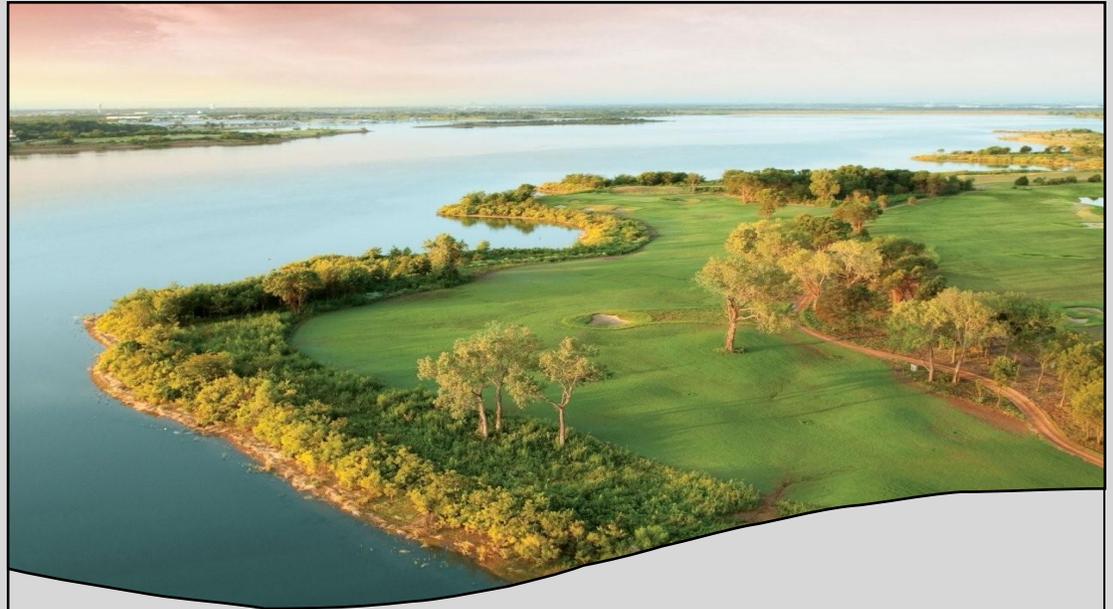


February 3, 2014

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KIDSAFE! National Campaign for Play

“I believe that a bad Super Bowl halftime show is still better than a soccer game.”

Ron White

“The Super Bowl is Americana at its most kitsch and fun.”

Sting



From City Manager Troy Powell

Under the direction of The Colony City Council, my office oversees all of the city's day-to-day operations and services, including management of the city's budget. These tasks are accomplished in partnership with a team of dedicated and professional departmental directors with whom I am proud to serve alongside for the betterment of this wonderful community and its residents.

It is also my responsibility to ensure the vision for the future of the city is realized, as determined by the council and the constituents they represent. It is my belief that The Colony is now and will continue to be a vibrant, evolving community that attracts new residents, visitors and businesses eager to become a part of that future.

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Parks and Recreation Events

Movies in the Park – “TBD”

Date: Friday, April 4th
Time: 7:00 p.m. gates / 8:00 p.m. movie
Location: Five Star Complex, 4100 Blair Oaks
Cost: None

Spring Eggstravaganza

Date: Thursday, April 17th
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Location: The Colony Five Star Complex, 4100 Blair Oaks
Cost: \$3 per child in advance; \$5 per child on event day
May:

Kids Chase By The Lake

Date: Saturday, April 12th
Time: 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Location: Stewart Creek Park, 3700 Sparks Rd
Cost: TBD

Spring Eggstravaganza

Date: Thursday, April 17th
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Location: The Colony Five Star Complex, 4100 Blair Oaks
Cost: \$3 per child in advance; \$5 per child on event day

Movies in the Park – “TBD”

Date: Friday, May 9th
Time: 7:00 p.m. gates / 8:00 p.m. movie
Location: Five Star Complex, 4100 Blair Oaks
Cost: None

Mother Son Luau

Date: Saturday, May 31st
Time: 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Location: The Colony Aquatic Park, 5580 N. Colony Blvd
Cost: \$25 per couple, \$10 each additional child

Summer Cinema Clubhouse – “TBD”

Date: Thursday, June 19th
Time: 12:00 p.m. doors / 2:00 p.m. movie
Location: The Colony Recreation Center, 5151 N Colony Blvd
Cost: None

The Colony Public Library Events

A.A.R.P. Tax Help

Dates: Wednesdays, February 5th – April 9th
Time: 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Location: The Colony Public Library 6800 Main Street
Cost: Free; call 972-625-1900 ext. 3 to schedule an appointment.

