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**Wylie's Smith Library Hosting Banned Book Author Event**

*Banned Book Week Sept. 21 - 27*

**Wylie, TX, Sept. 2, 2014** – To celebrate Banned Books Week, Wylie's Smith Library hosts an author panel and book-signing event Saturday, Sept. 27, 1 to 2:30 p.m., 300 Country Club Rd. A collection of books that have been banned through the years will also be on display at the library for the entire month, in observance of Banned Books Week, Sept. 21-27.

Children's and young adult authors Rosemary Clement-Moore, Polly Holyoke, Kay Honeyman and Lindsay Cummings will discuss what it means to challenge and ban books, and they will be available for book signing afterward. Barnes & Noble will be on hand to sell copies, or guests may bring their own copies.

**About the Authors**

**Rosemary Clement-Moore** is the author of "Prom Dates from Hell," "Hell Week," "Highway to Hell," "The Splendor Falls," "Brimstone," "Texas Gothic" and "Spirit and Dust." She was the founding president of the Romance Writers of America's Young Adult Special Interest Chapter and is a frequent speaker at the Romance Writers of America national conference. Clement-Moore grew up on a ranch in South Texas and lives and writes in Fort Worth. She loves dogs, horses, sailing, vintage fashion, history, old movies and Guitar Hero. Visit her website at [readrosemary.com](http://readrosemary.com).

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**Polly Holyoke** is the author of the Texas Bluebonnet Award-winning book, “The Neptune Project.” It has also been nominated for the Maryland Black-eyed Susan Award, is a Scholastic Book Fair/Book Clubs selection for 2014 and was named a Bank Street’s Best Children’s Book for 2014. Holyoke grew up in Colorado, graduated *summa cum laude* from Middleburn College in Vermont and earned her teaching certificate from the University of Colorado. She taught middle school social studies for almost a decade before leaving the classroom to concentrate on her writing career. Read more at [www.pollyholyoke.com/](http://www.pollyholyoke.com/).

“The Fire Horse Girl” author **Kay Honeyman** grew up in Fort Worth and attended Baylor University, graduating with bachelor’s and master’s degrees in English language and literature. “Fire Horse Girl” is her first novel. She teaches middle school in Highland Park ISD and has published articles on teaching and writing. “The Fire Horse Girl” follows the story of Jade Moon as she travels from China through Angel Island onto the rough streets of 1920s San Francisco’s Chinatown in search of freedom and identity. Honeyman became fascinated with the history of Chinese immigration when she and her husband adopted a child from China in 2010. They adopted a second child in 2012, and the family lives in Dallas. Her website is [kayhoneyman.com/](http://kayhoneyman.com/).

At the young age of 23, **Lindsay Cummings** has already published “The Murder Complex,” “The Fear Trials,” and “Balance Keepers, the Fires of Calderon.” She lives in Dallas with her husband Josh, hedgehog Hedwig, German shepherds Hurley and Kai, wolf cub Kimber and draft horse named Dan the Man. Read more at <http://www.lindsaycumplingsbooks.com>.

**Banned Books: a Controversial Issue**

The authors will discuss some of the titles that have been banned throughout history. Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, “To Kill a Mockingbird,” by Harper Lee, was banned and challenged across the country for its language and “racial slurs.” The Lindale school district pulled it from the Advanced Placement English reading list in 1996 because it “conflicted with the values of the community.” The use of “vulgar words” caused John Steinbeck’s classic, “The Grapes of Wrath,” to be banned in many parts of the country and even burned in Illinois in 1939. Toni Morrison’s “Beloved,” which also won a Pulitzer Prize and was adapted as a movie starring Oprah Winfrey in 1998, was pulled from an AP English class in Kentucky as recently as 2007 due to its “inappropriate topics.”

For more about this program or other library events, email [libinfo@wylietexas.gov](mailto:libinfo@wylietexas.gov) or call 972-516-6250.

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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-percent increase since 2000.