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### **Avon Grove Library Plans June Programs for All Ages and Interests**

West Grove, Pa., May 13, 2019 – Children and their families are invited to celebrate “**A Universe of Stories!**” following the theme of **Avon Grove Library’s 2019 Summer Reading Program**. In honor of this program, the library will be hosting a free **Summer Reading Kick-Off Party** on **Saturday, June 15 beginning at 10:00 a.m.** Then throughout the summer, Avon Grove Library will offer many opportunities for both learning and enjoyment. The website [www.avongrovelibrary.org](http://www.avongrovelibrary.org) and the Avon Grove Library Facebook page will have updates and additions.

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.
  - **Cruise Into Kindergarten** will be held every Monday at 11 a.m. starting June 17. Attendees participate in activities such as circle time, stories, learning activities and art projects that prepare 4- and 5-year-olds for kindergarten.
  - **Bilingual Storytime** is held Thursdays 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](http://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.
- **Lunch and Stories: Teddy Bear Picnic** is held every Wednesday at noon at Penn Township Park beginning June 19. Preschool age children are invited to come listen to stories, make a craft and play outdoor games. Participants may provide their own lunch or snack. This storytime is weather permitting.
- On the first Saturday of each month from 11 a.m. to noon, slots are available for a 10-minute session reading aloud to Cooper or Wesley, 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.
- **Bilingual Family Night** will be held the first Friday of each month 6:00–8:00 p.m. Families are invited to enjoy an evening of themed games, crafts and snacks. No previous experience with Spanish or English is necessary.
- **Cliffhangers Club** for 6- to 9-year-olds meets every Wednesday 4:30–5:30 p.m. A librarian will read aloud from a chapter book over a series of weeks, start to finish, with plenty of “cliffhangers” in between. At the finish of each book, there will be an activity themed to the book.
- Families are invited to join Avon Grove Library at Penn Township Park this summer for an **Outdoor Movies** series. The first showing will be the Disney animated classic *The Little Mermaid* on Friday June 14 at 7 p.m. Ice cream and food trucks will be available for purchase.
- Families can build their creativity at **Messy Mondays** starting June 17 at 2:00 p.m. The library will open all the craft cupboards and allow participants to create whatever they desire to make.
- **Up to the Challenge** will return on Fridays at 1 p.m. beginning June 28. Second through fifth grade students are invited to think, build and succeed to complete a new challenge each week.
- Beginning Wednesday June 19 at 1 p.m., children in second grade and older are invited to **Camp Crafts**, where they can come learn to make crafts any camper would know.
- **Science Club** will return on Thursdays at 2 p.m. beginning June 20. First through fifth graders are invited to come and learn about a new aspect of science each week. Demonstrations, activities and crafts are included.
- Children of all ages are invited to bring their American Girl or another doll to enjoy pampering, crafts and snacks at **Avon Grove Girl Summer Spa** on Saturday June 8 at 10 a.m. Registration is required for this free program.
- The first meeting of the **Dungeons & Dragons Club** will be held at 5 p.m. on June 27. More details will be posted on [www.avongrovelibrary.org](http://www.avongrovelibrary.org) as they become available.

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

- Students in grades 6–12 are invited to hang out at Avon Grove Library on **Teen Tuesdays** 3:30–5 p.m. starting June 18. Activities may involve playing Wii, getting crafty, eating snacks, and making new friends.

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

- 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. A list of monthly titles can be found at [www.avongrovelibrary.org](http://www.avongrovelibrary.org).
- **Craft and Create for Adults** meets the first Thursday of this 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 second 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 *Me and Earl and the Dying Girl* by Jesse Andrews.
- **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.
- **Résumé Prep** will be held on Friday June 21 at 6 p.m., offering participants the opportunity to learn how to write a great résumé, cover letter, and thank-you letter from an expert.
- **Interviewing Skills** will be held on Friday June 28 at 6 p.m., offering participants the opportunity to learn skills to ace any interview.
- Patrons are invited to the **Veterinary Acupuncture** program on Saturday June 29 at 4 p.m. Veterinarian Elizabeth McKinstry will teach about Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine, which includes acupuncture, herbs, Tui-na and food therapy.

Area residents can learn more about storytimes, classes and programs at [www.avongrovelibrary.org](http://www.avongrovelibrary.org), which is updated frequently with new programs and details.

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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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