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

West Grove, Pa., August 10, 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 summer. The website [www.avongrovelibrary.org](http://www.avongrovelibrary.org) and the Avon Grove Library Facebook page will have updates and additions. **Please note that due to Science in the Summer there will be no in-house storytimes or programs July 29–August 1, with the exception of Teen Tuesday, Lego Club, and Craft & Create.**

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** is held every Monday at 11 a.m. 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 at West Grove Memorial Park. 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. In the event of bad weather the storytime will be held at Avon Grove Library.
  - 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. 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.
- Avon Grove Library partners each summer with Dansko Shoes to offer a weekly **Storytime at Dansko** Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Storytime is held in the Outlet Store on Federal Rd. in Jennersville.
- Before heading back to school, families can come to the library to celebrate their summer reading accomplishments at our **Summer Reading Closing Party** on Saturday, August 17, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Participants can enjoy a puppet show with Rick Waterhouse at 11 a.m., meet local authors, make crafts, enjoy snacks, and more.
- 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 for an **Outdoor Summer Movies Series**. This month's showing will be *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse* on Friday August 9. The event begins at 7 p.m. and the show will start at sunset. Food and ice cream will be available for purchase.
- Families can build their creativity at **Messy Mondays** at 2:00 p.m through August 12. The library will open all the craft cupboards and allow participants to create whatever they desire to make.
- **Up to the Challenge** is on Fridays at 1 p.m through August 16. Second through fifth grade students are invited to think, build and succeed to complete a new challenge each week.
- Children in second grade and older are invited to **Camp Crafts**, where they can come learn to make crafts any camper would know on Wednesdays at 1 p.m through August 14.
- **Space Club** is on Thursdays at 2 p.m. First through fifth graders are invited to come and learn about a new aspect of science each week. Demonstrations, activities and crafts are included.
- **Dungeons & Dragons Club** will be held at 5 p.m. on Thursday August 8 and Thursday August 22. Participants must be age 8 or older and do not need prior experience with this popular fantasy tabletop role-playing game. Registration is required.
- On Saturday August 3 at 6 p.m., the library will be hosting **Family Fort Night**, where book lovers of all ages are invited to come build forts and read together in the library after hours.

- The library will host booths at two of the **National Night Out** celebrations organized by the Southern Chester County Regional Police Department. On Tuesday, August 6, 6–8 p.m., residents who stop by our tables can enjoy free children’s crafts, snacks for sale, and more. We will be in West Grove along Rosehill Avenue between Prospect and the Borough Building, and in Avondale at State Street and Route 41.

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 through August 13. Activities may involve playing Wii, getting crafty, eating snacks, and making new friends.
- Avon Grove Library is offering **Summer Reading Workshops** for students entering grades 6 – 12. Individual appointments are available during regular library hours and can be scheduled by emailing [kdavis@ccls.org](mailto:kdavis@ccls.org).

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. This month’s title is *Sicilian Splendors* by John Keahley.
- **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 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 *Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson.
- **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.
- A **West Grove Community Dinner** will be held Wednesday, August 7, 6–7:15 p.m. Area residents are welcome to bring their dinner (buy local or make your own) and join everyone on the lawn in front of the West Grove Borough Building for an informal community get-together. Avon Grove Library is co-hosting this event with the West Grove Friends Quaker Meeting. The event will not be religious, merely a way for people to meet one another and enjoy a discussion on any topic. Families are welcome.

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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