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### **Avon Grove Library to “Build a Better World” this summer**

West Grove, Pa., July 20, 2017 – This summer, children and their families are invited to “Build a Better World,” following the theme of Avon Grove Library’s 2017 Summer Reading Program. In honor of this program, the library is offering many opportunities for both learning and enjoyment through August. This month, Avon Grove Library will be hosting a free Summer Reading /End of Summer Celebration on Saturday, August 19 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

#### 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.
  - 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 Shoes to offer a weekly **Storytime at Dansko** Wednesdays at 10 a.m. July 5 to August 23.
  - **“Teddy Bear Picnic”** Tuesdays at noon at Penn Township Park, through August 22.
  - **Library Storytimes August 14 to 11**, will each feature a special **“Community Helper”** guest. Included are a farmer, a banker, a police officer and others.
- Families can build their creativity at **Messy Mondays** on 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 Neighbor Friday”** on August 11 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.
- Tuesday August 1 and 7 at 3:00 p.m., children in second to fifth grade can become **Book Buddies** and read together with a teen volunteer. This free program requires registration.

- On Wednesday August 2 and 9 at 2 p.m., children in second to fifth grade will gather in groups to be “**Infomaniacs**” and tackle a STEM project. No registration is required 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.

#### 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.

- **Teen “After Hours” Fridays** is held at 5:30pm to provide a fun activity for tweens and teens after the library closes! On August 4, is a Bob Ross Paint Party where participants will watch Bob Ross instructional videos, then let out their creativity by painting with squirt guns! August 11, is Spa Day, where teens will relax while preparing do-it-yourself spa products, manicures, and refreshing smoothies.

#### 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.

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.

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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