



Summer Reading Theme: ‘A Universe of Stories’

Pick up Reading Logs May 20, Enter for Prizes

Wylie, TX, April 17, 2019 – Wylie’s Smith Library Summer Reading Club begins May 20 and runs through Aug. 3, with free programs, activities and events, encouraging kids, teens and adults to read all summer long. Participants are welcome from Wylie and surrounding areas. This year’s theme is “A Universe of Stories.”

Participants may pick up a reading log May 20 and keep track of the number of books or hours read until Aug. 3. Turn in logs between June 17 and Aug. 3, receive a reward, and be entered to win the grand prize, awarded in three age groups.

Kids

For every 25 books or 10 hours read, kids entering fifth grade or younger will get a completion certificate and free paperback book, while supplies last. Each completed log means a chance to win a grand prize: Amazon Fire HD 7 Kids Edition Tablet 16 GB; family membership for four to Trinity River Audubon Center; or a Folkmanis puppy puppet and two hardcover picture books.

Teens

Teens in sixth through 12th grade may read 10 hours for a free paperback book, while supplies last. Each completed log is a chance to enter the drawing for one of the grand prizes: Kindle Fire HD 8 Tablet 16 GB; \$100 STEAM online gaming gift card; or \$50 Ticketmaster plus \$50 iTunes gift cards.

Adults

Readers ages 18 and older are invited to read or listen to three books and complete a log. The first completed log earns a browsing tote bag while supplies last. (Use titles for both Summer Reading and the Read More logs.) Keep reading! All logs are entered into the grand prize drawings for: \$125 gift certificate to the AT&T Performing Arts Center; \$65 gift card to Top Golf plus a \$65 gift card to iFLY Indoor Skydiving; or \$125 gift certificate to Red Door Escape Room.

Programs

Summer programs are planned for all ages. Family programs include the Universe of Stories Scavenger Hunt, June 3 to 8 (self-directed); Out of this World Crafts, June 11 from 10 to 11:45 a.m.; and Independence Day Crafts, July 2 from 10 to 11:45 a.m.

Kids summer programs, for elementary-aged school kids, include Science Tellers June 13; Wild Life on the Move, June 18; Wild Life on the Move, June 20; Blackland Prairie Raptor Center on June 25; A Play on Swords: Pirates, History vs. Hollywood, June 27; James Wand, Secret Agent Magic Show July 9 and 11; and Brett Roberts: Space Magic July 16 and 18.

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Tween summer programs, for kids entering fourth through sixth grades, include Galaxy Mugs and Trail Mix, June 11; Wildlife on the Move, June 18; Out of this World Terrariums, June 25; James Wand's Absolutely Fabulous Magic Class, July 2; A Play on Swords presents "The Duelists," July 9; and Cosmic Crafternoon, July 16.

Teen summer programs, for teens entering sixth through 12th grades, include Awful Art Showcase, June 12; YouTube Workshop, June 13; Cosplay 101, June 19; Cupcake Wars, June 20 and July 11; Dungeons and Dragons Part 1 and 2, June 26 and 27; Robotics 101 with the Perot Museum, July 3; Canvas Vandals, July 10; and K-Pop Choreography Class, July 17.

Some special adult summer programs are also planned. Japanese Calligraphy is June 4, at 6 p.m.; Intro to Amateur Radio is June 11, at 6 p.m.; Recycled Canvas Art is July 9, at 7 p.m.; Indian Classical Dance, July 23, at 6:30 p.m.

Registration is required for these events; call 972-516-6250, option 3.

The Summer Kick-Off Party, brought to you by Smith Library and the Wylie Recreation Center, will be June 7, from 9 to 11:45 a.m., in the courtyard between the two buildings. The free event includes bounce houses, an inflatable slide, the Perot Tech Truck and much more. This is mostly an outdoor event, so plan accordingly. Overflow parking is available at Wylie High School with complimentary shuttle to the Municipal Complex.

For more information on any of the library's programs, call 972-516-6250 or visit wylietexas.gov/library.

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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 236,000 visitors. More than 48,000 citizens have library cards, and the library offers 704 programs, attended last year by over 23,000 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.