

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

June 12, 2023, 6:45 P.M.-7:32 P.M.

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

Unable to Attend: Janette Heil, David Newman, Fauzia Shamim

Minutes: Minutes were approved from the May 8, 2023 meeting.

Adult Services and Director's Comments:

- A huge shout out to Dennis Shaub for conducting six weeks session to teach adults to play Bridge.
- We were very fortunate to have Mr. Ray Rossa present a two-part series on Pearl Harbor Attack.
- Inventors Fairs Saturday, May 6 was very well attended by our community members.
- Sprin Book Discussion on Sunday, May 21, was attended by our regulars.
- Gardening Workshop presented by Tom Mrazik, Penn State volunteer gardener presented on how to grow, care, and treat ornamental grass during warm season.
- We are excited to partner with Autism Society Greater Philadelphia to host a monthly session for adults with disabilities.
- A Meditation Workshop run by the volunteers from FalunDafa.org will be held the second Tuesday of every month at 6 pm.
- Our passport service is going great!
- Ms. Sangeetha will be here at the library the first Monday of the month from 6 pm to 7:30 pm for a 20-minute one-on-one session.
- Sangeetha will be teaching Basic Computer Class the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 12 pm to 1 pm.
- Computer Basics Class at UMSCC will be on a hiatus till the end of this year, instead Ms. Sangeetha will be offering topic specific in-person class during the summer.
- 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.
- Our May display by Jeff "Read your way around the world featured books, audiobooks, and DVDs of all genres and types that contained place names on the cover. Cities, U.S. states, and countries all figured into each title. We also displayed information about National Travel and Tourism week, which was May 7-13, and infographic about how beneficial studying abroad is for college students (via the ACIS).

Children's Services:

- Our Junior Friends met in the month of May to help with summer reading prep and our used book sale.
- On Tuesday, May 2, fifty-two people joined Miss Sue in the Little Theater for songs and stories all about the farm.
- The sweet little babies absolutely love coming to story time at the library.
- On May 4, the force with Miss Sue during her Space themed story time where twenty-five kids and twenty adults were in attendance.
- On Friday, May 5, Miss Sue hosted the PreK class at UM Baptist Nursery School for a 40 minute story time all about the Farm.
- While on hiatus between chess lessons, we invited our elementary age kids to come in for a chess open play afternoon.
- Miss Becky led a self-care program for those in grades 5-8 to learn about different ways to take care of ourselves mentally, emotionally, and physically.
- Our Saturday story time on May 13th had a fun theme all about nachos, tacos, and other snack food.
- Throughout the month of May, Miss Becky and Miss Laura visited 4 of the elementary schools in our area to talk about summer reading.
- A total of twenty-eight children and parents came for our May Homeschoolers Afternoon, where we had to create our own board game activity.
- This month's Occupation Exploration had nineteen middle school students attending and featured a visitor who works in electrical engineering on passenger trains.
- On May 16, Miss Sue welcomed twenty-six PreK students to her Butterfly Magic program.
- On May 23, Miss Sue had both morning and afternoon Turtle themed story time for kids 2-5 to celebrate National Turtle Day and tera the Turtle's 23rd birthday.
- On May 25, fifty-eight adults and kids (ages 1-3) enjoyed a fun open play session in Freedom Hall led by Miss Rena.
- On Tuesday, may 30th, the 1st and 2nd grade classes from Candlebrook Elementary School came to visit the library on a field trip.

Summer Reading:

- Summer Reading for ages 5-100+ is June 19, -August 11
- Theme: All Together Now
- Summer Reading Kick-Off & Used Book Sale-Monday, June 19
- Decorations are beginning to go up throughout the library
- Wide variety of programs for kids of all ages throughout summer

Old Business:

- Update on County book challenges.
- Policy changes

New Business:

- Board Meeting Break August
- Farmer's Market Dates July 1, 8, 29, August 5, 12
- Library Closed July 2-4 for Independence Day

Supervisor Liaison Report:

- Carole updated the board on various township activities.

Up Coming Events:

- July 10, 2023, Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- August 14, 2023, Library Board Meeting Cancelled
- 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 6:45 p.m.
- January 8, 2024, Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.-Reorganization Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Duris, Secretary