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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Wylie's Smith Library Hosts Two Top Authors at WordSmith Event** *Workshop, Q&A, Book Signing Slated*

**Wylie, Texas, Feb. 24, 2017** – Smith Public Library is playing host to two popular published authors, Carolyn Haines and Kelley Armstrong, who are willing to share their secrets.

It's part of the library's WordSmith Author Series, planned for Saturday, May 27. Beginning at 10:30 a.m., Haines will conduct a writing workshop. She'll be joined by Armstrong for a panel discussion and Q&A at 1 p.m. Following the Q&A, the authors will sign copies of their books. Participants may bring their own or purchase copies from Barnes & Noble staff members, who will be on hand.

*USA Today* bestselling author Carolyn Haines, a native of Lucedale, Miss., is the author of 25 books under her own name and 40 Harlequin Intrigues titles under the pseudonym Caroline Burnes. She also writes dark, gothic thrillers as C.B. Chesterton. The latest novel in her Sarah Booth Delaney southern mystery series, "Sticks and Bones," is currently available.

Kelley Armstrong is a #1 *New York Times* bestselling author who said she's been telling stories since before she could write; however, she calls her earliest written efforts "disastrous." If asked for a story about girls and dolls, hers would invariably feature undead girls and evil dolls, much to her teachers' dismay. "All efforts to make me produce 'normal' stories failed," she said. Today she continues to spin tales of ghosts and demons and werewolves, while safely locked away in her basement writing dungeon.

The event at Smith Library is free. Register for the morning's workshop through Eventbrite.com. Tickets for the afternoon panel and book signing are required and can be picked up at the library starting at 10 a.m. the day of the event.

Smith Library is located in the Wylie Municipal Complex, 300 Country Club Rd., Bldg. 300, Wylie. Call 972-516-6250 for more information.

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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. One of the fastest-growing communities in the state, Wylie has had a 220-percent increase since 2000. Wylie was named the 25<sup>th</sup> Best Place to Live in the Country by *Money Magazine* and the second Hottest Suburb in the US by Realtor.com.