

## Upper Merion Township Library Board Meeting

March 14, 2022, 6:45 p.m.-7:45 p.m.

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

**Unable to Attend:** Janet Medrow

**Minutes:** Minutes were approved from the February 14, 2022, meeting.

### Adult Services and Directors Comments:

- Computer Basics Class for adults will be held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.
- Our ESL classes in person sessions are held every Tuesday at noon.
- We will resume our Tech Nights starting in March.
- 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 in person Knit Nite was a great success.
- We will be partnering with tutor.com to host a webinar once a month that will help parents help their children utilize this great service we are offering.
- During the month of February, the Grab-and-Go activity was a kaleidoscope to go along with this year's Black History theme.
- On Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, we had Ralph Penn and his band perform a variety of songs including Jazz, Blues, and many more.
- On Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Cecelia headed DIY activities for elementary and middle school children.
- Lest We Forget Museum virtual tour on Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, was attended by many adults and children.
- On Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, the children's department hosted a kaleidoscope of Joy story time featuring Black authors and illustrators with special guest Miss. Izzy.
- Thanks to The Princeton review for hosting college prep seminar in February.
- Atrium Display Case: FOBH committee member Ms. LaVera Seymour, decorated our display case highlighting African History and personalities.
- Inside Display case: FOBH committee member Ms. Michelle decorated the inside case with dolls representing the change in African American music culture.
- Adult Book display: Ms. Cecelia displayed books and materials highlighting Black History.

### Children's Services:

- 10 middle school students came for the library's monthly Junior Friends meeting at the library on February 7<sup>th</sup>.
- On February 9<sup>th</sup>, 23 students in grades k-4 joined a Zoom call with Miss. Becky to paint together in a virtual version of our painting party.
- For grades 5-8, the library hosted another in-person painting party which was attended by 11 students.

- In-person on 2/1, in Freedom Hall, 36 adults and kids (ages birth-5) enjoyed a fun story time all about snow creatures.
- In-person on 2/8 in Freedom Hall 38 adults and kids enjoyed a fun story time about love.
- In-person on 2/15 in Freedom Hall, 39 adults and kids enjoyed a story time all about Moose.
- In-person on 2/22 in Freedom Hall, 36 adults and kids enjoyed a story time on Owls.
- A Kaleidoscope of Joy story time presented virtually on Saturday 2/6 to 24 adults and kids on the zoom call, this story time was part of the library's month-long Black History Celebration.
- 15 kids were so excited to share what they already knew about chess and learn even more with our volunteer, Mr. Ethan.
- 75 build your own kaleidoscopes were available at this month's grab and go activity to go along with our Black History theme.

#### **Old Business:**

- Annual Report
- Joint Board Meeting presentation (April 21, 2022, at 7:30 in the Board Room)
- Passport Services

#### **New Business:**

- Picture Book Neighborhoods

#### **Supervisor Liaison Report:**

- Carole updated the board on various township activities

#### **Up Coming Events:**

- April 11, 2022, Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- April 21, 2022, Joint Board Meeting 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room
- May 9, 2022, Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- June 13, 2022, Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- July 11, 2022, Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- August 8, 2022, Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- September 12, 2022, Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- October 10, 2022, Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- November 14, 2022, Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- December 12, 2022, Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.
- January 9, 2023 Library Board Meeting 6:45 p.m.-Reorganization Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Duris, Secretary