Pokémon Tournament

Date: Saturday, February 8th
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: The Colony Public Library 6800 Main Street
Cost: \$2 entry fee; proceeds to benefit TCPL’s teen programs and activities

Continuing Education Class For Daycare Providers

Date: Thursday, February 20th
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Location: The Colony Public Library 6800 Main Street
Cost: \$5 registration fee, refundable upon completion of class

Spanish/English Bilingual Story Time Hora de Cuentos Bilingüe Español / Inglés

Sponsored in part by Target
Dates: Sundays, February 2nd, 9th, 23rd
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: The Colony Public Library 6800 Main Street
Cost: Free

eReader Office Hours

Dates & Times:
Tuesday, February 4th at 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 20th at 7:00 p.m.
Friday, February 28th at 11:00 a.m.
Location: The Colony Public Library 6800 Main Street
Cost: Free

“Millions of Years in North Texas” Natural History presentation by Texas Master Naturalist Donna Cole

Hosted by TCPL Local History Committee
Date: Saturday, February 8th
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Location: The Colony Public Library 6800 Main Street
Cost: Free

WORK SESSION AGENDA FEBRUARY 4, 2014

- A. Call to Order**
- B. Receive update on City Manager's Arts Committee (Powell)**
- C. Discuss the topic of e-cigarettes, the risks to minors, and a possible ordinance to ban the sale of e-cigarettes to minors (Terre)**
- D. Council to receive supplemental information from staff or answers to questions regarding the February 4, 2014 regular agenda items as follows:**

See Regular Agenda Items
- E. Council to provide direction to staff regarding future agenda items.**
- F. Adjourn**

1.0	ROUTINE ANNOUNCEMENTS, RECOGNITIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:
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Call to Order

Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag

Salute to the Texas Flag

Citizen Input

Announcement of upcoming civic events and activities - Presentation from the Library Director regarding current and upcoming programs, events, and service improvements.

2.0	CONSENT AGENDA
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- 2.1 Consider approving minutes of council meetings held January 21, 2014 [Schrag] (City Secretary)
- 2.2 Consider approving council expenditures for December 2013 (Council)
- 2.3 Consider approving a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute a design services agreement with Dunkin Sims Stoffels, Inc. in the amount of \$30,460 for development of bid documents and project management for reconstruction and expansion of the Park Loop Trail, with funding provided by the Community Development Corporation (PARD, Nelson)
- 2.4 Consider approving a resolution awarding a bid to Titan Fence for the relocation and upgrade of the Bridges Cemetery fence, and archeological observation by Versar, Inc. in an amount totaling \$17,583.76, and to further authorize possible expenditures associated with grave relocation if necessary, with funding provided by the Community Development Corporation (PARD, Nelson)
- 2.5 Consider approving ordinances amending the Code of Ordinances with the 2012 Editions of the International Building Code, International Energy Conservation Code, International Fire Code, International Fuel Gas Code, International Mechanical Code, International Plumbing Code, and International Residential Code, and the 2011 National Electric Code, with appendices and Local Amendments (Planning, Joyce)
- 2.6 Consider approving a budget amendment ordinance amending the Municipal Budget for FY 2013-14 for the purchase of a freezer trailer for use at the Animal Shelter (Finance, Cranford)

3.0	REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS
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- 3.1 Discuss and consider an ordinance approving a Site Plan for a new 200,500 square foot middle school for the Lewisville Independent School District, called Griffin Middle School, on approximately 16.80 acres, located on the south side of North Colony Boulevard at Ragan Road (Planning, Joyce)

