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Library Hopes to ‘Build a Better World’ with Summer Reading Club

Pick Up Reading Logs May 22; Kick-off Party June 9

Wylie, TX, April 13, 2017 – Wylie’s Smith Library Summer Reading Club begins May 22 and runs through Aug. 5, with free programs, activities and events, encouraging kids, teens and adults to read all summer long. Participants welcome from Wylie and surrounding areas. This year’s theme is “Summer Reading 2017: Build a Better World.”

Participants may pick up a reading log May 22 and keep track of the number of books or hours read until Aug. 5. Turn in logs between June 19 and Aug. 5, receive a reward, and be entered to win the grand prize, awarded in three age groups.

Kicking It Off

The fun starts with the free kick-off party, co-hosted by the library and Wylie Recreation Center, from 9 to 11:45 a.m. **Friday, June 9**. Kids can jump in a bounce house, fly down an inflatable slide, groove to live music performed by Will Parker, pet animals, make a hat with the Rad Hatter, laugh at BooCoos the Clown, go on a train ride, and get lost in an inflatable maze. Dress in cool clothing; most activities take place outside, between the library and the rec center, 300 Country Club Rd. Overflow parking is available at Wylie High School with free shuttle.

Kids

For every 25 books or 10 hours read, kids entering fifth grade or younger will get a certificate and free paperback book, while supplies last. Each completed log means a chance to win a DUPLO Around the World set with three board books; Kindle Fire HD 7”

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Kids Edition Tablet 8 GB; or one “Road Runner” membership to the Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary.

Teens

Teens in sixth through 12th grade may complete five reading activities for a paperback book, while supplies last, and a chance to win a grand prize: Back-to-School Prize Pack; Book-to-Movie Prize Pack; Kindle Fire HD 7” 8GB; Superpower Prize Pack; or Technology Prize Pack.

Adults

Readers ages 18 and older are invited to read or listen to three books, record titles on the log and get a free tote bag, while supplies last, when first log is turned in. Every entry is a chance to win the grand prize, a Kindle Fire 8 HD 32GB tablet. Four winners will get a Wylie Rec Center Flex Reg pass and a tote bag filled with books and other goodies.

Some special adult summer programs are planned. On June 17 at 1 pm, it’s the Summer Author Tea and a book signing. Join authors Deborah Crombie, Elizabeth Essex, Rebecca Adler, Sara Rosett and Barb Han for high tea. Call at 972-516-6250, option 3 for details and to register, which is required.

Scavenger Hunt

From June 5 to 10, join in the Scavenger Hunt. Kids may come to the Children’s Desk, and teens can go to the Teen Room to find the hidden pictures and turn them in for prizes. It’s a self-guided activity; one prize per child per day while supplies last.

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Many activities are planned for all ages at the library, including Wagging Tales, Dress-Up Days, Harry Potter's Birthday Party, Perot Museum Exhibits and Kids Summer Programs Tuesdays and Thursdays. 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 48,000 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.