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Avon Grove Library Plans July Programs for All Ages and Interests

West Grove, Pa., June 3, 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 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 4 or July 29–August 1, with the exception of Teen Tuesday 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.

- **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.
- **Harmony in the Park: An All-American Program** will be held 6-8 p.m. Saturday, July 6 in Harmony Park at 230 West Harmony Road, West Grove. The Saxology saxophone quartet will perform patriotic melodies and songs by American composers. Food trucks will be available and admission is free. Attendees can use the picnic tables or bring their own seating.
- 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 **GeoTraxTrains**. 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 *Jurassic Park* on Friday July 5. 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. 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. 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.
- **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.
- The first meeting of the **Dungeons & Dragons Club** will be held at 5 p.m. on June 27. Participants must be age 8 or older and do not need prior experience. Registration is required. More details will be posted on www.avongrovelibrary.org.

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. 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.

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

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- 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 *Catch-22* by Joseph Heller.
- **Craft and Create for Adults** meets the second 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 *Eon: Dragoneye Reborn* by Alison Goodman.
- **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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