

As We Reopen, Rebuild, & Reconnect





Friends of the Library

Smith Public Library, Wylie, TX





The Rita and Truett Smith Public Library

History

On May 28, 1970, the Rita and Truett Smith Library opened its doors in the Tower Suite of the First State Bank in Wylie, TX.



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By 1974, the library had outgrown its space and the City rented a building on Ballard St. in downtown Wylie.



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History In 1985, the Smiths built and donated a building to the City of Wylie. It contained 5,000 sq ft which included a meeting room.

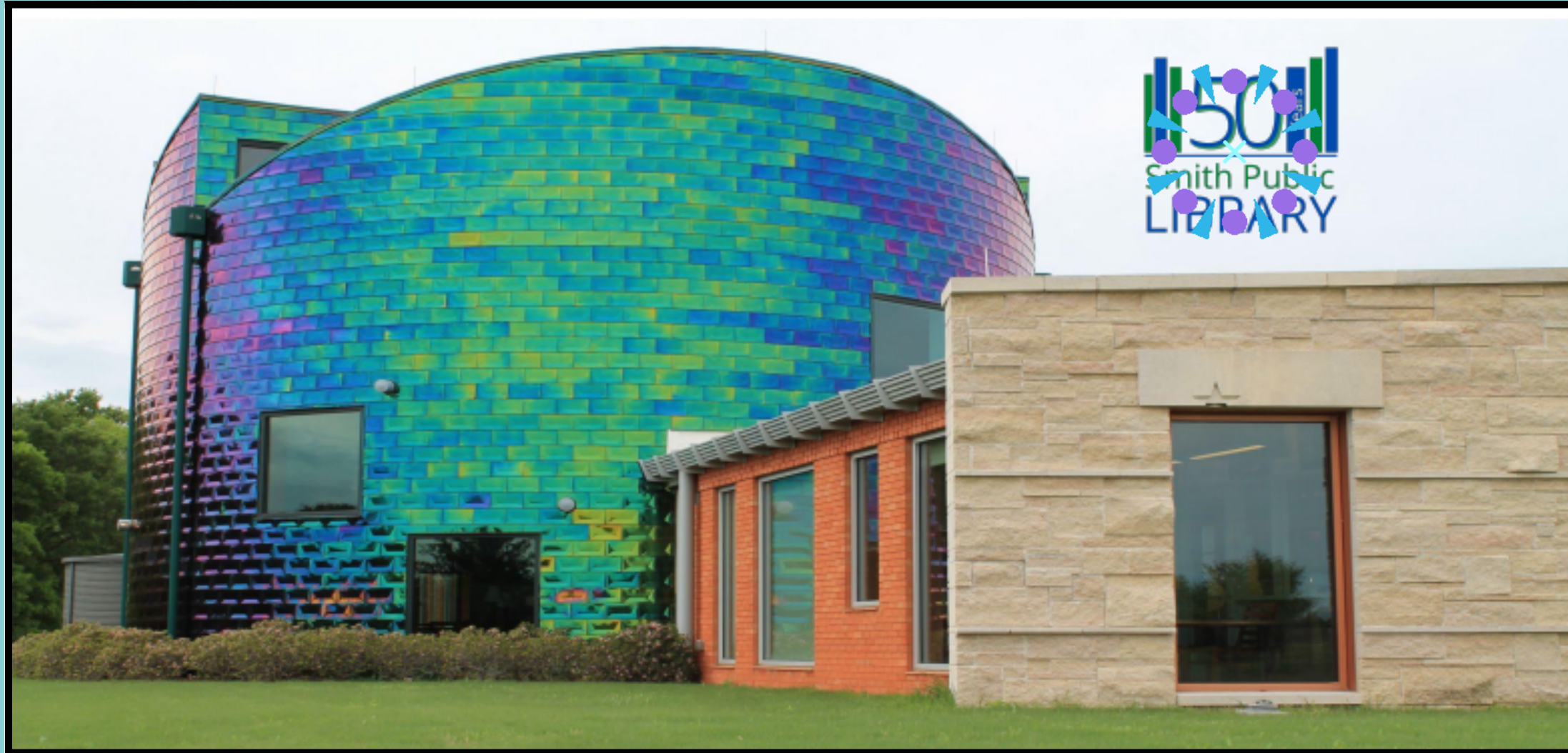
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In 1988, Grants from the Meadows Foundation allowed the library to hire a Children's Librarian and begin a Summer Reading Club.



