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### **“Libraries Rock!” Summer Reading Program Begins with Local Authors “Meet and Greets”**

West Grove, Pa., May 15, 2017 – Children and their families are invited to celebrate “LIBRARIES ROCK!,” the theme of Avon Grove Library’s 2018 Summer Reading Program. In honor of this program, the library will be hosting a Summer Reading Kick-Off Party on Saturday, June 10 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Highlights of the Kick-Off Party include local author “Meet and Greets” throughout the day and include authors Dianne Salerni, Jessica Lawson, and Colleen Rowan Kosinski.

DIANNE K. SALERNI is the author of the popular children's ***Eighth Day*** fantasy series about a secret day of the week, described by Kirkus as “an exciting blend of Arthurian legend and organized crime.” She has also published two YA historical novels: ***The Caged Graves***, a Junior Library Guild Selection, and ***We Hear the Dead***, inspiration for a short film, *The Spirit Game*. Dianne is a former Avon Grove teacher who retired to spend more time hanging around creepy cemeteries and climbing 2,000-year-old pyramids in the name of book research.

JESSICA LAWSON's books for young readers have earned starred industry reviews, Junior Library Guild Selection designations, and inclusion on state reading lists. *Nooks & Crannies* was chosen as a Bank Street College Best Children’s Book of the Year, and ***Waiting for Augusta*** won the 2017 Colorado Book Award. Her most recent middle grade novel is ***Under the Bottle Bridge***. You can find out more about Jessica at [JessicaLawsonBooks.com](http://JessicaLawsonBooks.com).

COLLEEN ROWAN KOSINSKI received her BA from Rutgers University in visual art and is an alumna of Moore College of Art. She rediscovered her passion for writing after many years as a successful freelance fine artist. She’s written middle grade novels, young adult novels, and picture books. As a lover of nature and animals in the spring you can usually find her nursing a sick rabbit or robin back to health. Colleen resides in Cherry Hill, NJ with her husband and pets.

Learn all about this and other summer events at the website: [www.avongrovelibrary.org](http://www.avongrovelibrary.org)

Avon Grove Library participates in The Collaborative Summer Library Program, a grassroots consortium of states working together to provide high-quality summer reading program materials for children at their public libraries.

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Avon Grove Library is a vital educational institution, providing 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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