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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

A Pet Pajama Party, SAT Practice Exam, Crafting for Adults and More Planned for November at Avon Grove Library

West Grove, Pa., October 6, 2016 – From storytimes and themed events such as a Pet Pajama Party, to a book club and crafting sessions for adults, Avon Grove Library offers many opportunities for learning and enjoyment in November.

Children's and Family Programs:

- Families will gather at the library for **A Pet Pajama Party** on Friday, November 11, 6:30-7:30 p.m. to hear bedtime stories. Children can dress in their PJs and bring a favorite stuffed animal; their toy will spend Friday night at the library. Families return on Saturday morning, November 12, 10 a.m. to find out what “mischief” their pets got into overnight, then enjoy a breakfast and crafting activities. This is a free program with no registration necessary.
- All ages can celebrate **International Games Day** on Saturday, November 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. with family friendly games and snacks at the library. This is a free program and no registration is necessary.
- **PAWS for Reading** resumes on Saturday, November 5 at 11 a.m. and continues the fourth Saturday of each month thereafter. 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 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:

- Those interested in sharpening their writing skills can participate in a **Writing Workshop** with local young adult and children's book author Dianne K. Salerni on Saturday, November 4, 3:30 p.m. Register at the library for this free program. Learn more about Dianne and her work at <http://diannesalerni.com>
- Avon Grove Library will host free **SAT Practice Exam** session Saturday, November 12, 1-5 p.m. Please refer to the library's website for registration information and 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.

Adult Programs:

- **"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.
- 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. November's book choice is *My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor.
- **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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