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### **“A 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Christmastide” Sing-Along at Avon Grove Library**

WEST GROVE, Pa. – November 30, 2015 – What are the stories behind our most popular Christmas carols? How did they intertwine with the history of the period? Musician Rick Spencer will discuss these questions during his musical presentation “A 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Christmastide” on Saturday, December 12 at 4 pm at Avon Grove Library, West Grove, PA. The program is free and no registration is required. Audience members are encouraged to sing along as Spencer performs.

“The songs are almost universally recognizable,” says Spencer, founder of Catfeather Art & Music. “For those who have embraced history as a passion, the romantic notions of the ideal Christmas are entwined with songs which were part of the holidays in Victorian England and America.” Rick Spencer has been in the historical performance industry for over 25 years. He worked for 20 years as a researcher, historian, and presenter of traditional maritime songs and sea chanteys at Mystic Seaport, and has performed widely in America, Canada, and Europe.

“Rick’s concert will be a fun and interesting way to celebrate the holiday,” said Lori Schwabenbauer, director of Avon Grove Library. “I’m excited to bring him here. As a public library, Avon Grove is committed to providing appealing and informative events like these to enhance the lives of our customers.”

Avon Grove Library is located at 117 Rosehill Avenue in the West Grove Borough Building (610-869-2004, [www.avongrovelibrary.org](http://www.avongrovelibrary.org)). The program will be held in the Public Meeting Room.

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 residents of all ages in southern Chester County. The library is a member of the Chester County Library System.