

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

November 14, 2022, 6:45 P.M.-7:20 P.M.

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

Minutes: Minutes were approved from the September 10, 2022, meeting.

Adult Services and Directors Comments:

- Our passport service is going great.
- We are working on a new calendar software. We will no longer use DEMCO's Evanced system for calendar and room reservation beginning December 1, 2022.
- Importance of Will and Power of Attorney on Monday, October 3, presented by Nicole B. LaBletta was very well attended.
- 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.
- Computer Basics Class for adults will be held Thursday of each month.
- ESL classes in-person continues to meet every Tuesday at noon.
- Adult coloring and board game night is scheduled for the second Monday of every month.
- We are very fortunate to have Mrs. Lynne Williams, the Executive Director of Philadelphia Area Great Careers Group present seminars for job seekers every month.
- Our adult volunteer Kathy Tauber will be replacing Erin Hurt and will be leading a book discussion in the fall.
- Diwali Event was a huge success. We had around 250 residents participate in the celebration on Monday, October 17th.
- Our patrons are always happy to gather to knit at the library.
- Our library TAG volunteer Sudhikshna Suresh decorated our display case with her beautiful painting. She displayed acrylic painting of Kathakali dance figures, Tanjore painting of Indian Goddess, acrylic "Lady with Sitar" painting created by artist Ravi Varma, abstract oil-painting of Peacock, acrylic painting of the beautiful Taj Mahal built by Shahjahan, acrylic Krishna, and Radha painting and "Lotuses on Lily pads" acrylic painting.
- Yet another great talent, Desika decorated our library display window. She displayed clay embossed mural style acrylic and metallic painting of ladies, split art of Buddha-acrylic painting on 3 canvasses, Coffee painting of Indian wonder Taj Mahal, acrylic painting of 2 lovely peacocks, and Rajput princess and deer acrylic painting, and palette knife gel of an Indian temple.
- Sangeetha displayed materials highlighting "India and it's culture".

Children's Services:

- Our popular chess club continued to meet weekly through the month of October.
- Intermediate chess players meet with Mr. Ethan on Wednesdays to learn some chess strategies beyond the basics.

- 23 middle school students met with Miss. Becky on October 3rd for Junior Friends, our monthly volunteer group.
- On Tuesday, October 4th, we had nine children, and nineteen adults brave the rain and attend story time in the Little Theater.
- Infant story time continues to be one of our most popular story time options for families.
- Miss. Rena led this open crafting event on 10/5/22 for 14 kids in kindergarten through 8th grade.
- Over the course of two weeks, 5 groups of middle school filmmakers met to work on pre-production before they started filming their movies.
- On Thursday, October 6th, Miss. Sue had ten families attend a fun Robot story time.
- We held a five-week Parent Child workshop for children ages 1-3 and their caregivers.
- 12 students in grades 3-6 met with Miss. Becky to learn about all the cool things the library has to offer besides books.
- On Tuesday, October 11, we had twelve families join Ms. Stephanie as she read books and sang songs about pumpkins.
- Our reading dog, August, was back this month for read to the Dog.
- Our middle school filmmakers had 3 classes this month to work on the filming portion of their project.
- On Thursday 10/13, Miss. Sue led a story time featuring books with Funny Veggies for twelve families.
- On Monday, 10/17, Miss. Sue and Sirsha Srinivasan led an upbeat and very well attended story time in the Little Theater with 55 people in attendance to celebrate Diwali.
- We had a very busy evening with our Diwali Craft program during our Diwali program.
- On Tuesday, October 18th, Ms. Stephanie presented story time in the Little Theater in the morning and afternoon.
- On Thursday, 10/20, Miss. Sue hosted ten families for a fun Dragon story time.
- On Saturday, October 22nd, Miss. Becky presented a special Día de los Muertos story time.
- Kids and adults attended our Open Makerspace event on Monday, October 24th, where they got to play around with and try out many of our different STEM toys and games
- On Tuesday, October 25th, Ms. Stephanie had 16 kids and 15 adults join her in the Little Theater to hear books and songs about “Spiders”.
- On Thursday, 10/27, Miss. Sue featured not-so-scary Monsters in Monster Mash story time.
- On Halloween, Miss. Sue held a fun and festive story time featuring all things Halloween.

Old Business:

- 2021 WAFL

New Business:

- District Consultant Monthly Newsletter
- Review Policy Manual

Supervisor Liaison Report:

- Carole updated the board on various township activities.

Up Coming Events:

- 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