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Avon Grove Library Plans January Programs for All Ages and Interests

West Grove, Pa., December 10, 2018 – From daily storytimes 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 this January. The website www.avongrovelibrary.org will have updates and additions.

Please note that there will be no storytimes or programs on January 1. Books and Breakfast will return in February. Happy New Year!

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.
- **Bilingual Storytime** is held Thursdays at 10 a.m. 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.
- 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 Thursday of each month at 10 a.m., including 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.
- 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.
- On the first Saturday of each month 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.

- **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.
- **Early Intervention Storytime** will be a special storytime held at 10 a.m. on Saturday January 19. This is an opportunity for caregivers who are concerned for their child's development to talk to a CADES Early Intervention representative during playtime.
- Join us for Avon Grove Girls "**Wonderful Winter Wonderland**" on Friday January 18 from 4 – 6 p.m. Enjoy crafts, readings from the *American Girl* series books, delicious snacks and more! Registration is required.

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

- 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.
- **FrankenToy!** will be held on Saturday January 19 at 10 a.m. Using materials we provide, take apart old toys and glue, sew, and more to make a whole "NEW" toy!

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

- **Hinsonville's Heroes Author Talk** will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday January 12. Come hear Dr. Cheryl Gooch, author of *Hinsonville's Heroes*, speak about the social histories of 18 Black Civil War soldiers from our very own area of Chester County.
- **STaRT Retirement Planning** will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday January 26. Offered by the PA Department of Banking and Securities, this is an informational presentation that focuses on the 3 stages of retirement planning: Early, Mid, and Late Career.
- 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 *Twelve Rules for Life* by Jordan Peterson.
- **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.
- **Young Adult Book Club for Adults** meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. Participants 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 *Fangirl* by Rainbow Rowell.
- **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 and 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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