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### **Avon Grove Library Plans April Programs for All Ages and Interests**

West Grove, Pa., March 11, 2019 – 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 April. The website [www.avongrovelibrary.org](http://www.avongrovelibrary.org) and the Avon Grove Library Facebook page will have updates and additions.

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](http://www.treetopskittycafe.com).
- **Big Yellow Mug Storytime** will be held in the coffeehouse at the Christian Life Center located at 125 Saginaw Rd, Lincoln University, the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m.
- On the first Saturday of each month from 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.
- 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.

- **Lego Club** is held the first and third Thursday of each month from 4:30–5:30 p.m.; **Lego Block Party** is held the fourth Saturday of each month from 1–2 p.m. Legos, Duplos and/or MegaBlocks are provided.
- **Books and Breakfast** will return on Saturday April 10 at 10 a.m. with a “Hello Spring!” theme. Families can come and enjoy stories celebrating the new season, fun crafts, a delicious pancake breakfast, and more.
- **Longwood Reads** will take place on Saturday, April 20. There will be two different readings of this year’s Longwood Community Read children’s books selections at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., followed by eco-friendly crafts.
  - At 10 a.m., a librarian will read *The Reason for a Flower* by Ruth Heller and other Earth Day-themed books aloud. Attendees will learn about seeds, pollen, the parts of a flower and how plants help the environment. This program is designed for families and all ages.
  - At 1 p.m., a librarian will read *Seedfolks*. Attendees will learn how the simple act of a 9-year-old girl planting lima bean seeds sparked stories from individuals of various ethnic backgrounds, cultures and ages to come together to create a community garden. This program is for families and children grades 3 and up.

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 April 15 from 1 – 2 p.m., all ages can play **Candy Bar Bingo** and other games for chances to win candy and other treats.
- **Cupcake Wars** will be held from 5 – 6:30 p.m. on Monday April 15. Participants can come decorate cupcakes to a mystery theme. Registration is required for this free event.
- On Tuesday April 16 from 12 – 1 p.m., students in grades 2 – 5 can come to the **School Age Escape Room** where they will be challenged to solve puzzles in order to escape the room. Registration is required for this free event.
- Using STEAM-based ideas, participants can take part in an **Egg Drop** Tuesday, April 16 from 2 – 3:30 p.m. Attendees will use various materials to create packages to safely drop an egg from a distance of six feet.
- **Make It, Take It Crafts** (drop-in crafting for families) will be held Wednesday April 17 and Friday April 19, 1 – 3 p.m. Attendees can choose from a variety of crafts to make.
- During **Egg Dye** on Wednesday April 17 from 6 – 7 p.m., families can bring their own hard-boiled eggs to dye and also enjoy themed stories and crafts.
- **FrankenToy!** will be held on Thursday April 18 from 1 – 3 p.m. Using materials provided by the library, participants will take apart old toys and glue, sew, and more to make a whole “new” toy.
- Racers of all ages are invited to join the **Mario Kart Race Tournament** on Thursday April 18 from 5 – 6:30 p.m. Attendees will compete in the classic Wii game, *Mario Kart*.

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

- The **Teen Service Club** meets every Tuesday from 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.

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 Friday April 19 from 6 – 7:30 p.m., students in grades 6 – 12 will search for candy-filled treats during a **Teen Egg Hunt Party** in the library after hours.
- **Teen Escape Room** will be held on Thursday April 18 from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Students in grades 6 – 12 will be challenged to solve puzzles in order to escape the room. Registration is required for this free event.

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

- On April 4 at 6:30 PM, Avon Grove Library is partnering with Ginny Neumer to host **Finding Fulfilling Employment After Fifty**. Ginny is a former Job Developer/Career Counselor with a Department of Labor Program designed to put people 55+ back to work. Her one hour interactive session will teach participants practical solutions for achieving meaningful employment and answer questions about how to achieve that goal. In addition, Ginny will distribute helpful handouts and explain why she believes applying online is a waste of time.
- **Spring into the Season with Plant Based Eating** will be held on April 10 at 6:30 p.m. Hosted by certified plant based nutritionist Shelly Hughes, participants can learn some simple tips to eating healthy. This includes discussing how to prepare simple delicious meals, learning to eat for energy, and enjoying food demonstrations with free samples. Registration is required for this free event and all ages are welcome.
- 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. A list of monthly titles can be found at [www.avongrovelibrary.org](http://www.avongrovelibrary.org).
- **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.
- The **Young Adult Book Club for Adults** meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. Patrons 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 *I Believe in a Thing Called Love* by Maurene Goo.
- **Sit and Knit** is held on the first and third Monday of each month from 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 are welcome.

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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