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Celebrate the Holidays, Enjoy Events at Avon Grove Library

WEST GROVE, Pa. – November 16, 2015 – Would your children like to hear holiday stories and have a delicious breakfast? How would your tween or teen enjoy attending a party and making some homemade gifts and ornaments? Would your family want to sing along with our best-known Christmas carols and learn how they were written? Avon Grove Library has several free events in December to celebrate the holidays – along with many more classes and programs throughout the winter months.

“We have a lot of great opportunities for individuals and families, both at the holidays and throughout the year,” said Lori Schwabenbauer, director of Avon Grove Library. “My staff and I are excited to host these events. As a public library, Avon Grove is committed to providing programs like these to enhance the lives of our customers.”

Avon Grove Library is located at 117 Rosehill Avenue in the West Grove Borough building. The library is a vital educational institution, providing equal opportunity for self-directed learning, research assistance and instruction, and enriching experiences for over 30,000 residents of all ages in southern Chester County. Avon Grove Library is a member of the Chester County Library System.

For programs requiring registration, interested residents can call 610-869-2004 during the library’s open hours, visit the library front desk, or go to the contact page at: www.avongrovelibrary.org/about-us/contact-us/ Registrants should give a phone number as well as email address, along with the name of the event and how many people will be participating.

Free Holiday Celebrations:

- **Create and Celebrate: Tween and Teen Holiday Party** (Grades 6-12; registration required; limited number of signups) – Sat., Dec. 5, 2 pm – Gift and ornament crafting, cupcake decorating contest, gift exchange, snacks.
- **Holiday Books and Breakfast: Festivities and Food** (Children ages 2-10) – Sat., Dec. 12, 10 am – Holiday-themed stories and crafts, with a free French toast breakfast.

- **A 19th-Century Christmastide** (Individuals and Families) – Sat., Dec. 12, 4 pm – Rick Spencer of Catfeather Art & Music will lead the audience in several well-known carols and explain their origins.

Other One-Time Winter Events:

- **Party at the Park** (Grades 6-12; registration required; \$2 fee) – Fri., Jan. 22, 6-8 pm – Chinese New Year celebration with Chinese food, games, origami, and crafts. Location: Penn Township Park Municipal Building.
- **Bingo Night** (Families and individuals; free) – Tues., Jan. 26, 6:30-7:30 pm – Family-fun bingo games with prizes and snacks. Bring a nonperishable food item for the local food pantry.
- **Spelling Bee for Adults: Southern Chester County Spell-Off** (Individuals or teams of up to five, 18 years or older; registration required; free) – Thurs., Jan. 28, 7 pm – Lincoln University Professor of Creative Writing David Amadio will moderate a fun event for adults of all ages. The five teams/individuals left standing will win a prize and go on to compete against the top five winners of the Kennett Library and Oxford Library spelling bees at a future date.
- **Happy Heart Day Celebration** (Grades 6-12; registration required; free) – Sat., Feb. 13, 2 pm – Homemade chocolate making and Valentine crafting.
- **Reading Rampage** (Grades 6-12; registration required; free) – Fri., Mar. 4, 5-8 pm – Reading favorite books to earn prizes; activities, pizza, and snacks provided. Location: Penn Township Park Municipal Building.
- **Build a Birdhouse** (Families with children 2nd grade and older, accompanied by parent; registration required, limited to 8 families; \$5 materials fee due at time of registration) – Sat., Mar. 5, 1 pm – Build a working birdhouse with your family. Materials provided.
- **Pool Party** (Grades 6-12; registration required; \$5 fee waived for first 25 signups) – Sat., Mar. 19, 5-7 pm – Pool fun, snacks, and board games. Location: Jennersville YMCA indoor pool.
- **Egg Dye** (Families and individuals; free) – Tues., Mar. 22, 6:30-7:30 pm – Please bring your own hardboiled eggs to color.

Recurring Winter Events:

Note: The library will be closed Dec. 24-25, after 3 pm Dec. 31, and all day Jan. 1; activities will not be held on these days, and possibly not on other nearby days as well. Check the library website for updates. Storytimes (which are too numerous to list here; check our website for days and times) are held daily Monday through Saturday, except during the holiday break, December 21 through January 1.

- **Super Science** (Pre-K through 3rd grade; registration required, limited to 12; free) – schedule to be determined; check the website for dates and times – STEM programs teach children scientific and technical principles through fun activities.
- **Family Game Day** (All ages; free) – 3rd Monday starting in January, 3-5 pm – Board games, snacks provided. Game Day is scheduled for school holidays, and will not continue regularly past March.

- **Teen Service Club** (Grades 6-12; registration required; free) – Tuesdays, 3:30-5 pm – Work on projects for storytime and other library events, meet new people, and earn service hours.
- **Knit One, Crochet Too!** (Grade 6 to adult; free; all skill levels welcome) – 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 6:30-8 pm – Learn new knitting and/or crocheting skills; stitch your current project with other yarn craft enthusiasts. Please bring your own materials.
- **Paper Crafting** (Adults 18 and over, all skill levels welcome; registration required; small materials fee) – 1st Thursday starting in January, 6:30 pm – Learn a new skill and make something beautiful to use at home or give as a gift.
- **Lego Club** (1st and 3rd Thursday, 4:30-5:30 pm) and **Lego Block Party** (4th Saturday, 1:30-2:30 pm) – Build a Lego project and have fun with other Lego enthusiasts of all ages. Free; blocks provided.
- **Healthy Eating** (Grades 6-12; registration required; free) – 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 pm – Explore healthy eating, practice label reading, look at cookbooks, and make treats to enjoy.
- **Craft and Create** (Adults 18 and over, all skill levels welcome; free) – 2nd Thursday – Gather up your craft projects and join others for some open crafting time. Please bring your own materials.
- **GeoTrax Build and Play** (Ages 3 and up; free) – 1st Saturday starting in January, 1-3 pm – Use GeoTrax train tracks, buildings, and other accessories to create setups, then enjoy open playtime with your creations. All components provided.
- **Crafternoon** (Families and individuals; free) – Wed., Dec. 9, 4 pm; moving to 2nd Saturday at 12:30 pm starting in January – Create ornaments (Dec.), snow globes (Jan.), Valentine's pillows (Feb.), and beaded necklaces (Mar.). All materials provided.
- **Souper Saturdays** (Children and families; free) – Jan. 16, Feb. 13, Mar. 19 at 11 am – Enjoy stories, crafts, and a tasty soup lunch. Have Snow Day Adventures (Jan.), Valentine's Day Fun (Feb.), and a Dr. Seuss-a-bration (Mar.).
- **PAWS for Reading** (All ages; registration required; free) – 4th Saturday starting in January, 11-noon – Read aloud to a trained therapy dog for a fun way to improve literacy skills.