- 3.2 Conduct a public hearing, discuss and consider approving an ordinance amending the development standards in the Eastvale Planned Development (PD-1 & PD-2). The property is located on the west side of FM 423 (Main Street) at Lake Highlands (Planning, Joyce)
- 3.3 Discuss and consider a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute a professional services agreement with Carollo Engineers, Inc. for design and engineering for Phase 1 of the wastewater treatment plant expansion project (Administration, Maurina)

4.0	WORK SESSION
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None

5.0	EXECUTIVE SESSION
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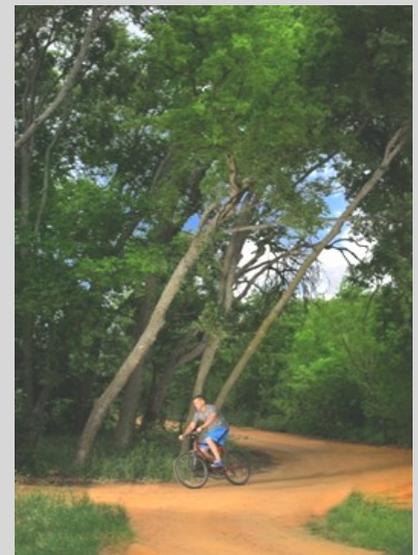
- 5.1
 - A. Council shall convene into a closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 (2) of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE to consult with the city attorney regarding the Marine Quest Development Agreement.
 - B. Council shall convene into a closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.087 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE to deliberate commercial or financial information the City has received from a business prospect(s), and to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect(s).
 - C. Council shall convene into a closed executive session pursuant to Sections 551.071 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE to seek legal advice from the City Attorney regarding an Impact Fee Waiver Agreement with 30/The Colony, Ltd. property.
 - D. Council shall convene into a closed executive session pursuant to Sections 551.071 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE to seek legal advice from the City Attorney regarding an Impact Fee Waiver Agreement with Triangle Property 01, Ltd. property, and Triangle Property 04, Ltd. Property.
 - E. Council shall convene into a closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.074 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the City Secretary and City Manager.

Reconvene to Open Session

- 5.2 A. Any action as a result of executive session regarding the Marine Quest Development Agreement.
- B. Any action as a result of executive session regarding Council shall convene into a closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.087 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE to deliberate commercial or financial information the City has received from a business prospect(s), and to deliberate the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospect(s).
- C. Any action as a result of executive session regarding an Impact Fee Waiver Agreement with 30/The Colony, Ltd. property.
- D. Any action as a result of executive session regarding Impact Fee Waiver Agreement with Triangle Property 01, Ltd. property, and Triangle Property 04, Ltd. Property.
- E. Any action as a result of executive session regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the City Secretary and City Manager.

Pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code Chapter 551 one or more of the above items may be considered in executive session closed to the public, including but not limited to consultation with attorney pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071 arising out of the attorney's ethical duty to advise the city concerning legal issues arising from an agenda item. Any decision held on such matter will be taken or conducted in open session following the conclusion of the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT





Polar Open Disc Golf Tournament

The annual Polar Open disc golf tournament was held on Saturday, January 25th at the Bill Allen Memorial Park disc golf course. The tournament was a big success with 96 participants. The next disc golf tournament scheduled at the course will be in September 2014.



Upcoming

Events: A Sneak Peek

The next special events for The Colony include Movies in the Park, featuring "Monsters University" (rated G) on Friday, April 4; the annual Kids Chase by the Lake on Saturday, April 12; and the annual Spring Eggstravaganza egg hunt on Thursday, April 17. Mark your calendars now! For more info, call the Parks & Recreation Department at (972)625-1106.



Spring Break Kidz Kamp

Spring Break Kidz Kamp is now open for registration! Campers go on a different field each day. Field trips this year include Whimsey & Grace, Frank Buck Zoo, Peter Piper Pizza, Going Bonkers and Movie Day. The cost is \$150 for the week. Discounts are available for families with multiple children. Registration will be accepted by the day beginning March 3 if space allows. The cost is \$30 per day. For more information or to register, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (972)625-1106.

