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**Media Advisory**

**African Drum, Dance Ensemble Brings New Show to Wylie’s Smith Library**

**WHAT:** Wylie’s Smith Library hosts Bandan Koro African Drum and Dance Ensemble, a high-energy, vibrant group of performers. This year’s program, “Bandan Koro – Theater & History,” features theatrical selections of traditionally based West African percussion and dance, along with presentations of traditional folklore by way of the “griot,” or West African historian and storyteller.

The group formed in 2009 to study and share experiences associated with African culture and history through dance, music, and specialized presentations to foster a greater awareness, understanding, appreciation and respect for music, dance, and culture of Africans and African descendants around the world. This presentation is suitable for adults and families; best suited to kids third grade and up.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, Feb. 6, 6:30 p.m.

**WHO:** Percussionists and dancers in colorful attire

**TICKETS:** Free admission, but register at [WylieTexas.gov/library](http://WylieTexas.gov/library)

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

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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 50,000 Wylie residents. Last year, 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. The library was awarded the 2017 Texas Achievement in Library Excellence Award, placing Smith Library in the top 10 percent of public libraries in the state.