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Smith Library Announces Summer Reading Club 2014
Summer programs for kids, teens, adults planned

Wylie, TX, May 13, 2014 – The Rita and Truett Smith Public Library staff invites the public to take part in the Summer Reading Club and to attend the great programs slated for the hot months ahead.

Reading club participants may pick up a reading log at the library starting May 27, keep track of the number of books or hours read between that day and Aug. 2, and turn in logs to compete for prizes, awarded in three age groups. Participants of all ages get a chance to win the grand prize with each entry. (Books read by parents to youngsters also count.) First day to turn in logs is June 23; last day Aug. 2.

Kids entering fifth grade or younger

For every 25 books or 10 hours read, kids entering fifth grade or younger will get a reading certificate, food coupon, and free paperback book, while supplies last. Each completed log means a chance to win a Kindle Fire 7-inch LCD display, 8 GB; iPad Mini WiFi 16 GB; LeapPad Ultra Discovery Bundle; or Playskool Step Start Walk-n-ride with Winnie the Pooh Sound Book. This year's theme is "Fizz, Boom, Read." Programs include:

11 a.m., noon, 1 p.m. Tuesdays – free with wristband, handed out from 10 a.m. program day

June 17 Magician Todd McKinney

June 24 Dazzling Dave, Science Spectacular

July 1 Snake Encounters

July 8 James Wand Secret Agent Magic Show

July 15 Critterman

July 22 Creature Teacher

6 p.m. Thursdays – wristband pickup at 5 p.m.

June 19 Mad Science

June 26 Dr. Flake-n-stein's Magic Lab

July 10 James Wand

July 17 Mad Science

July 24 Critterman

BeTWEEN Science programs – 4th- and 5th-graders only – new!

1 to 2 p.m. Thursdays – no registration necessary; come to Multi-Purpose Room

June 19 Forces and Motion

June 26 Dazzling Dave Science Spectacular

July 3 Forensic Science

July 10 Zooniversity

July 17 Chemical Reactions

July 24 Food Science

Teens 6th through 12th grade

The reading club theme is “Spark a Reaction,” and teens in sixth through 12th grade may complete five reading activities for a free food coupon and paperback book, while supplies last, and a chance to win a grand prize, anime prize pack, music prize pack, or “Divergent” and “Fault in Our Stars” prize pack. Programs include:

3 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays – Multi-Purpose Room

June 18 Cell Phone Photography

June 19 World Building Writing Workshop

June 25 Stage Combat with Kent Williams

June 26 Handwriting Revealed

July 2 and 3 Cake Challenge Session One and Two (must attend One to sign up for Two) July 9 Stage Combat with Kent Williams

July 10 Small Plates World Cuisine

July 16 CSI with UTD

July 17 Zooniversity

July 23 Craftapalooza

July 24 End of Summer Party

Adults 18 and older

Read three books and get a car charger, while supplies last. Every entry is a chance to win the grand prize, a Kindle Paperwhite. Four winners will get a gift bag filled with books and other goodies. The theme is also “Spark a Reaction.” Programs are intended for tweens to adult; children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. This summer's include:

6:30 p.m. Tuesdays – Multi-Purpose Room

June 17 Photography in the Garden with Collin County Master Gardeners

June 24 Forensics

July 1 Getting' Saucy: Making and Fixing Emulsions with Chef Cesario

July 8 UT Dallas science and engineering program to be announced

July 15 Sci-Fi Movie Night – “Men in Black”

July 22 to be announced

Steampunk Tea

There will be a Steampunk Tea at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 21; registration required. Come into the parlor and chat with guest authors. A book signing will follow, and books will be available for purchase. Costumes admired, but not required. Part of the book sale proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Library.

Scavenger Hunt

From June 9 to 14, join in the Scavenger Hunt. Kids may come to the Children's Desk and teens can go to the Teen Room to get the clues, find the answers, and turn them in for prizes. It's a self-guided activity; one prize per child per day while supplies last.

Year-round programs

Programs such as the Preschool Storytimes, Wagging Tales and book clubs are ongoing for much of the summer; visit www.wylietexas.gov/library for more details.

Kicking it off

The summer fun starts with the free kick-off party from 9 to 11:45 a.m. Friday, June 13. Kids can jump in a bounce house, fly down an inflatable slide, groove to the DJ's tunes, get their face painted, pet animals, buy a book from the Scholastic folks, and even visit Clifford the Big Red Dog. Everyone should dress in cool clothing, as most activities take place outside. The event is held on the grounds around the library, 300 Country Club Rd., Building 300. Overflow parking is available at Wylie High School with free shuttle to the municipal complex. The event and library activities are open to Wylie residents, as well as those from other communities. For more information on any of the library's programs, call 972-516-6250 or visit wylietexas.gov/library.

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About Wylie – Incorporated in 1887, the City of Wylie is located just 24 miles from downtown Dallas in Collin, Dallas and Rockwall counties. Possessing an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, an ISO-1 rating and an expanding business climate, Wylie (population 44,158) is one of the fastest-growing communities in the State of Texas with a 192% increase since 2000.