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In 2011, the library expanded into what is now the Municipal Complex. The current library covers 44,000 sq ft.

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During COVID, the library began virtual programming, opened a drive through window for no contact check out, and began delivering books to people who were not able to leave their homes.



BY THE NUMBERS

FY2021: OCT 2020 - SEPT 2021

620,034

CHECK OUTS



555,008

PHYSICAL ITEMS



65,026

DIGITAL ITEMS



BY THE NUMBERS

FY2021: OCT 2020 - SEPT 2021



**HOURS SPENT
LEARNING ONLINE**



**PEOPLE SEARCHED
ONLINE RESOURCES**



BY THE NUMBERS

FY2021: OCT 2020 - SEPT 2021

STAFF PROCESSED

64,186

HOLDS



4,860

PEOPLE USED OUR
DRIVE-THROUGH



357

ITEMS

DELIVERED



106

TO WYLIE RESIDENTS
BY LIBRARY STAFF



BY THE NUMBERS

FY2021: OCT 2020 - SEPT 2021

129,398

PEOPLE VISITED THE LIBRARY



6,172

PEOPLE
ATTENDED



415

IN PERSON &
ONLINE EVENTS



BY THE NUMBERS

SUMMER 2022 - MAY - JULY

48,763

PEOPLE VISITED THE LIBRARY



260,722

CHECK OUTS



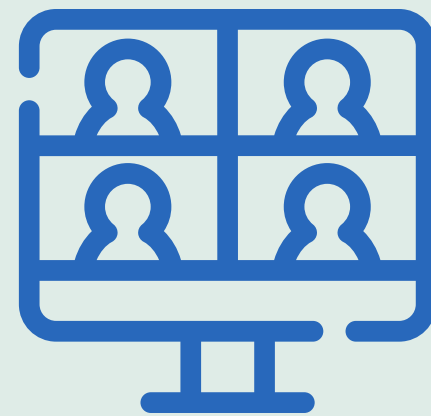
143,276
PHYSICAL ITEMS



117,446
DIGITAL ITEMS

8,292

PEOPLE
ATTENDED



91

IN PERSON &
ONLINE EVENTS



SPL Partnerships

Rec Center

Annual Summer Kickoff



Senior Rec Center

Book Club



Wylie Chamber

Business Card Exchange



Collin College

Library Garden



Wylie PD

Summer Youth Enrichment



Wylie ISD

Spooktacular



SPL Serves the Community

Silver Linings

Book Delivery Service



Mobile Printing



Drive Through

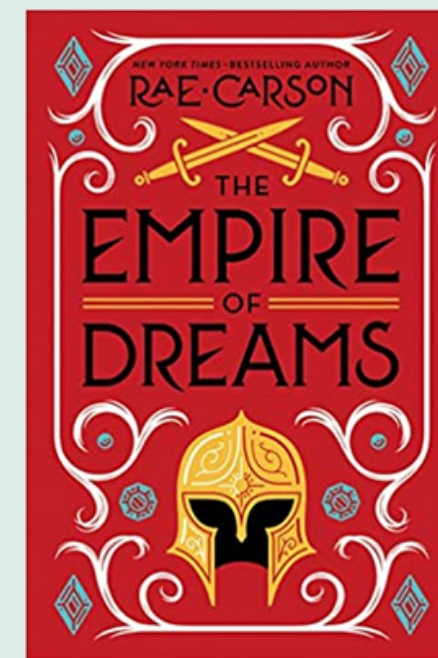
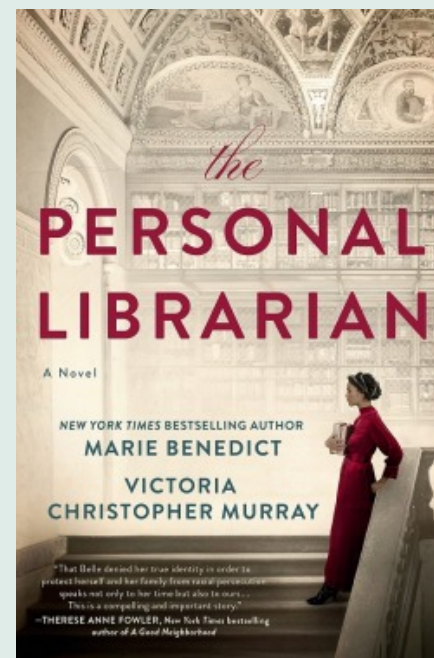
Pick up and Drop Off



