

LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Upper Merion Township Building
175 W. Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406
February 12, 2024 Meeting at 6:45 PM

MEETING MINUTES

- I. Attendance
 - a. Attending – Davie Bristowe, Sharon Duris, Janette Heil, David Newman, Laura Arnhold, Carole Kenney, Beth Nachman, Linda Noll
 - b. Guest – Amanda Lafty, Assistant Township Manager
 - c. Unable to attend – Fauzia Shamin

- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a. January 8, 2024

- III. Comments from Chairperson
 - a. Next meeting date – March 11, 2024
 - b. Citizen Board Breakfast – Tuesday, March 19 at 7:30am – Board Chairperson

- IV. Reports and Discussions
 - a. Started the meeting with a library joke from Sharon – “Do you know books change their color? After you read them, they turn red!”

 - b. Adult & YA Services – Laura is trying a new format for the monthly report, focusing on the comparison of statistics on the front and photos on the back; she would appreciate feedback.

A wide variety of events highlighted the 25th celebration of Black History month, including a Motown performance and historical interpretation led by Dr. Daisy Century. A storyteller, Dr. Paul Best, will be attending at the end of the month.

The two-sentence romance story contest was well received.

 - c. Children’s Services – The Write & Illustrate Your Own Book Award ceremony will be held on February 27th.

Plans are underway for the summer reading program which will begin on June 17th. The theme will be “Adventure Begins at Your Library”.

 - d. Staff training will be held on February 19th. The day will include a guest speaker, Tracey Reed, who will talk about “How Do We Fit In? The Difference Between Local Libraries, MCINC, and the District”. After time for shelf reading and lunch, an Upper Merion Police Officer will discuss Active

Shooter Training. The Day will conclude with a review of eMaterials (OverDrive, Kanopy, Hoopla, and ComicsPlus) and Anonymous Asks.

- e. Annual Joint Board Meeting will be held either April 18, April 25, or May 23. Board members are asked to bring ideas to the March meeting. Possible presentations might focus on “The Top Ten Things to Know About the Library” a histogram of library highlights or a closer look at the local history collection.

- f. Supervisor Liaison Report
 - i. Carole reminded us that July of 2026 will be America’s birthday.
 - ii. She also talked about the trash service within the Township.
 - iii. The Swedesburg Fire Department is having Friday Fish Fries during Lent.
 - iv. A number of residents have become concerned by the growing number of deer in residential areas.

One more library joke...

“What do planets like to read? Comet books!”

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Noll, Secretary