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

West Grove, Pa., June 18, 2018—Avon Grove Library celebrates “Libraries Rock!” (theme of the 2018 Summer Reading Program) by hosting events and programming for all ages, offering many opportunities for both learning and enjoyment all summer long.

Children's and Family Programs:

- **Free Movies in the Park** is a new program this summer. Partnering with Penn Township, the library will host three summer evenings of themed events at 7 p.m. followed by the showing of **outdoor movies, including *The Lorax* June 28, *Grease* July 19, and *Coco* August 23.** Herr's has donated popcorn for all attendees. This is a free program with no registration needed.
- **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. children in 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade can become **Book Buddies** and read together with a teen volunteer. This free program requires registration.
- **Up to the Challenge**, each Wednesday at 2 p.m., invites 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students to think, build and succeed to complete a new challenge each week. This program is free, with no registration needed.
- **Science Club** on Thursdays at 2 p.m. beginning July 5, invites 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders to learn about a new aspect of science each week. Demonstrations, activities and crafts are included. No registration is required for this free program.
- **Family Escape Rooms**, to be held on Saturdays, July 7 and August 4, allow participants to use deduction skills for an escape room challenge based on the book *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein. This free program is open to 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders. Three sign-up times are available: 12:30-1:30 p.m., 1:45-2:45 p.m. or 3-4 p.m. Registration is required and a minimum of 4 children in each session is required.

- During **Slime Time!** on Monday July 9, 4:30-5:30 p.m., participants will read and learn about the science behind slime, then make their own slime to take home. This is a free program open to all ages and no registration is required.
- An interactive story and yoga program, **Family Yoga Day**, will be held on Friday July 13, 2-3 p.m. Pat McKeon, an instructor at *The Light Within* yoga studio, will teach children the basics of yoga. This free program is for ages 4 and up along with their caregivers. Participants will need to bring a beach towel and wear socks. Attendance is limited to 12 children and registration is required.
- On Saturday July 14, 10-11:30 a.m. the library will hold **Minecraft Party** with themed crafts, snacks, and games. All ages are welcome to this free program; no registration is required.
- At **Dino Dig**, on Saturday July 21, 10 a.m., participants of all ages will listen to dinosaur stories and learn about the people who first discovered dinosaur bones. Attendees will do some digging of their own as they explore what it means to *Dino Dig*. 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.
- 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>. There will be themed stories, crafts and 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. and includes stories, crafts and playtime fun with the cats who are up for adoption. The 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. Storytimes are held in the Outlet Store on Federal Road in Jennersville.
  - **Lunch and Stories: Teddy Bear Picnic** is held every Tuesday at noon at Penn Township Park, weather permitting. Children listen to stories, make a craft and play outdoor games. Participants should bring their own lunch or snack.
  - Check the library website for select evenings (weather permitting) when we will hold **PM Storytimes in the Parks** in Goddard Park, Penn Twp. Park or Nichol Park.

## 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 Escape Rooms**, held on Saturdays July 7 and August 4, 4:30-5:30 p.m., offer tweens and teens the chance to search for clues that will help them escape a room. This free program is open to 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. Registration is required, and a minimum of 4 teens must be signed up.
- During the **Summer Reading Workshop**, offered Wednesdays beginning July 11, noon-1:30 p.m., Avon Grove Library and the Avon Grove School District will partner to help with summer reading assignments. Students can meet with librarians at this open drop-in time to figure out their assignments, choose books, or just get motivated to keep going. No registration is required for this free program.
- **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 a recently read book. The monthly book is listed on the library's website. This free program requires no registration.
- Every Friday through August 3, teens can stop by the library at 5:30 p.m. for our **After Hours** program to enjoy a themed event especially for them. No registration is required for this free program.

## Adult Programs:

- During "**Behind the Scenes of the Johnston Gang**" on Saturday, July 14 at 1 p.m., local author/historian Bruce Mowday, who covered the crimes of these serial murders as a newspaper reporter, shares his knowledge of this infamous period of local history. He also discusses his interview with A&E for their new TV show on this famous family. This free program requires no registration.
- With his folksy guitar playing and philosophical lyrics, no other contemporary influenced the songwriting of John Lennon and Paul McCartney more than Bob Dylan. During "**How Bob Dylan Influenced the Beatles**" on Saturday July 28 at 3:30 p.m., returning Beatles scholar and musician Aaron Krerowicz will give a multimedia presentation tracing the compositional development of the Beatles. Krerowicz will show how this iconic band developed from teenybopper pop stars into the foremost musical artists of their era by illustrating in detail Dylan's influence. This free program requires no registration.
- 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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