Summer Break Kidz Kamp

Summer Kidz Kamp registration begins on Monday, March 3rd. Register early as Kamp fills fast! Kidz Kamp is for kids ages 6-11 years old. Campers go on a different field trip each week and go to The Colony Aquatic Park twice a week. The field trip schedule will be announced the last week of February. The cost per week ranges from \$110-\$125 a week. There is a one-time \$20 supply fee. Discounts are available for families with multiple children. For more information or to register, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (972)625-1106 or email play@tcpard.com.



Seeking Uniquely Talented Instructor

The Parks & Recreation Department is currently planning programs and activities for the Summer session of 2014. This will cover the months of May – August. If you have a talent or skill that you think would translate into a great new program for the community, please let us know. We would love to discuss with you how to become an instructor with the Parks & Recreation Department. Please call us at (972)625-1106, or email your information to play@tcpard.com.



Spring Youth Volleyball

Registration: January 18 – February 22 @ The Colony Recreation Center

Cost: \$55 for residents and \$65 for non-residents

Ages: Girls ages 7-14

Register early for this extremely popular summer sport! Divisions are limited, so early registration is highly recommended. League play begins March 22.



Spring Adult Volleyball

Registration: January 18 – February 22 @ The Colony Recreation Center

Cost: \$300/team

Ages: 18+

This is a NEW league for adults! Registration is limited to seven teams. Games will be played on Sunday evenings at the Recreation Center. Each team will play six regular season games, and will conclude the season with a single elimination tournament.

Spring Adult Softball

Registration: February 8 – March 8 @ The Colony Recreation Center

Cost: \$365/team

Ages: 18+

Leagues will be available on multiple nights for different divisions of play. Men's leagues will be scheduled for Thursday evenings. Coed leagues will play on Friday evenings. There will also be a church league offered on Sunday evenings. Teams registering in the church division must be affiliated with a church, and must carry that church in their team name. League fee includes four game balls. Registration is limited in each division.





Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program

Dates: Monday – Wednesday - Friday

Time: 9:15am

Location: The Colony Community Center

Cost: Free to members

Taught by an Arthritis Foundation certified instructor, this program is done sitting and/or standing by a chair. Benefits of this program may include reduced pain and stiffness, restored/maintained range of motion, improved balance/coordination and decreased fatigue/increased endurance.



Love Your Heart Day

Dates: Friday, February 14

Time: 11:30am – 1:00pm

Location: The Colony Community Center

Cost: Free to members

Compete in Minute-To-Win-It style games as you learn a variety of ways to take better care of your heart. A light heart-healthy lunch sponsored by Prairie Estates is included. Registration required. Sign-up at the front desk or call (972)624-2246.



MLK Day Lifeguard Challenge

Area youth attended a skills review and testing through an American Red Cross program that allows current Lifeguards to update their certifications. The extremely long day included intense written and physical testing in CPR, First Aid, the use of an AED and water rescues.

The Colony Aquatic Park offers several Challenge days throughout the spring to prepare potential staff for local pools. For more information about Challenges or a full certification course in Lifeguarding, call (972)624-2225.



Summer Rental Calendar Opens

The 2014 Summer Pool Party Calendar is officially open for business. Contact (972)624-2225 for the best selection of days, times and pools at The Colony Aquatic Park. Standard resident pricing for a small party of 50 people (or less) is \$170 to privately rent the Leisure Lagoon, Splash Zone or Indoor Pool for two hours. The fee includes Lifeguards.

The Leisure Lagoon features lounge chairs, trees, picnic tables and pavilions around a free-formed pool with a waterfall. The depth starts at 1½ feet deep and is 4½ feet at the basketball goal. A large grill is available at a location that can be reached for a “tailgate party” next to a sand volleyball court. This pool is perfect for groups with mixed ages, such as family reunions, churches or sports teams.

The Splash Zone has two bodies of water. The interactive splash pad features sprayers, showers, jets and waterfalls. There is also a separate, “Little Lagoon” with its own waterfall under a large shade structure. Picnic Tables, beach chairs, pavilions and a small grill are part of the rental. The Splash Zone is designed to entertain preschool parties.

