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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Avon Grove Library Plans November Programs for All Ages and Interests

West Grove, Pa., October 25, 2019 – From daily storytimes and special event programming to a teen service club, book clubs for adults, and crafting sessions for all ages, Avon Grove Library offers many opportunities for learning and enjoyment this November. The website www.avongrovelibrary.org and the Avon Grove Library Facebook and Instagram will have updates and additions. **Please note that the library is closed and no programs will be held on November 11, 28 and 29. On November 5, the library will be open but no programs will be held due to Election Day.**

Children's and Family Programs (unless otherwise noted, all programs are free and require no registration):

- Babies, toddlers and preschoolers, along with their caregivers, can attend **storytimes** held every weekday at the library. Most are themed for certain age groups, but older and younger siblings are always welcome.
 - **Toddler Storytimes** are held every Tuesday at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.
 - **Preschool Storytimes** are held every Monday at 10 a.m., Wednesday at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. and Friday at 10 a.m.
 - **Bilingual Storytime** is held Mondays at 10 a.m. Participants will have the opportunity to hear stories and songs in both English and Spanish. The session also includes a craft and open playtime. This storytime is open to all ages and no previous experience with Spanish or English is necessary.
 - Avon Grove Library partners with Starbucks in Jennersville to offer a weekly **Storytime at Starbucks**, held every Thursday at 1 p.m.
 - **Pets and Friends Storytime**, a partnership with the Pets and Friends store in Jennersville, is held the first and third Monday of each month at 1 p.m. in the store.
 - **Storytime at Treetops Kitty Café** is held the third Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. and includes stories, crafts and playtime fun with the cats that are up for adoption. Treetops Kitty Café is located at 305 State Street, Kennett Square. Registration and a fee are required. To register and for more information, visit www.treetopskittycafe.com.
 - **Big Yellow Mug Storytime** will be held in the coffeehouse at the Christian Life Center located at 125 Saginaw Rd, Lincoln University, the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m.
 - In partnership with The Light Within Yoga Studio, Avon Grove Library will begin offering **Yoga Storytime** on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at

Penn Township Park from 1–2 p.m. Caretakers and children of all ages are invited to listen to stories, learn the basics of yoga and enjoy a calming craft together. Participants should bring their own yoga mats or towels.

- On the first Saturday of each month from 11 a.m. to noon, slots are available for a 10-minute session reading aloud to our **Paws for Reading** canine partners. All ages are welcome. Registration is necessary for this free program.
- On the first Saturday of each month at 1 p.m., visitors can build setups with tracks, buildings and accessories using the library's collection of **GeoTrax Trains**. Children of all ages are welcome.
- **Lego Club** is held the first and third Thursday of each month 4:30–5:30 p.m.; **Lego Block Party** is held the fourth Saturday of each month 1–2 p.m. Legos, Duplos and/or MegaBlocks are provided.
- **Books and Breakfast** is all about "Giving Thanks!" this month. On Saturday November 9 at 10 a.m. families can come enjoy storytime, fun crafts, a delicious pancake breakfast, and more.
- Avon Grove Library and the Jennersville Performing Arts Center are collaborating to offer a **Frozen Jr. Meet & Greet** on Saturday November 9 from 1:30–3 p.m. Families and children of all ages are invited for an afternoon of winter-themed stories, treats, and a meet and greet with the cast of JPAC'S upcoming performance of Frozen Jr. Registration is required.
- Children in grades K–12 are invited to participate in a **Nerf Battle** in the library from 5:30–7 p.m. on Friday November 15. Registration is required and participants must bring their own nerf guns.
- Avon Grove Library will host a **Kindness Day Care and Share** from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. on Saturday November 16. Patrons of all ages can come to the library to make cards and small gifts for distribution at local organizations such as nursing homes, hospitals, etc.
- **Bookworms** will meet on the third Wednesday of each month from 12:30–1:30 p.m. Homeschooled students in grades 3–6 will read a different book each month and then meet together to discuss it. This month's title is *The Phantom Tollbooth*.

Teen Programs (unless otherwise noted, all programs are free and require no registration):

- **Teen Service Club** meets every Tuesday from 3:30–5 p.m. Teens can accrue volunteer service hours by preparing storytime crafts, helping out at family programs, and participating in other activities to benefit the library.

Adult Programs (unless otherwise noted, all programs are free and require no registration):

- Starting November 4, **The Write Stuff** will meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 6:30–7:30 p.m. This is a weekly workshop designed for adult writers of all genres and experience levels to brainstorm ideas and build relationships with fellow writers.
- The inaugural **Southern Chester County Writers Conference** will be held Saturday, November 16, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. at TCHS Pennock's Bridge Campus in West Grove, PA. All are welcome to this free event. Mark Bowden (*Black Hawk Down, The Last Stone*) will give a keynote on the writing process, there will be breakout sessions on publishing and research, and several local authors will showcase their books. #sccwriters
- Adult crafters of all experience levels are invited to a **Holiday Centerpiece Workshop** fundraiser on Saturday, November 30. There will be two workshops offered from 10 a.m.–noon and 2:30–4:30 p.m. Attendees must register for either of these workshops and should bring their own clippers, preferably wire cutters. Boxwood and

other crafting materials will be provided. The cost for participation will be \$45 and all proceeds will benefit the library.

- Avon Grove Library's **Book Club for Adults** meets the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Participants vote on the titles to read and gather monthly for lively conversation. This month's title is *Story of Arthur Truluv* by Elizabeth Berg.
- **Craft and Create for Adults** meets the first and second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Participants bring their own favorite project (painting, sewing, scrapbooking, etc.) and enjoy the company of other adults while crafting.
- The **Young Adult Book Club for Adults** meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. Patrons 18 years and older read a book from the YA genre and discuss it with their fellow Young Adults at heart. This month's title is *The 57 Bus: A True Story of Two Teenagers and the Crime That Changed Their Lives* by Dashka Slater.
- **Sit and Knit** is held on the first and third Monday of each month 3–4:30 p.m. Participants of any experience level should bring a project they are working on to learn tips and share ideas with other knitters. This program is also intended for crochet and embroidery crafters. All adults and children accompanied by an adult are welcome.

Area residents can learn more about storytimes, classes and programs at www.avongrovelibrary.org, which is updated frequently with new programs and details.

Located in the heart of West Grove, Pa., Avon Grove Library is a vital educational institution, offering equal opportunity for self-directed learning, research assistance and instruction, and enriching experiences to over 30,000 people of all ages in southern Chester County. The library is a member of the Chester County Library System.

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