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Genealogy Boot Camp Includes Info on Historic Wylie Home

Wylie, Texas, Sept. 13, 2017 – Curious about your family’s roots? Wylie’s Smith Public Library presents Genealogy Boot Camp, designed to steer participants in how to research their heritage. The event is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30.

The morning session will include information about library resources and tips for looking into family history. The afternoon will include breakout sessions about researching African-American ancestry, European ancestry, and Hispanic ancestry; preserving photos; and more. Choice of afternoon sessions will be made onsite the day of the event. There will also be an opportunity to scan up to 10 family pictures and documents per person.

The day will include a local history presentation about Stonehaven, a 20th-century bungalow-style home built in 1912 by Collin County architect William Stone for his new bride Charlotte Howard. The house, located in Wylie near South Ballard Avenue and Alanis Drive, was designed and built using techniques Stone gleaned by studying architect Frank Lloyd Wright; it was declared a Texas Historic Landmark in 1992. Sandra Stone, Wylie Historical Society president, will give the presentation; the society is working with the City of Wylie to restore the home.

Register for Genealogy Boot Camp or any of the library’s other informative programs at WylieTexas.gov/library or by calling 972-516-6250, option 3. The event is free.

Smith Library is located in the Wylie Municipal Complex, 300 Country Club Rd., Building 300, in Wylie.

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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*. Realtor.com named Wylie the second hottest suburb in the country in February 2017.