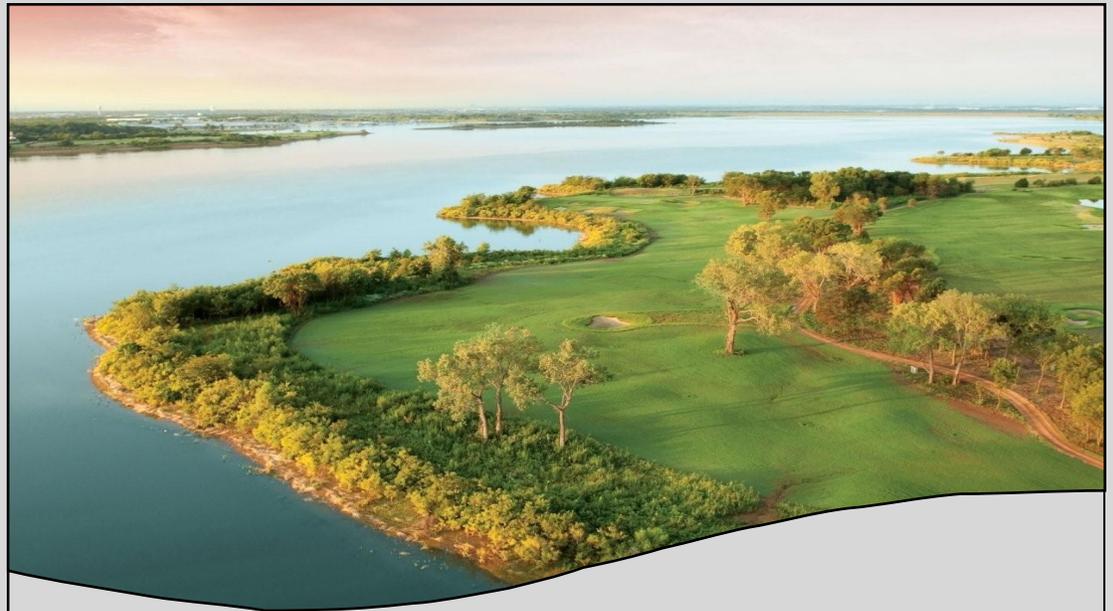


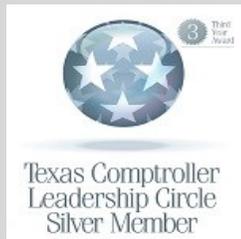
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“The truth is incontrovertible. Malice may attack it, ignorance may deride it, but in the end, there it is.”

Winston Churchill

“Three things cannot be long hidden: the sun, the moon, and the truth.”

Buddha



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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June 2014

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Parks and Recreation Events

Movies in the Park –Despicable Me 2

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 Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2

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

Liberty By The Lake

Date: Friday, July 4

Time: 4 – 10 p.m.

Location: Stewart Creek Park

(3700 Sparks Rd. The Colony, TX 75056)

Cost: FREE admission

Summer Cinema Clubhouse

Date: Thursday, July 10 “Muppets Most Wanted”

Time: 12pm doors – 1pm movie

Location: The Colony Recreation Center

(5151 N. Colony Blvd. The Colony, TX 75056)

Cost: FREE

Summer Cinema Clubhouse

Date: Thursday, August 8 “The Lego Movie”

Time: 12pm doors – 1pm movie

Location: The Colony Recreation Center

(5151 N. Colony Blvd. The Colony, TX 75056)

Cost: FREE

The Colony Public Library Events

Summer Reading Club Registration (all ages)

Dates: Registration begins May 1

Book logging begins June 7

Book logging ends August 1

Time: Registration is open 24/7!

Location: Register online at thecolonypl.org

Cost: Free

Read to Rover

For grades 1-5

Date: Saturday, May 10

Time: 11 a.m. - noon

Location: The Colony Public Library 6800 Main Street

Cost: Free

Super Smash Brothers Tournament

Date: Saturday, May 10

Time: Registration: 6 p.m.; tournament starts 6:30 p.m.