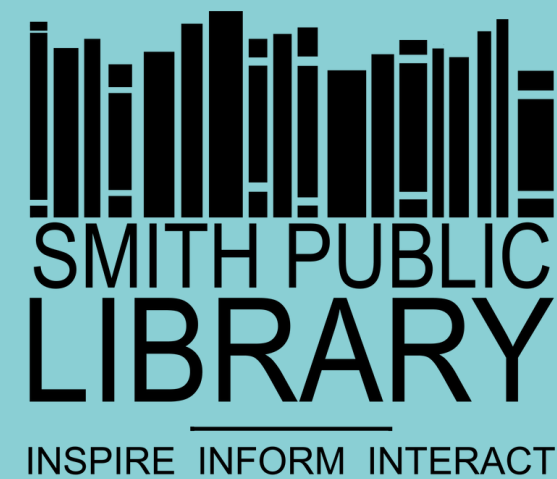
Mobile Hotspots



Adult Book Club
Teen Book Club
Tween Book Club
Kids Book Club



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FUN FRIENDS FACTS!



Andrew Carnegie provided funds for building public libraries in 1886. Gifts totaling \$56,162,622 enabled the construction of 1679 buildings in 1412 American towns and cities.

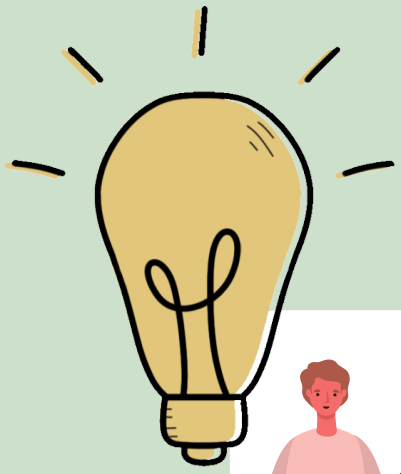


The first "Friends of the Library" in the United States, was founded in 1922 in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. They raised \$365 in membership fees.



The first Friends group for a university in the US was formed at Harvard in 1925. By 1930, Friends groups were at Columbia, Yale, Princeton and Johns Hopkins.

FUN FRIENDS FACTS!



1959 - 400 groups in the US
1973 - 1,000 groups with over 100,000 members
1979 - 2,000 groups and around half a million members
1985 - 2,500 groups and 750,000 members



In the United States, Friends groups work closely with the American Library Association. In 2009, Friends merged with the Association for Library Trustees and Advocates under the umbrella United for Libraries.



