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### **Smith Library Hosting Steampunk Tea, Book Signing**

**Wylie, TX, June 4, 2014** – Wylie’s Smith Public Library is hosting a steampunk tea and book-signing event at 1 p.m. Saturday, June 21. The library is located at 300 Country Club Rd., Building 300, in Wylie. Authors slated to appear are Lorraine Heath, Jaye Wells, Addison Fox, Eva Gordon and Sandy Williams. Books will be available for purchase.

Steampunk is a literature, film and costume genre that seeks to depict “what the past would look like if the future had happened sooner.” Picture the worlds of Jules Verne or H.G. Wells or films “The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen” or “Sherlock Holmes” to get an idea of the look and feel. The Victorian era is depicted, but with a twist: science and technology are more advanced but still use the materials available in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Computers use clockworks and steam; air travel is by zeppelins. Tea attendees are invited (but not required) to dress in costume; inspiration can be found via Internet search.

Heath’s latest work is the “Rogues in Texas” trilogy, and several of her novels have appeared on bestseller lists, including *USA Today* and *New York Times*. A graduate of the University of Texas, she creates believable characters that have been described as “real people.” She has won RITA awards, which recognize outstanding published romance novels and novellas, and she also writes teen fiction as Rachel Hawthorne and J.A. London.

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Jaye Wells is a *USA Today*-best-selling author of urban fantasy and speculative crime fiction. She's best known for her Sabina Cane series of novels and novellas. Other works include "Meridian Six" and follow-up series, "Prospero's War." She also contributed a short story, "The Werewife," to "Carniepunk," an anthology.

Fox writes paranormal and contemporary romance; her latest romance suspense is "The House of Steele" series. Gordon is working on a steampunk series set in the world of the Bluestocking Adventuress Club, and Williams is the creator of the urban fantasy series "The Shadow Reader."

The event will also launch the Friends of the Library fundraiser through Barnes & Noble book fairs. Pick up a voucher at the library and use it for in-store purchases from June 21-28 or on bn.com June 21 – July 2, and the Friends library support group will earn at least 15 percent of sales.

Participation is free but registration is required; call 972-516-6250. The tea is intended for ages 18 and up; any age may attend the book signing afterward.

Founded in 1970 by Rita and Truett Smith, the library serves the informational, cultural and recreational needs of the over 44,000 residents of the city of Wylie. The library opened its new 44,000-square-foot building in 2011.

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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.