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Avon Grove Library Plans Winter Fun for All Ages

West Grove, Pa., November 2, 2020 - Avon Grove Library offers a variety of storytimes and programs to educate, entertain, and inspire patrons of all ages, while continuing to implement social distancing procedures within the building to ensure everyone's safety. Unless otherwise noted, all programs are free and require registration via <https://ccls.libcal.com/calendar/AvonGrove/>. The library will close at 5 p.m. on 11/25 and will be closed all day on 11/26, 11/27, 12/24, 12/25, 12/31, 1/1, and 2/15. There will be no programs held from November 24–November 27 or from December 21–January 4.

The website www.avongrovelibrary.org and the Avon Grove Library [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) will have updates and additions when necessary. Patrons can also visit Avon Grove Library's [YouTube channel](#) for 24/7 access to family-friendly storytimes, craft tutorials, and more.

Online Resources:

Patrons can use the extra time at home to take advantage of Avon Grove Library's many free online resources. A few are highlighted below and a full list can be found at ccls.org.

- **Libby** is the one-tap reading app for ebooks and streaming audiobooks.
- **POWER (Pennsylvania Online World of Electronic Resources) Library** provides access to magazine and newspaper indexes, full-text encyclopedias and almanacs, and an archive of over 50,000 photographs.
- **Ancestry** is a genealogical database that includes census records. This database is for in-library use only.
- **Flipster** allows patrons to read digital copies of magazines on their computer, smartphone, or tablet using their library card. Users can also download a [free app](#) to view or download the magazines to a mobile device.
- **HeritageQuest** contains genealogy and local history resources.
- **Mango Languages** is a language learning program.
- **New York Times** contains NYT articles from 1981–present.
- **NoveList Plus** offers readers book recommendations based on their favorite titles.

Children's and Family Programs:

- **Zoom Storytimes** give preschool aged children and their families the opportunity to participate in library storytimes via the video communications app Zoom.
 - **Surprise Storytime** is held on Mondays at 10 a.m. and features stories about a different theme every week.
 - **ABC Storytime** is held on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and features stories about a different letter of the alphabet each week.
- **Storytimes at the Park** are held at 12 p.m. Monday–Friday at Penn Township Park (260 Lewis Road, West Grove, PA 19390). These storytimes are weather permitting and will discontinue after November 20. Slots are limited and families must sign up via Avon Grove Library’s online event calendar to participate.
- **Miss Lisa’s LEGO Challenge** gives architects of all ages the chance to show off their building skills at home. Participants build something out of LEGOS, Duplos, and/or Mega Bloks based on a theme chosen by Miss Lisa, then comment a picture of their creation for a chance to win a prize. New challenges are posted every first and third Thursday on the Avon Grove Library Facebook page.
- **READsquared** is an online platform that allows readers of all ages to earn fun prizes from the library by logging the time they spend reading and completing fun side missions. Participants can register at avongrovelibrary.readsquared.com/ to begin their reading journey.
- **Dear Pete the Cat** gives young readers the opportunity to become pen pals with the famous groovy children’s book character. Letters for Pete the Cat can be dropped off at Avon Grove Library’s front desk or mailed to *Pete the Cat, Avon Grove Library, 117 Rosehill Avenue, West Grove, PA 19390*. A return address must be included in order to receive a reply.
- **Grab and Go Crafts for Kids** are available in the Avon Grove Library lobby on the first and third Fridays of each month, beginning at 11 a.m. and continuing while supplies last. Patrons can check Avon Grove Library’s website and social media for more details.
- **Virtual Trivia Night** is held on designated Thursdays every month at 7 p.m. Players can test their knowledge of subjects such as popular books, movies, history, and more. There is a limit of 20 players per game and players must be able to access both Zoom and the free Kahoot! app. This program is ideal for ages 10 and up. Trivia themes will be announced via Avon Grove Library’s website and social media.

Teen Programs:

- **Virtual Teen Service Club** is for students in grades 6–12. Volunteers can complete remote and digital tasks from home such as creating trivia questions, assisting Avon Grove Library in the creation of content for its social media, and more. Students can visit <https://www.avongrovelibrary.org/teen-volunteers.html> for more information.
- **Teen Advisory Board** is a monthly meeting where students can earn volunteer credit by connecting with their peers and offering input on Avon Grove Library’s teen programming via Zoom. Participants must be registered as an AGL Virtual Teen Volunteer.
- **Where the Wild Reads Are** is a monthly book club for students in grades 7–12 that meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m. via Zoom. A list of monthly titles can be found at <https://www.avongrovelibrary.org/teen-programs.html>.
- **SAT, ACT and Admissions in the Time of COVID** is a live virtual session hosted by The Princeton Review on Wednesday, November 11 from 6–7 p.m. with information on

everything parents and students need to know to keep up with the changes affecting college admissions due to these uncertain times. Patrons can register for the program at <https://www.princetonreview.com/product/offerings/471311>.

- **SAT/ACT Information and Strategy Session** is a live virtual session hosted by The Princeton Review on Thursday, December 3 from 6–7 p.m. with information on the differences between the SAT and ACT, whether colleges have a preference, if taking these tests can help students get a scholarship, and more. Students should have pencils ready to complete a few practice problems. Patrons can register for the program at <https://www.princetonreview.com/product/offerings/471312>.

Adult Programs:

- **The Write Stuff**, Avon Grove Library’s writing club for adults, meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month via Zoom from 6–7:30 p.m. Adult writers of all genres and experience levels exchange and provide feedback on works-in-progress with fellow writers.
- **NaNoWriMo Support Group** will meet every Saturday in November at 10 a.m. via Zoom. Writers participating in National Novel Writing Month can share the triumphs and struggles they face during the challenge of writing a novel-length manuscript in a month.
- **Grab & Go Crafts for Adults** are available in the Avon Grove Library lobby on the second and fourth Fridays of each month, beginning at 11 a.m. and continuing while supplies last. Patrons can check Avon Grove Library’s website and social media for more details.
- **Young @ Heart**, a YA book club for adults, meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. via Zoom. A list of monthly titles can be found on the Avon Grove Library website.
- **Adult Book Club** meets the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. via Zoom. A list of monthly titles can be found on the Avon Grove Library website.

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

Located in the heart of West Grove, Pa., Avon Grove Library is a vital educational institution, offering equal opportunity for self-directed learning, research assistance and instruction, and enriching experiences to 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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