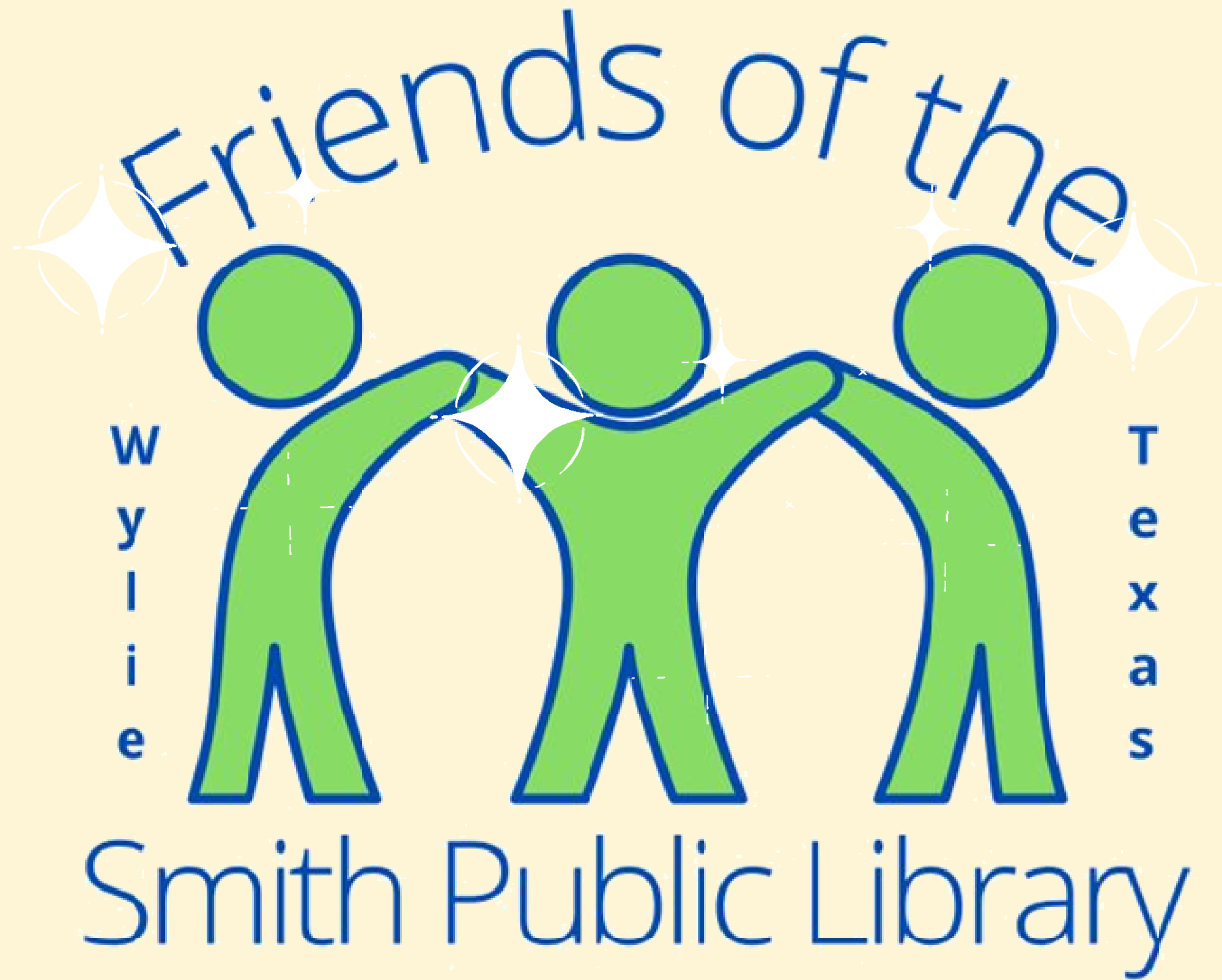
Other countries, such as Australia, France, South Africa and the United Kingdom all have Friends of Libraries groups.



About *Friends*



- Membership is composed of people who believe in the importance of books, reading, learning, and libraries for people of all ages.
- Friends agree that the community is a better place to live when it supports the library.
- The Friends promote the improvement of the facilities and services of the Library; enhance cooperation among local citizens, library board members, and government officials.



2015

Early Learning Center - \$3,100

2016

Perot Systems Programs - \$1,600
3D Printer - \$3,800

2017

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Tablets for kids area - \$5,300

2019

7 new PCs and
Storage cabinet - \$8,000

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Teen Room - \$10,000

2021

Halloween Event - \$500
50th Anniversary Event - \$4,500

2022

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Circulation carts - \$3,600



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HOW YOU CAN HELP



Friends of the Smith Public Library

BOOK SALE

SATURDAY, JULY 23

9 AM - 4 PM

at SMITH PUBLIC LIBRARY

PREVIEW SALE

for Friends Members

FRIDAY, JULY 22

5 PM - 7 PM

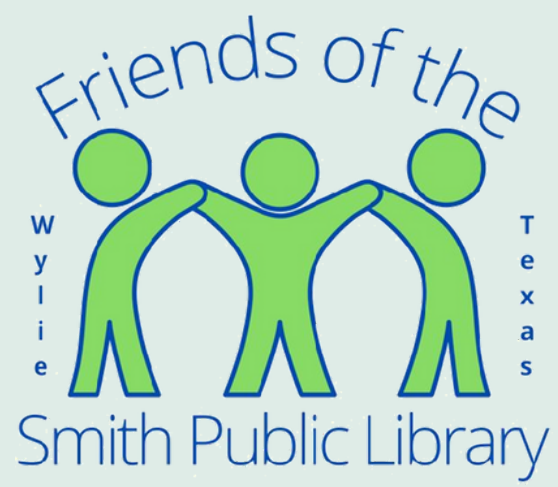
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WYLIE**



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THE RITA AND
TRUETT SMITH
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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TO LEARN MORE ABOUT FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Contact the library at
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***Thank you,
Rita Smith!***

***First Friend
of the
Library***