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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Pumpkin Party, SAT Prep, and Crafts Planned for October at Avon Grove Library

West Grove, Pa., September 19, 2016 – From storytimes and themed events such as Star Wars Reads to a book club and crafting sessions for adults, Avon Grove Library offers many opportunities for learning and enjoyment in October.

Children's and Family Programs:

- **Star Wars Reads Day** will be celebrated on Friday, October 7, 4-5 p.m. and Saturday, October 8, 10:30 a.m.-noon with crafts, activities, snacks and more. This free program requires registration and is open to children of all ages.
- On Friday, October 14 at 4 p.m. fans of American Girl Dolls can participate in **“Samantha’s Ice Cream Social,” an Avon Grove Girls event**. Attendees will learn about Victorian times and celebrate with themed games, crafts and ice cream. Registration is necessary for this free program.
- A harvest **Pumpkin Party** for families is planned for Saturday, October 15, 11 a.m. Attendees can decorate a pumpkin, trick or treat through the library and more. Costumes are optional. This is a free program but registration is necessary.
- During **“A 19th-Century Christmastide”** on Saturday, December 17, 4-5 p.m., Rick Spencer of Catfeather Art & Music will perform traditional Christmas carols. Families are welcome and singing along is encouraged. No registration is needed for this free program.
- **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 1-2:30 p.m. Legos, Duplos or MegaBlocks are provided.
- We get out the **GeoTrax Trains** on the first Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. Visitors can build setups with tracks, buildings and accessories. This is a free program with no registration necessary.
- Babies, toddlers and preschoolers, along with their caregivers, can attend free **storytimes** held every day 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** Thursdays at 1 p.m.

- Homeschoolers in grades 4-6 can meet at the library the third Thursday of each month at noon to 1:30 p.m. for “**Cooks Among Books**” **Book Club**. Participants will discuss an assigned book and make a tasty treat related to the book. Registration is necessary for this free program. Attendees are asked to bring a bagged lunch.
- **Lunch Bunch Book Club** enables homeschooling first- to third-graders to read, complete assignments and discuss their favorite books with others. Held on the first Thursday of each month noon-1:30 p.m., this free program requires registration. Attendees are asked to bring a bagged lunch.

Teen Programs:

Tweens and teens entering sixth through twelfth grade can participate in specially created activities and have the opportunity to accrue service hours by volunteering to help at children’s and family programs. Highlights include the following:

- Free **SAT Test Strategy Session**, October 15, 1-2 p.m. For the required October registration, go to www.princetonreview.com/product/offerings/311285. Please refer to the library’s website for details.
- 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.
- Adults and teens can attend for a beginner’s level **Basket Weaving** class to be held Saturday, October 1, 10-11 a.m. Registration is necessary; \$5 materials fee is payable on day of event. Limit of 10 participants.

Adult Programs:

- Tuesday, October 4, 7-8 p.m., **Pa. Senator Andrew Dinniman Honors Local Historymakers: Joseph Pyle, Dick Hutton** with unveiling of new bookmarks about these influential citizens, to be distributed to local libraries and youth centers. Refreshments will be available and all are invited to this free, no-registration program.
- “**Medicare 101: The Basics**” will be presented Wednesday, October 12, 11 a.m.-noon by Tina Garrity of Tri-State Senior Consultants. No registration is needed for this free program.
- “**Saving for College: 529 Accounts**” will be offered Tuesday, November 15, 7-8 p.m. by Krista Finegan of Morgan Stanley. This free program requires no registration.
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- Avon Grove Library’s **Book Club for Adults** meets the third Thursday of each month 6:30-8 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. October’s book choice is *Let’s Take the Long Way Home* by Gail Caldwell.
- **Knit One, Crochet Too!** gathers at the back of the library the second and fourth Wednesday of each month 6:30-8 p.m. to work on projects brought from home or create squares for “Project Linus” afghans. All skill levels, teens and adults, are welcome to this free program. No registration is needed.
- **Craft and Create for Adults** meets the first and second Thursday of each month 6:30-8:30 p.m. Participants bring their own favorite project from home (painting, sewing, scrapbooking etc.) or, from time to time, can sign up to make a featured craft as

a group. Leave everyday distractions at home and enjoy the company of other adults while crafting. No registration is usually needed for this free program; registration and fees may be required for participation in a featured craft.

- **Sewing and Crafts** meets each Tuesday afternoon 1-3 p.m. Participants bring their own projects or can help make holiday stockings for the library's community service project. Please bring your own sewing machine (if desired) and materials. Toys will be available for preschoolers who tag along.

Area residents can learn more about storytimes, classes and programs at www.avongrovelibrary.org, which is updated frequently with new programs and details.

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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