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Wylie's Smith Library Hosts Young Adult Author Panel

Event Part of Banned Books Week, Sept. 27 – Oct. 3

Wylie, TX, Sept. 15, 2015 – In celebration of Banned Books Week, Wylie's Smith Library is hosting a young adult author panel and book signing Saturday, Oct. 3, from 1 to 3 pm, 300 Country Club Rd., Building 300. Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read and free and open access to information.

Young adult authors Julie Murphy, Rachel Caine, Karen Harrington and Jenny Martin will have a one-hour panel discussion about banned books and other writing-related topics, followed by a book signing. Barnes & Noble representatives will be on hand selling the authors' latest releases, or guests may bring their own copies. All ages are welcome.

About the Authors

Julie Murphy, the author of "DUMPLIN'" and "Side Effects May Vary," was born in Connecticut but now lives in Fort Worth. Her work has been called "raw, honest and moving" and "equal parts fun, cringe-worthy, and totally fearless!" Her books have been on the *New York Times* best seller list.

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Karen Harrington's young adult works include "Sure Signs of Crazy" and "Courage for Beginners. Her books have been called "wrenching and rewarding reads" with "compelling" protagonists." She makes her home in Dallas, and has been writing since she was in elementary school.

New York Times bestselling author **Rachel Caine** has over 45 published novels. Her "Weather Warden Series" includes nine titles, and there are 15 in the "Morganville Vampires Series."

Jenny Martin, author of "Tracked," lives in Dallas; "Tracked" is her debut YA novel.

For more about the event, contact Smith Public Library at 972-516-6250 or www.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. Wylie was incorporated in 1887 and is home to an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, and an ISO-1 fire rating. One of the fastest-growing communities in the state, Wylie has had a 197-percent increase since 2000. Wylie was recently named the 25th Best Place to Live in America by *MONEY* magazine.