

Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

November 8, 2021, 6:45 P.M.-7:25 P.M.

Attendees: David Bristowe, Sharon Duris, Linda Noll, Beth Nachman, Tracey Pasquale, Fauzia Shamim, Laura Arnhold-Library Director

Unable To Attend: Janet Medrow, Carole Keeney-Township Liaison

Minutes: Minutes were approved from the October 11, 2021, meeting.

Adult Services and Director's Comments:

- Fall Book Discussion is led by English Professor Erin Hurt. We will be meeting in person this fall.
- Computer Basics Classes for adults will be held on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.
- Our ESL classes in-person sessions are held every Tuesday at noon in the Valley Forge room.
- Thanks to Upper Merion Township for hosting the Fall Festival at Heuser Park on Saturday October 2, 2021.
- Save-Organize-Share Your Digital Photos presentation on Monday, October 4th was informative and was attended by many of our patrons.
- Tutor.com-a walkthrough for library patrons.
- Thanks to The Princeton Review for hosting Crafting Your College Application Essays and a Practice ACT test in October.
- Gardening series: Fall Time Tree Care presented by TJ Mrazik-Penn State Gardener was informative as always.

Children's Services:

- On October 4th, 14 kids in grades 5-8 came to the library for our monthly Junior Friends meeting.
- 8 children in 3rd and 4th grade came on October 11th for Passport Pals where they learned all about Mexico and Día de los Muertos.
- 11 kids in grades k-2 met in Freedom Hall to learn about Australian coral reef fish and sea creatures.
- Over the course of 2 sessions 27 kids in grades k-4 came to the library to participate in several activities inspired by the book series Dog Man, by Dav Pilkey.
- Seven students in elementary school joined Ms. Laura for a program on crafting a strong story.
- Presented both in-person outside (twice for 27 kids + families), Miss Sue and her story time kids enjoyed a fun story time about using your imagination and seeing the world in a different way
- A magical, Mythical story time was presented in-person outside (twice for 29 kids + families) and virtually (once for 6 kids + families) by Miss. Sue.
- Boo to you at this fun, costumed story time that was presented in-person outside (twice for 40 kids +families) and virtually (once for 10 kids + families) by Miss. Sue.
- With only two little ones in attendance, Ms. Laura shared a fall theme virtual story time that would make squirrels proud!

- We had eight kids in attendance for our monster themed virtual program who truly enjoyed the story time.

Old Business:

- Staffing

New Business:

- Friends of the Library Award
- Automatic Renewals
- ARP Funding

Upcoming Events:

- December 13, 2021, Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- January 10, 2022, Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.-Reorganization Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Duris, Secretary