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### **Avon Grove Library to Celebrate “Libraries Rock!” this summer**

West Grove, Pa., May 14, 2018– Children and their families are invited to **celebrate “Libraries Rock!”** following the theme of **Avon Grove Library’s 2018 Summer Reading Program**. In honor of this program, the library will be hosting a free Summer Reading Kick-Off Party on **Saturday, June 23 beginning at 10:00 a.m.** Then 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.
  - **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.
  - **Libraries Rock! Music Storytime** will be held each Friday beginning on Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup>. Themed stories, crafts and of course – songs!
  - 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).
  - Avon Grove Library partners each summer with Dansko Shoes to offer a weekly **Storytime at Dansko** Wednesdays at 10 a.m. July 5 to August 30.
  - **Lunch and Stories: Teddy Bear Picnic** is held every Tuesday at noon at Penn Township Park beginning June 26 (weather permitting). Listen to stories, make a craft and play outdoor games. Please bring your own lunch or snack.

- Check our website for select evenings (weather permitting) when we will hold **PM Storytimes in the Parks** in Goddard Park, Penn Twp. Park or Nichol Park.
- This summer join us at Penn Twp. for a fun evening of themed events followed by the showing of **Outdoor Movies**. Check [www.avongrovelibrary.org](http://www.avongrovelibrary.org) for dates, times and movie titles. Please bring your own snacks and drinks. This is a free program with no registration needed.
- Celebrate Dad (and other special men) during “**Father’s Day Gift Making**” on Saturday June 9 at 10 a.m. Listen to Father’s Day stories, then make gifts for Dad. Free program and no registration necessary.
- **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.
- Families can build their creativity at **Messy Mondays**, June 25 to August 6 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.
- Each Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. beginning Tuesday June 26, children in second to fifth grade can become **Book Buddies** and read together with a teen volunteer. This free program requires registration.
- **Up to the Challenge**, beginning Wednesday June 27 at 2p.m., second through fifth grade students are invited to think, build and succeed to complete a new challenge each week. Free program with no registration needed.
- **Science Club** on Thursdays at 2.m. beginning July 5, first through fifth graders will come and learn about a new aspect of science each week. Demonstrations, activities and crafts included. Free program. No registration.
- 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.

#### Teen Programs:

Tweens and teens entering sixth through 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 who are participating in **Avon Grove Library Creative Writing Contest** can attend a workshop to help them develop short stories or poetry on Saturday June 9 at noon. Also on Saturday June 9 at 1p.m. teens who are participating in the **Avon Grove Library Art Contest** can learn how to mat their artwork. Free program. Details for upcoming Art and Writing Contests will be posted on [www.avongrovelibrary.org](http://www.avongrovelibrary.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.

- Every Friday beginning June 29 through August 3, teens can stop by the library at 5:30 p.m. **After Hours** to enjoy a themed event especially for them! Free program and no registration 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.
- **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.

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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