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Wylie's Smith Library Hosts Actors Lecture, Workshop
Instructor Voiced Animated Shows, Video Games

Wylie, Texas, March 8, 2017 – Stage and voice actor Joel McDonald presents a lecture and intensive workshop for aspiring actors Saturday, March 25, at 1 p.m. at Wylie's Smith Public Library.

In addition to his stage work, including shows at the Circle Theatre and as part of the national tour of "And Then They Came ...", he's voiced roles in such video games as Dragon Ball Xenoverse 2, Tales from the Borderlands and Walking Dead: Survival Instinct. His voice resume also includes over 100 animated shows, including "Yuri!!! on ICE," "Assassination Classroom," "My Hero Academia," "One Piece," "Space Dandy" and others. Participants may bring merchandise for McDonald to sign following the workshop.

The event is for ninth-graders through adult. It's free; register through Eventbrite or by calling the library at 972-516-6250, option 3.

Actors Workshop with Joel McDonald will be in the Multipurpose Room at Smith Library, which 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. 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*. In 2017, Realtor.com named Wylie the second coolest suburb in the U.S. and the top suburb in Texas.