

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

December 12, 2022, 6:45 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

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

Minutes: Minutes were approved from the November 14, 2022, library board meeting.

Adult Services and Director's Comments:

- We are excited to announce new calendar switchover. Starting December 1, 2022, we switched to a new software that comes from a company called SpringShare that works with libraries from around the world.
- 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 Wednesday of the month from 11 am to 12 pm.
- 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 12pm.
- Adult coloring and board game night is scheduled for the second Monday of every month from 6 pm to 8 pm.
- We are very fortunate to have Mrs. 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 on the fourth Monday of the month.
- Our Atrium Display Case was decorated by Ms. Higham. She displayed her beautiful China collection.
- We were fortunate to have UMASD's Heritage Club decorate our window in November.
- Our new adult material display nook is next to Mary's Books and Beans.

Children's Services:

- Our tiniest readers were excited to don their Halloween costumes.
- Our middle school filmmakers met one more time to finish up their movies with some editing.
- Our final Parent/Child Workshop was supposed to be with a sleep specialist, but she had to cancel the last minute with a sick kid at home.
- On Saturday, November 5, Ms. Stephanie's story time was all about "let's play pretend".
- On Monday s during the month of November, Ms. Stephanie held 2 American Sing Language classes for grades k-2 and 2-4.
- On Tuesday, November 8, eight friends galloped into the Little Theater to have a Unicorn Party.
- On Tuesday, November 8th, the kids had off from school, so we offered a fun Lego Build program.
- On November 14th, forty-two people came to Freedom Hall to see the finished works of our Middle School Filmmakers.
- After our film festival premiere, our Junior Friends group met.

- Four children ages 4-7 joined Miss. Svetlana for an evening of celebrating Vivaldi.
- Filled with silly stories about turkeys and all things Thanksgiving, our babies and their caregivers came out in droves to celebrate the holiday with us.
- On Wednesday, November 16, eleven kids and seven adults joined Ms. Stephanie in the Little Theater for a Pajama story time.
- On November 22, Miss. Sue had forty people attend her Family Thanksgiving story time.
- Our middle school students met at the end of November for our “Superhero Creators” program.
- The elementary school students got to have their superhero fun two days later at our Superhero Training Academy.

Old Business:

- New Library Calander
- Approved Policy Manual Update for 2023

Supervisor Liaison Report:

- Carole updated the board on various township activities.

Up Coming Events:

- January 9, 20232 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.-Reorganization Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Duris, Secretary