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Avon Grove Library Plans March 2018 Programs for All Ages and Interests

West Grove, Pa., February 9, 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 March 2018. Check the website 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. beginning March 5. Attendees participate in activities like 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 recent 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. 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 fee required. To register and for more information, 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. 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.
- **Family Fort Nights** will be held on Fridays, March 2 and March 23 from 6:30-8 p.m. Families are invited to bring their own pillows and blankets and settle in to read, in pre-made forts located between the book shelves. Snacks and books will be provided. No registration is necessary for this free program.
- **Cliffhangers Club** for 6- to 9-year-olds begins weekly on March 7 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.

Family Spring Break Fun -- Avon Grove schools will be closed various days this spring. Area children can enjoy their days off from school with a series of special library programs. No registration is necessary for these free programs, except where otherwise noted.

- On Monday, March 26, 2-3 p.m., all ages are welcome to play **Candy Bar Bingo** and other games for chances to win candy and other treats.
- **Make It, Take It Crafts** (drop-in crafting for families) will be held Tuesday March 27 and Friday March 30, 1-3 p.m. Attendees can choose from a variety of crafts and make one or more.
- Using STEAM based ideas, participants can take part in an **Egg Drop** Wednesday, March 28 at 2 p.m. Attendees will be challenged to create packages to safely drop an egg from a distance of six feet.
- During **Family Game Day** on Thursday, March 29, 1-3 p.m. families and friends can play with the library's toys and board games.
- Families can bring the own hard-boiled eggs to dye and also enjoy themed stories and crafts on Thursday March 29, 6-7 p.m. during **Egg Dye**.

Homeschool Programs:

- **Lunch Bunch Book Club** is a homeschool book club for 1st-3rd 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 1st Thursday of each month during the school year noon-1:30 p.m.
- **Cooks Among Books** is a homeschool book club for 4th-6th 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 3rd 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.

- Teens in grades 6-12 can discover more about writing and how to sharpen their creative skills during **Teen Writing Workshop**. No experience is necessary. The workshop meets the third Saturday of every month.
- **Young Adult Book Club** meets the third Saturday of every month from 1-2 p.m. Teens in grades 9-12 can read and discuss young adult books of all genres.
- The Princeton Review and Avon Grove Library are sponsoring a free **ACT Practice Test** on Saturday March 17, 1-5 p.m. and a free **SAT Practice Test** on Saturday March 31, 1-5 p.m. Participants can register using the link on www.avongrovelibrary.org under Teen Programs. Pre-registration is required to participate, and each test must be registered for separately. Limited seating is available. Registration forms will be used only for the purpose of registration, not for any solicitation. Avon Grove Library does not hereby endorse or promote The Princeton Review.

Teen Spring Break Fun -- Avon Grove schools will be closed various days this spring. Area teens can enjoy their days off from school with a series of special library programs.

- On Tuesday, March 27, 5:30-6:30 p.m., 6th-12th graders can join in **Cupcake Wars** where attendees will showcase their creativity with cupcake decorating skills. All materials provided. Registration is required for this free program.
- On Friday, March 30, 5:30-6:30 p.m., 6th-12th graders will search for candy-filled treats during an **Egg Hunt** in the library after hours. No registration is necessary 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.
- **Sit and Knit** will be 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 and are welcome. No registration is needed for this free program.
- AAA partners with Avon Grove Library to present "**Senior Driving – A Refresher Course**" on Thursday, March 29 at 2 p.m. Topics discussed include rules of the road, common driver distractions and more. No registration is necessary for this free program.

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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