The heated Indoor Pool is available year-round for parties and is best suited for ages 8 through adult, as the depth runs 4½ to 10½ feet. It can easily be set up for volleyball and basketball games.

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Staff Liaison: Pam Nelson and Eve Morgan

Tree Relocation Projects

The construction of the South Colony overpass at SH 121 has resulted in the removal of eighteen 3" caliper Live Oak trees from the median. The trees were relocated to Stewart Creek Park. At Encore's request, staff also relocated from the electrical easement at Bridges Park and the Baseball Complex three 3 1/2" caliper Live Oak and one Red Oak tree. Two were relocated to Friendship Park and two to Slay/Baker Park to replace dead trees.



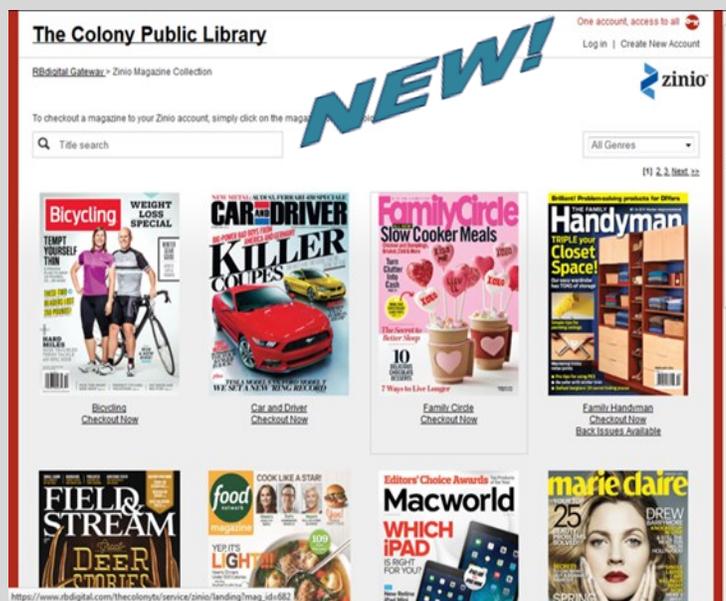


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Juvenile Book Club Kits

These kits for elementary-aged readers include eight copies of a title, a discussion guide, and a biography of the author. Titles include classics such as *Charlotte's Web* and popular titles such as *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. They are perfect for teachers, school librarians, homeschool parents, or anyone who just wants to start a book club with their friends. Look for the kits in the juvenile fiction area.

Coming soon: *Young Adult Book Club Kits* – watch for them to arrive in the Teen area!

New Arrivals!



Large Print rotating collection: The new shipment has arrived! If your eyes love large print, watch for the special display at the front of the library to select from the 50 books we just received!

-2013 Accomplishments of The Colony Public Library Local History Committee

The Colony Public Library Local History Committee (LHC) meets on a monthly basis to collect, preserve, and share the history of the area that is now The Colony. The committee establishes and strives to accomplish several yearly goals; the results of 2013's accomplishments are outlined below.



1. The LHC applied for and received a \$1,000 Rescuing Texas History mini-grant from The Portal to Texas History. Funds from this grant will cover the cost of digitizing a selection of historically significant local newspaper issues.
2. Eighty-six individuals visited the LHC's event at historic Bridges Cemetery on Veteran's Day weekend. Members of the committee provided information about the history of The Colony, the cemetery, and the 13 Civil War soldiers buried within, whose graves were marked by flags provided by the American Legion.
3. Five new oral history interviews of long-time The Colony residents were conducted and filmed in 2013; twelve oral histories have been recorded since 2011.
4. The LHC provided 500 additional rack cards, which promote The Colony's historical legacy, to two Texas Travel Information Centers. Close to 2,500 rack cards have been distributed across the state since 2010.

5. The LHC worked closely with the CDC and the Parks & Recreation department to provide historical guidance for the creation of Kids Colony 2 and its interpretative signage. The committee continues to interact with other various City and local organizations, including City administration, the CVB, American Legion Post 21, local elementary schools, and the Denton County Historical Commission, to promote The Colony's rich historical legacy through various projects.

