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Avon Grove Library to "Build a Better World" this summer

West Grove, Pa., June 26, 2017 – Children and their families are invited to "Build a Better World," following the theme of Avon Grove Library's 2017 Summer Reading Program. Throughout the summer, Avon Grove Library will offer many opportunities for both learning and enjoyment.

Children's and Family Programs:

- Babies, toddlers, and preschoolers, along with their caregivers, can attend free **storytimes** held every weekday at the library. Most are themed for certain age groups, but older and younger siblings are always welcome. No registration is necessary.
    - **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., Thursday at 10 a.m. and Friday at 10 a.m.
    - **Lunch and Stories: Teddy Bear Picnic** is held every Tuesday at noon at Penn Township Park (weather permitting).
    - **PM Storytimes in the Parks** check our website for select evenings (weather permitting) when the library will hold Storytimes in Goddard Park, Penn Twp. Park or West Grove Memorial Park.
    - Avon Grove Library partners with Starbucks Coffee in Jennersville to offer a weekly **Storytime at Starbucks** is held every Thursday at 1 p.m.
    - Avon Grove Library partners each summer with Dansko employees to offer a weekly **Storytime at Dansko** Wednesdays at 10 a.m. July 5 to August 23.

- Families can build their creativity at **Messy Mondays**, June 12 to August 7 at 2:00 p.m. The library will open all the craft cupboards and allow participants to create whatever they desire to make. This is a free program with no registration necessary.
- All ages are invited to **"Good Neighbors"** on the fourth Friday of each month at 2:00 p.m. Participants will help spread cheer throughout the library and the community by making cards for nursing homes, preparing care packages for those less fortunate, and giving back to the local community in other ways.

- Each Tuesday at 3:00 p.m. from June 27 to August 7, children in second to fifth grade can become **Book Buddies** and read together with a teen volunteer. This free program requires registration.
- Each Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. from June 28 to August 8, children in second to fifth grade will gather in groups to be **"Infomaniacs"** and tackle a new STEM project each week. No registration is required for this free program.
- Families will learn how to prepare healthy summertime foods at **"Build a Better YOU,"** held on Thursdays July 6, 13, and 20 at noon. Each session covers a different topic such as smart snacking and eating the rainbow, ending with a Potluck Cook-off! Registration is needed for this free program.
- The **Lego Club** and **Lego Block Party** are free, open to all ages, and need no registration. 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 or MegaBlocks are provided.
- 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**. This is a free program and no registration is needed.
- On Saturday July 8, 9:30 -11 a.m. meet at Goddard Park for the library's **2nd annual Bike Parade**. Children of all ages can enjoy decorating their bike, then parading the trail at the Park! A biking expert from Keystone AAA will be on hand to share safety tips and proper helmet use.
- Enjoy books, puppets, improve, play acting, stories and music with Children's Performer Rick Waterhouse during **"The Build-it Better Shop"** on Friday, July 28 at 1 p.m.
- On Saturday July 22 at 10 a.m., join Miss Sarah and Mr. Quinn for **Songs and Stories**, an hour of musical fun with stories, crafts and more!
- Children can register to read aloud to a trained therapy dog and their owner from **Paws For Reading**. Free program, must be registered to participate. Sessions are held the first Saturday of each month at 11 a.m. as well as, Wednesdays, July 5, July 19, August 2 and August 16 at 12:30 p.m.

Teen Programs:

Tweens and teens entering sixth though twelfth grade can participate in special activities and earn service hours by volunteering to help at children's and family programs. Highlights include the following:

- **Teens and Tweens** play an important part in library programming and accrue volunteer service hours by preparing storytime crafts, helping out at family programs, and participating in other activities to benefit the library. For more information, contact Teen Coordinator Sarah Beyer at sbeyer@ccls.org.
- **Teen Writing Club** enables teens to share and sharpen their writing skills. This group meets the third Saturday of each month at noon; participation is free and no registration is required.
- **Teen Book Club** meets the third Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m. to discuss recently read books. This free program requires no registration.
- **After Hours,** every Friday from 5:30-7 p.m., offers 6th to 12th graders a different library program each week and includes snacks, games and activities. Events such as Tie Dye, Library Olympics, Spa Day and more will be held! On Friday July 14, meet at Penn Township

Park for an "Escape Room/Karaoke Party" from 6-8 p.m. These are free programs and no registration is needed.

Adult Programs:

- 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 chosen to read, gathering monthly for lively conversation and snacks. No registration is necessary for this free program.
- **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. No registration is necessary for this free program for adults 18 and over.
- Beatles scholar Aaron Krerowicz returns Saturday, July 15 7 p.m. to present **"From the Shadow of JFK: the Rise of Beatlemania in America."** This program is free and all are welcome; no registration is needed.

Area residents can learn more about storytimes, classes and programs at 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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