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**PRESS RELEASE**

### **SPL Teen Library Council to Host Poetry Café**

**Wylie, Texas, Jan. 23, 2019** – Wylie’s Smith Library is encouraging all creative kids in fourth through 12<sup>th</sup> grade to sign up to read their original poetry at its Teen/Tween Poetry Café, from 5 to 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 18. The event is hosted by the SPL Teen Library Council.

Rather than a competition, the event is a showcase in which audience members will spend an evening listening to Wylie’s young poets while enjoying refreshments in a Parisian atmosphere.

Participants should sign up in the library’s Teen Room by Saturday, Feb. 9, for the opportunity to perform. All poems are subject to prior approval; once registered, submit poetry selections to [Kelsey.Sidwell@WylieTexas.gov](mailto:Kelsey.Sidwell@WylieTexas.gov) . A mandatory rehearsal will be held between 3 and 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 16.

For more information, call 972-516-6264 or visit the Teen Room.

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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.