

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

April 10, 2023, 6:45 p.m.-7:55 p.m.

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

Minutes: Minutes were approved from the March 13, 2023, meeting.

Adult Services and Director's Comments:

- Estate planning workshop on Monday, March 13, presented by Jeffrey R. Bellomo, Esquire and our very own John Crowley interested many of our patrons.
- Spring Book Discussion on Sunday, March 19, was attended by our regulars.
- Meditation workshop run by the volunteers from FalunDafa.org will be held on the second Tuesday of every month at 6 pm.
- Our passport service is going great!
- If you own an iPad or an iPhone but have trouble using it? Ms. Sangeetha will be here at the library on the first Monday of the month from 6 pm to 7:30 pm for a twenty minute one on one session.
- Sangeetha will be teaching Basic Computer Class at UMSCC the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 12 pm to 1 pm.
- Computer Basics Class for adults will be held the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.
- ESL classes in-person 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 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.
- Library Display Window: Although scrapbooking predates photography, both have been an important part of memory keeping.
- Atrium Display Window: Patti Erickson from autism Society of Greater Philadelphia decorated our atrium display case in March.
- Krissy and Megan are coming up with creative ways to decorate our adult display.

Children's Services:

- Seventeen middle school students met once a week in the month of March for the "Marketing Mania" program run by Srisha Srinivasan as part of her senior grad project.
- On Friday, March 3, our 1st Parent/Child Workshops began.
- On March 6, thirteen of our Junior Friends came to the library to help with filming a commercial for our upcoming summer reading program.
- On March 3, 2023, Miss Sue had twenty-one attendees at her PreK Art Explorers.
- On Friday, March 10th we had our 2nd presenter at our Parent/Child Workshop.

- Twenty-eight children and 12 parents came to the library on a Monday afternoon in March to join us for an open makerspace program.
- In honor of Pi Day (3/14), thirteen elementary school students came to the library for some fun math activities.
- On Monday s, during the month of March, Ms. Stephanie hosted American Sign Language classes.
- Miss Sue hosted a morning and afternoon St. Patrick's Day story time for kids ages 2-5.
- On Friday, March 17, we continued with our Parent/Child Workshop.
- In celebration of spring and the excitement at Longwood Gardens this time of year, Ms. Stephanie presented books about bees and gardens.
- Twenty-two middle school students attended our 3rd monthly session of Occupation Exploration, where they learn about a different career each month and do a fun related activity.
- On Tuesday, March 21st, fourteen families joined Ms. Stephanie in Freedom Hall to play and learn sign language.
- We offered a brand-new program for toddlers and preschoolers called Music and Movement filled with lots of songs, musical instruments, and dancing.
- On Friday, March 24th, we had our 4th presenter for our Parent/Child Workshop come.
- On Tuesday, March 27th, Ms. Stephanie hosted a story time around everyone's favorite...Pizza!
- A big crowd joined us for Baby Story time with new story time leaders-Ms. Laura, Ms. Sue, and Ms. Stephanie.
- On Wednesday, March 29th, Ms. Stephanie presented "Plant, Seed, & Read!" program in conjunction with Longwood Gardens Community Read program.
- On Friday, March 31st, we had our last Parent/Child Workshop with over twenty-five families coming to Freedom Hall.

Old Business:

- Joint meeting of Citizens Board Chairs and Board of Supervisors
- Book Challenges
- Joint Board Meeting Prep-April 20, 2023, 7:30 pm

New Business:

- Magazine collection
- Website refresh

Supervisor Liaison Report:

- Carole updated the board on various township activities.

Up Coming Events:

- 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