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

West Grove, Pa., April 19, 2018 – From daily storytimes, homeschool programs, and special event weekend programming, to a teen service club, book club for adults, and crafting sessions for all ages, Avon Grove Library offers many opportunities for learning and enjoyment in May 2018. Check the website [www.avongrovelibrary.org](http://www.avongrovelibrary.org) often for updates and additions.

#### Children's and Family Programs:

- 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. No registration or fees are necessary except for the Treetops Kitty Café storytime.
  - **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.
  - **Cruise Into Kindergarten** will be 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.
  - Avon Grove Library partners with Starbucks Coffee 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 Thursday of each month at 10 a.m., including stories, crafts and playtime fun with the cats who are up for adoption. Kitty Café is located at 305 State Street, Kennett Square. Registration and a small fee are required. To register and for more information, visit [www.treetopskittycafe.com](http://www.treetopskittycafe.com).
- **Books and Breakfast** continues on the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. with season-themed stories, fun crafts and a delicious pancake breakfast. All ages are welcome to this lively family-friendly event. May's theme is "Spring into Spring!" This free program requires no registration.

- 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. Children of all ages are welcome.
- On the first Saturday of each month at 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 required prior to this free program.
- **Lego Club** and **Lego Block Party** are free, open to children of 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 and/or MegaBlocks are provided.
- **Cliffhangers Club** for 6- to 9-year-olds meets every Wednesday at 4:30 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. No registration is necessary for this free program.
- **Mothers and Others Gift Making** will take place in time for Mother's Day on Saturday, May 5 at 2:30-4 p.m. Children will read stories and make gifts and thank-you cards for special ladies. Attendees can bring photos for a personal touch. No registration is required for this free program.
- **Avon Grove Girls "Maryellen's Sock Hop"** on Friday, May 18, 4-6 p.m., will turn back time to the 1950s with American Girl-themed games, snacks, crafts, stories and more. Girls can bring their dolls too. Registration is required for this free program.

#### Homeschool Programs:

- **Lunch Bunch Book Club** is a homeschool book club for 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> graders, who read an assigned book at home then come to the library to enjoy a bring-your-own lunch with friends while discussing the book and doing fun extension activities. Registration is required for this free program that meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month during the school year, noon-1:30 p.m.
- **Cooks Among Books** is a homeschool book club for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders, who read an assigned book at home and come to the library to enjoy a bring-your-own lunch with friends while discussing that book and then making a tasty treat related to the book. Registration is required for this free program that meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month during the school year, noon-1:30 p.m.

#### Teen Programs:

The **Teen Service Club** meets every Tuesday 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. No registration is needed.

- **Mothers and Others Gift Making for Teens** will take place just in time for Mother's Day on Saturday, May 12 at 2:30-4 p.m. Sixth to 12<sup>th</sup> graders can make gifts and thank-you cards for special ladies. Attendees can bring photos for a personal touch. No registration is required for this free program.

#### 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 to read and gather monthly for lively conversation. 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.
- **Young Adult Book Club for Adults** meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. This event differs from our Book Club for Adults and Young Adult Book Club in that participants 18 years and older read a book from the YA genre. This is an evening dedicated to discussing a different Young Adult book with fellow Young Adults at heart. A new title is featured every month. No registration is required for this free program.
- **Sit and Knit** is held on the first and third Monday of each month, 4:30-6 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. No registration is needed for this free program.
- **Supporting Individuals with Anxiety, Thursday May 31 at 6 p.m.** Throughout this session, participants will learn how to recognize the signs/triggers of individuals who are experiencing anxiety, utilize suggested strategies to decrease a person's anxiety, and maximize opportunities in order for individuals to access supportive strategies. Presenters will highlight up to date research, evidence-based application of strategies, access to resources, as well as sharing personal experiences parenting individuals with mental health disorders. Free program; no registration needed.

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 for 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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