WAFL
- 2022-2023 application and plan for the use of state aid. The Library Board of Directors recommended the \$108,771 from state aid be used towards materials.

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