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Smith Library Hosting Mad Hatter Author Tea
Summer Author Book Signing to Follow

Wylie, TX, May 9, 2016 – Smith Library presents back-to-back author events June 11.

First up is the Mad Hatter Author Tea at 1 pm. Guests are invited to wear their weirdest, wackiest and most whimsical hat while enjoying tea and conversation with 10 popular authors. There will be a hat contest and door prizes. The tea is free but limited to older teens and adults. Tea guests must register at 972-516-6250 beginning May 23.

At 2:30 pm, it's the Summer Author Book Signing. Authors will discuss their work, answer questions and sign their books. Admission is free to this event as well.

At both events, guests may purchase a book from on-site Barnes & Noble representatives, bring their own copies, or just enjoy the conversation. No purchase is required at either event, but proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Library support group.

Representing a wide variety of genres including romance, Christian/inspirational fiction, urban fantasy and young adult fiction, authors slated to attend the events are Lorraine Heath; Jaye Wells; Kathleen Baldwin; Helen R. Myers, June Foster and M. Gail Reed (writing as Helen Foster Reed); Michele Grant; Tricia Skinner; June Foster; Helen R. Myers; and Addison Fox.

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Lorraine Heath, author of more than 60 novels, writes historical and contemporary romance for adults and historical romance for teen readers. Her work has been recognized with many industry awards, and her novels have appeared on best seller lists including *USA Today* and *New York Times*. **Jaye Wells** is a *USA-Today*-bestselling author of speculative fiction, including the popular “Prospero’s War” series. The first book in the series is “Dirty Magic.” **Kathleen Baldwin’s** “A School for Unusual Girls,” the latest in her Stranje House Novel series, was chosen for the 2016 Spirit of Texas School Reading Program. She has won many awards for her Young Adult fiction, including a listing in the Publishers Lunch 2015 Young Adult Buzz Books.

For more on these or any of Smith Library’s programs, visit www.wylietexas.gov/library or call 972-516-6250.

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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 220-percent increase since 2000. In 2015, Wylie was named the 25th Best Place to Live in the Country by *Money Magazine*.