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Smith Library Hosting Pop Culture Miniseries

Wylie, Texas, Aug. 9, 2018 – Wylie’s Smith Public Library is hosting a Pop Culture Miniseries Sept. 5 – 11. Fans, age 17 and up, of anime, cosplay, Asian pop culture, and comics are invited to express their fandom and celebrate hobbies during this week of free special events. All week, while supplies last, free comic book mystery bags will be given out at the Help Desk.

6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5 – **Cosplay Prop Workshop** – Learn tips and techniques that can be applied to a variety of costume props, including working with thermoplastic, and apply them by making a small prop. Materials are provided.

6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6 – **Comic Creation Panel** – Panel includes Joe Eisma, artist and co-creator for the Eisner-nominated “Morning Glories” series and artist for “Archie,” DC Comics and comic universe Valiant; Mark Stokes, Telly Award-winning animator and creator of “Zombie Boy”; Brian Delaney, creator of “Silver Sparrow Comics” and the upcoming comic-novel hybrid, “Dochas: Birth of the Dragon Girl”; and Hector Rodriguez, creator of “Rio Bravo Comics” and “El Peso Hero.”

1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept 8 – **Anime MeetUp** – Gather at the library to discuss all things anime and Asian pop culture; 3 p.m. – **Acting Workshop with Joel McDonald** – Learn about character development, subtext, levels and tactics, and many more skills that will help actors work in competitive field.

6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11 – **Fairy and Figure Terrariums** – Build a terrarium to showcase hobbies and collectibles. Terrarium materials provided; bring favorite 2- to 3-inch figures.

Registration is required for all events except the Anime MeetUp. Visit WylieTexas.gov/library to register two weeks before the event. Smith Library is part of the Wylie Municipal Complex at 300 Country Club Rd., Bldg. 300. 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. Realtor.com named Wylie the second hottest suburb in the country in February 2017. In 2017, Wylie was named the 20th Best Place to Live in the Country by *Money Magazine*.