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2010 Poet Laureate to Headline Smith Library's Poetry Festival

WHAT: Karla K. Morton, the 2010 Texas Poet Laureate, will present a poetry workshop from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, May 31, as part of the Smith Public Library's ROAR@SPL Poetry Festival. For ages 18 and up, the workshop includes Morton's presentation about her poetry and writing process, as well as poetry exercises from the poetry book, "Wingbeats."

The event is free, but registration is required; call 972-516-6250, option 3. Participants are asked to bring two poems for publication in the ROAR@SPL book.

Morton has written nine books of poetry, including "Redefining Beauty," a journey through cancer diagnosis, chemotherapy, radiation and recovery. She has also published "Karla K. Morton: New and Selected Poems" by TCU Press. Born in Fort Worth, she holds a journalism degree from Texas A&M University and resides in Denton. In her role as 2010 Texas State Poet Laureate, she created a "Little Town, Texas Tour" to serve as an ambassador of poetry.

The poetry festival is designed to showcase personal connections poetry can create between poet and reader and explore how poetry can give everyone a voice loud enough to be heard.

Other events during the two-day festival include a Poetry Workshop and Open Mic Night for age 18 and up at 96° West Winery, 103 N. Ballard Ave., at 7 p.m., Thursday, May 29, featuring Michael Baldwin, winner of the 2012 Eakin Memorial Poetry Award. A poetry workshop with open mic for 4th through 12th grades is scheduled for May 31, with Will Richey and Alejandro Perez of DaVerse Lounge. Workshop is from 10 a.m. to noon; open mic is at noon with lunch provided.

For more information, go to WylieTexas.gov/Library for more information on ROAR@SPL Poetry Festival.

WHEN: 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 31, 2014

WHO: Poet Laureate Karla K Morton; aspiring poets; and citizens

WHERE: Smith Public Library
300 Country Club Rd. Bldg. 300
Wylie, Texas 75098

INFO: www.WylieTexas.gov/library or 972-516-6250

About Wylie -- Incorporated in 1887, the City of Wylie is located just 24 miles from downtown Dallas in Collin, Dallas and Rockwall Counties. Possessing an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, an ISO #1 rating and an expanding business climate, Wylie (population 44,158) is one of the fastest growing communities in the State of Texas with a 192% increase since 2000.