6. The LHC continued to collect and preserve photographs, documents, and memorabilia of the community through various resources, including former City Council members, walk-in donations, Ancestry.com, online/e-mail submissions, area public libraries, and local history museums and/or historical societies.

7. The LHC continued to stock the Local History Corner in the Library with genealogical research, local history materials, loose documents, specialty maps, and newsletters.

The LHC is looking forward to another successful year of serving the Library and the community.

February at TCPL:

School of the Month: The Colony High School



During the month of February, any TCHS student who checks out materials or gets a new library card may pick up a free gift at the library Circulation Desk.

TCHS Students: TCPL offers free online homework help via Tutor.com daily from 3 -10 p.m. – all you need is your TCPL library card and access to thecolonypl.org!

Online Resources of the Month at thecolonypl.org: Literature



Expand your literary knowledge with our literature resources: *Literary Reference Center*, *Book Review Digest*, *Literature Resources from Gale* and *Gale Virtual Reference Library*. Find literary criticisms, author biographies, reviews of an author's writings, and full text of many literary works. TCPL cardholders have free access to these invaluable resources at the [Library's eResources page](#).

February Fundraiser: "Love Your Library" Paperback Romance Book Sale



Treat yourself – or your special someone -- during FOTCPL's "Love Your Library" Paperback Romance Book Sale. Prices for your selection from the specially-marked book cart are \$0.25 each or 5 for \$1 -- receive a gift bag & bookmark with your purchase (while supplies last). Proceeds benefit TCPL's programs, services, and collection development. Thank you for your support!

Youth Programs

Early Literacy Programs:



Bilingual Spanish/English Story Time Series, Sundays February 2, 9, 23 at 2 p.m.

This series was developed by Youth Services Librarian Amanda Poore and Youth Services Library Assistant Tina Martinez with resources funded in part by a grant from Target. For more information, contact Amanda Poore, 972-624-3186, apoore@thecolonypl.org.



Toddler Time is held Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. in the Quiet Room February 4, 11, 18, 25

Toddler Time is geared toward 2 & 3 year old children; it is a good introduction to the Library and reading-readiness using stories, puppets, poems and songs. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Preschool Story Time is held Fridays at 10:15 a.m. in the Story Corner

February 7, 14, 21, 28

Join us for books, fingerplays and songs! No registration required. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Kids Play Friday returns – new time! Fridays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. February 7, 14, 21, 28



Kids in grades K-5 can stop by the multipurpose room to play with LEGOs and do crafts. Kids under age 9 must have a caregiver age 12 or older with them.

Teen Events



Pokémon Tournament, Saturday, February 8, \$2 entry fee. Doors open at 6 p.m. for registration and social time; competition begins at 6:30 p.m.

Join in the fun! Bring your DS game with 5th Gen Black & White, Black 2 and White 2; or 6th Gen X & Y. Bring your charger – just in case! Refreshments available for purchase – cash only. This fundraiser is hosted by TCPL's Teen Anime Club and sponsored by Friends of The Colony Public Library (FOTCPL). Proceeds benefit TCPL's teen programs and activities.



Teen Anime Club, Wednesdays, February 19 & 26, 6:30 p.m.

Teen anime fans meet at the Library for fellowship, fundraisers and fun.



Teen Advisory Panel, Tuesday, February 25, 7 p.m.

Join the TCPL Teen Advisory Panel (TAP) and give the library staff suggestions on how to better serve teens – and earn volunteer hours while you do so! Interested? Contact apoore@thecolonypl.org or call Ms. Amanda at 972-624-3186.



Home Sellers Seminar, Wednesday, February 12, 7 p.m.

Free seminar for those interested in selling their home - get prepared with up-to-date information, tips, and suggestions from experts on how to prepare your home to attract buyers, how to work with real estate professionals, and all the steps involved in the home selling process.



Writers' Circle, Tuesday, February 18, 7 p.m.

Writing can be a solitary experience, but sometimes you need interaction with other writers. The Library invites local writers to meet in the conference room to discuss their current projects, seek suggestions from fellow writers to improve their writing skills, and share insights into getting their works published.



Continuing Education Class for Day Care Providers, Thursday, February 20, 7-9 p.m.

