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Holiday sing-along, seasonal crafting and more to enjoy at Avon Grove Library this December

West Grove, Pa., November 10, 2016 – Crafting gifts for family and friends, a musical celebration of the season and more will be some of the events at Avon Grove Library in December. The West Grove institution offers many opportunities for fun throughout the month.

Children's and Family Programs:

- **Books and Breakfast: Winter Wonderland Workshop** will be held on Saturday, December 10 at 10 a.m., and will feature holiday-inspired stories, an opportunity to make and take home crafts to give as gifts, then ends with breakfast. Free program. No registration.
- 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.
- 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.
- **PAWS for Reading** is held on the first Saturday of each month at 11 a.m. Participants register to read aloud to a trained therapy dog at a private ten-minute session. Avon Grove Library’s dog is a Keeshond named “Willow.” This is a free program and prior registration is required.
- **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.

Teen Programs:

Tweens and teens entering sixth through twelfth grade have the opportunity to accrue service hours by volunteering to help at children's and family programs:

- 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.

Adult Programs:

- 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. Each month's book choice is listed at www.avongrovelibrary.org
- **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.

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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