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Wylie's Smith Library Summer Reading Club Keeps Brains Active
Pick Up Reading Logs May 26; Kick-off June 12

Wylie, TX, May 7, 2015 – The Smith Public Library's Summer Reading Club begins May 26 and runs through Aug. 1, with free programs, activities and events, encouraging kids, teens and adults to read all summer long. Library staff welcomes participants from Wylie and surrounding areas.

Participants may pick up a reading log at the library starting May 26 and keep track of the number of books or hours read until Aug. 1. (Books read by parents to youngsters also count.) Turn in logs between June 22 and Aug. 1; everyone turning in a log receives a reward, and all are entered to win the grand prize, awarded in three age groups.

Kicking It Off

The fun starts with the free kick-off party from 9 to 11:45 a.m. **Friday, June 12.** 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.

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Kids

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 HD 6" Kids Edition Tablet 8 GB; family membership to the Perot Museum; or Pete the Cat doll and two of his most popular hardcover books. This year's theme is "Every Hero Has a Story."

Teens

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, gaming prize pack, or book and movie prize pack. This year's theme is "Unmasked."

Adults

Readers ages 18 and older are invited to read or listen to three books and get a tote bag, while supplies last. Attending adult programs count too. Every entry is a chance to win the grand prize, a NOOK GlowLight. Four winners will get a gift bag filled with books and other goodies. The theme is "Escape the Ordinary."

Scavenger Hunt

From June 8 to 13, 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.

For more information on any of the library's programs, call 972-516-6250 or visit wylietexas.gov/library.

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About Smith Library – Founded in 1970 by Rita and Truett Smith, the library serves the informational, cultural and recreational needs of the over 44,938 Wylie residents. In 2014, the library checked out over 500,000 items and hosted almost 190,000 visitors. More than 35,000 citizens have library cards, and the library offers 459 programs, attended last year by over 25,000 participants.