Daycare providers can earn 2 hours of CE credit for this class on *Early Literacy Education through Story Time* taught by TCPL Youth Services Librarian, Amanda Poore, MLS. Registration is required; space is limited. Register at the circulation desk beginning February 4; registration fee of \$5 is refundable upon completion of the class



The Colony Local History Committee Meeting, Thursday, February 20, 7 p.m.

Help cultivate and preserve The Colony's rich history, learn about projects the committee members have underway, and help plan for upcoming events.



Friends of The Colony Public Library Officers Meeting, Thursday, February 20, 7 p.m.

Meet the officers of Friends of The Colony Public Library; learn about FOTCPL's efforts in support of the Library's programs and services. New members are welcomed!



The WhoDunIt? Books Review Mystery Book Club, Wednesday, February 26, 7 p.m.

We're looking for new members! Join in the lively discussion of mystery and suspense novels; this month we will choose the titles to discuss for 2014 – and we need your suggestions!

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The Library Board met January 23, 2014.

The Board members set the meeting schedule for 2014; discussed progress and gave final reports on the Board's 2013 goals and projects; and set goals for 2014.

The Board received staff presentations re: new and expanded resources (*Mango Languages Learning Through Film*, *The American West*, *American Indian Histories and Cultures*, *IndieFlix*, *Zinio for Libraries*, and *Freegal streaming music*), replacement of the public access computers, and new collection resources (Story Time Backpacks; Juvenile Book Club Kits).

The Board also received and discussed the staff updates regarding CTLS membership and the CTLS Large Print Rotating Circuit service, and regarding Friends of the Library activities (Vice-President – Membership appointment, *FOTCPL PRESENTS!* Pictures with Santa, new book bags).

Staff updates regarding fall and spring public relations events and programs were also received and discussed (Texas Library Snapshot Day at TCPL; Teen Monster Make-Up Class; Teen Halloween Party; TCPL booth at Salute to American Heroes; TCPL's Local History Committee Veterans event at Bridges Cemetery; TCPL's electronic resources use with iPads demonstration for Camey Elementary students; Fall Reading Club; B.B. Owen Elementary School Curriculum Night; Holiday Story Time; Early Dismissal Family Movie; eReader Office Hours (1/7, 1/15, 1/24); Kids Play Friday (3:30-4:30 p.m. on 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28); AARP Tax Help (4 – 8 p.m. on 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26); Pokémon Tournament (6 p.m. 2/8); Writers' Circle date change; Continuing Education for day care teachers (2/20 at 7 p.m.)). The staff update regarding the Target Grant (Bilingual Story Time series) was also received and discussed.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 27, 2014, 7 p.m.

The Colony's History at a Glance

In 1973, Fox and Jacobs (F&J), a Dallas-based residential land developer, purchased approximately 2,500 acres of land on the eastern shore of Lake Lewisville and south of Eastvale for a housing development. The name The Colony was chosen because F&J felt a strong sense of kinship with Texas' early developers and also to memorialize the spirit of Peters Colony providing a new way of life – a goal Fox and Jacobs wanted their new development to share, as well.



A Municipal Utility District was then formed to provide public water services to the development. In 1974, streets were poured and many were named after early settlers and members of the crew working on the project. The first families moved into their homes in October 1974. By January 1977, The Colony had over 3,500 residents and voted to incorporate as a city. The Colony became a Home Rule city in 1979.

Fox and Jacobs built and donated a fire station in 1975; the first business was a Stop 'n Go convenience store, opened in 1976; the first churches to open were the Methodist and Baptist churches; the first public school, Camey Elementary, opened in 1977; and The Colony Public Library opened in 1982.

Today, substantial business and retail development is progressively changing the landscape of The Colony. The city's population is currently around 40,000, with more increases expected in the next several years. To quote a recent "D" magazine article, "The Colony is red hot!"

City of The Colony, Texas

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The Colony, Texas 75056

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Police Department	972-625-1887
Fire Department	972-625-3944
Public Library	972-625-1900
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After hours telephone: if no answer;	972-625-4471 469-628-5452
CVB	(972) 624-LAKE
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Adult Probation	972-434-7290
Judge James DePiazza	972-434-7200
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