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Wylie’s Smith Library Hosts Romance Author

Wylie, TX, Oct. 20, 2014 – Jade Lee, award-winning author of more than 40 romance novels, will visit Wylie’s Smith Library Nov. 6, signing books and answering questions about what it’s really like to be an author. The free program, “The Writing Life with Jade Lee,” will start at 7 pm. Copies of her novels will be available for purchase.

Lee has been scripting love stories since she first picked up a set of paper dolls. She has broken new ground in multicultural romance; her China-set historical romances are a first in genre history. Her six-book “Tigress” series stirred reader passions for foreign settings, and her fantasy romances continue to blaze new literary trails.

Her own background was the inspiration for her stories. As the daughter of a Shanghai native and a staunch Indiana Hoosier, Lee struggled to find her own identity somewhere between America and China; in the end, the answer was found in her imagination. Lee explored China in her “Tigress” series and dragon power in her fantasy romance, “Dragonborn.”

Lee’s family folklore is as colorful as the tales she creates. For instance ... her great-grandmother’s feet were bound, resulting in tiny, 3-inch feet. When running to an air raid shelter during World War II bombings, her grandsons carried her, one on each side, while her feet peddled in the air. One of her ancestors put two carved stone dragons on trial for destroying crops and damaging property. It was rumored that these dragons left a temple wall to play in the river, causing flooding and crop damage. They were found guilty and sentenced

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to remain on the stone pillars for eternity. Two large iron spikes were pounded into the center of each dragon – and the flooding stopped! Another one of Lee's ancestors governed a province in China that was troubled by bandits. When he caught the perpetrators, he cut out the leader's heart and ate it raw to intimidate the others. It worked!

“White Tigress,” “Oracle,” “Seduced by Crimson” and “Tempted Tigress” are only a few of her novels that have received critical acclaim, including a spot on *USA Today*'s Bestseller List. In her most recent series, “Bridal Favors,” four women find love as they dress the most beautiful brides in England. “A Gentleman's Gamble” and “What the Groom Wants” are available now.

Lee has also been honored for her screenwriting, in which she holds a master's degree from the University of Southern California. Her undergraduate degree is in English, from the University of Michigan, where she graduated *cum laude*.

For more information about Lee or her author alter-egos Kathy Lyons and Katherine Greyle, visit www.jadeleeeauthor.com . For questions about this or any library program, 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% increase since 2000.