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**Media Advisory**

**Wylie's Smith Library Welcomes African Drum, Dance Ensemble**

**WHAT:** Wylie's Smith Library hosts Bandan Koro African Drum and Dance Ensemble, a high-energy, vibrant group of performers. 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. Presentation incorporates interactive elements and is suitable for all ages.

**WHEN:** Monday, Feb. 5, 2018  
6:30 p.m.

**WHO:** Percussionists and dancers in colorful attire, audience members

**TICKETS:** Free admission, but register at [WylieTexas.gov/library](http://WylieTexas.gov/library) or 972-516-6250.

**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 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 20<sup>th</sup> Best Place to Live in the Country by *Money Magazine*, up from 25<sup>th</sup> in 2015.