

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

November 14, 2016 6:45p.m.-7:35p.m.

Attendees:

Jonathan Black, David Bristowe, Sharon Duris, Katie Kohler, Linda Noll, Janet Medrow, Tracey Pasquale, Fauzia Shamim, Carole Keeney-Township Liaison, Laura Arnhold-Library Director

Minutes:

Minutes were approved from the October 10, 2016 meeting.

Adult Services and Directors Comments:

Bollywood Dance Workshop on Monday October 3, 2016 was led by our library patron Ms. Apurva and well attended by our patrons.

Jazz Night by Ralph Penn was held on Friday, October 7, 2016 at 7 p.m. and attended by 55 patrons.

Adult coloring night has been very successful and had 12 patrons on Monday, October 10, 2016.

King of Prussia Wellness center partnered with us for a seminar on "How to stay fit while at work" on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Social Security Workshop presented by Mr. Crowley has been very successful. He presented a 2-part session covering Medicare and social security.

ACT practice test on Saturday, October 15, 2016, co-sponsored by Princeton review was well attended by high school students from our area and from neighboring townships as well.

Tech Night on October 24, 2016 was another successful night with 10 patrons and 10 volunteers helping them.

Art Lecture by Fred Dixon on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 was attended by 16 adult patrons. The topic he covered was "The Great I-Can-Do-Anything-Better-Than-You Rivalry".

Diwali Night on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 was a huge success. Over 250 residents attended the celebration.

Children's Services:

The six-week fall story hour session began the week of September 26, 2016 and ended the week of October 31, 2016. There were five daytime classes offered that required registration and one drop-in evening pajama story-time. Most classes had 25 or more students registered with waiting lists.

The library's four week Fall Parent/Child Workshop ended October 14, 2016. Approximately twenty-two children and their parent or guardian attended.

The Junior Friends Group met on October 10, 2016.

Susan Kirkpatrick coordinated October visits to 19 local preschools and daycare facilities involved in the library's outreach program.

Reading Buddy coordinator, Susan Kirkpatrick pairs emerging readers in k-3rd grade with older students in 5th-12th grade for reading practice. These students meet weekly in the library.

There are currently 55 Reading Buddy Pairs.

Twenty-two children in 1st-4th grade participated in Fun Friday with Becky Ginther on October 9, 2016 with focus on elections.

The library participated in the Jumpstart's Read for the Record program by reading The Bear Ate Your Sandwich by Julia Sarcone-Roach to a total of 20 participants on October 27, 2016. The world's largest shared reading program. Participants from all over the world read this book to close to 2.5 million children.

There were 197 entries submitted for the library's 42nd annual Write and Illustrate Your Own Book

Contest. Diane Shatzman, Judy Snook, Terry McArdle, Joan Shaw, John Miraglia, Phil Piazza, and Laura Selinsky are reviewing the manuscripts and will select first, second, third and honorable mention winners for each grade level. The winners will be notified on Monday, November 21, 2016.

On Friday, November 4, 2016, the library was magically transformed for the eighth annual Enchanted Library. Artistic directors, Laura Arnhold and Stephanie Spangler created the scripts and organized the event. Becky Ginther and Laura Arnhold co-directed the show with help and support of the entire library staff. This year's theme focused on children's classic stories including Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs, Strega Nona, If You Give a Mouse a Cookie, Miss Nelson is Missing, Amelia Bedelia, Paddington Bear, and Winnie the Pooh. Three hundred and eight children and family members participated in these tours.

Library staff members Rina Das and Sangeetha Srinivasan coordinated special programs for various age groups on October 26, 2016 for Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights. Children ages 2 to 5 attended a story time that included the book, Ria and Raj and the Gigantic Diwali Surprise by Kiran Lyall as well as Diwali songs and activities explaining the traditions surrounding Diwali.

Sue Kirkpatrick showcased the library's book contest collection on the large table during the first two weeks of October and Becky Ginther created an Elect to Read display which remained up until after the election. There were also displays during October featuring holiday books on Halloween, Christopher Columbus Day, the Muslim New Year, Yom Kippur, Rosh Hashanah, and Succoth. Rina created a small table display highlighting Hindu books in anticipation of this year's Diwali festival. Other displays featured fire safety with educational coloring books for children, apples, pumpkins and Polish culture.

Report from Carole Keeney-Township Liaison:

Carole updated the board on various township activities

Upcoming events:

December 12, 2016 Library Board Meeting 6:45p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sharon Duris, Secretary