Location: The Colony Public Library 6800 Main Street

Cost: \$2 entry fee

eReader Office Hours

Dates & Times:

Thursday, May 8 at 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 17 at 11 a.m.

Wednesday, May 21 at 7 p.m.

Location: The Colony Public Library 6800 Main Street

Cost: Free

Bridges Cemetery Open House

Members of The Colony Public Library Local History Committee will be on hand to answer your questions about The Colony’s history.

Date: Monday, May 26

Time: 10 a.m. - noon

Location: Bridges Cemetery, NW corner of Morningstar and Chesapeake

Cost: Free

Movies in the Park –Despicable Me 2

Date: Friday, May 9th

Time: 7:00 p.m. gates / 8:00 p.m. movie

Location: Five Star Complex, 4100 Blair Oaks

Cost: None

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Notice is hereby given of a **SPECIAL SESSION** of the **CITY COUNCIL** of the City of The Colony, Texas to be held at **6:00 p.m.** on the **6TH day of MAY 2014**, at **CITY HALL, 6800 MAIN STREET, THE COLONY, TEXAS**, at which time the following items will be addressed:

- 1 Call to Order**
- 2 Council to conduct Library board applicant interview (Council)**
- 3 Discuss and consider the appointment, evaluation, reassignment, duties or dismissal of members of the following advisory boards: Library, Community Image, Community Development, Board of Adjustment (Council)**
- 4 Discuss and consider cancelling or rescheduling the May 20, 2014 city council meetings (Council)**
- 5 Discuss and consider nominations for the 2014-2015 North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board and the 2014 Regional Awards (Council)**
- 6. Discuss a shared representative rotation schedule and consider approving a resolution nominating a Representative and Alternate Representative to the Regional Transportation Council for a two year term beginning June 2014, and (Council)**
- 7. Adjourn**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Notice is hereby given of a **REGULAR SESSION** of the **CITY COUNCIL** of the City of The Colony, Texas to be held at **7:00 P.M.** on the **6TH** day of **MAY 2014** at **CITY HALL, 6800 MAIN STREET, THE COLONY, TEXAS**, at which time the following items will be addressed:

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

Proclamation- National Bike Safety Month

Recognize First Baptist Church of Hebron Youth Group Clean-up Effort

Marine Quest Update on Hidden Cove Park

Citizen Input

This portion of the meeting is to allow up to five (5) minutes per speaker with a maximum of thirty (30) minutes for items not posted on the current agenda. The council may not discuss these items, but may respond with factual data or policy information, or place the item on a future agenda.

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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The Consent Agenda contains items which are routine in nature and will be acted upon in one motion. Items may be removed from this agenda for separate discussion by a Council member.

2.1 Consider approving minutes of council meetings held April 15th, 21st, and 28th, 2014 (City Secretary)

2.2 Consider approving council expenditures for March 2014 (Council)

2.3 Consider approving a resolution awarding a bid and authorizing the city manager to execute a contract with U.S. Underwater Services, L.L.C. in the amount of \$53,565 for inspecting and cleaning the city's water storage tanks (Water Production/Groeshel)

2.4 Consider approving a resolution awarding a bid and authorizing the city manager to execute a contract with Prime Controls in the amount of \$53,300 for upgrading the existing Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system (Water Production/Groeshel)

2.5 Consider approving an ordinance amending the Municipal Budget for FY 2013-14 to replace ticket writer equipment and software in the amount of \$94,600 with funding available through the Municipal Court Special Revenue Fund (Finance, Cranford)

2.6 Consider approving an ordinance amending the Municipal Budget for FY 2013-14 for supplemental funding in the amount of \$6,000 to replace a Police patrol vehicle (Finance, Cranford)

3.0	REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS
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3.1 Receive presentation and discuss the FY 2012-13 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (Finance, Cranford)

3.2 Conduct a public hearing, discuss and consider an ordinance approving a specific use permit to allow a limited service hotel, Microtel by Wyndham, to be located on a 1.37 acre tract of land on the north side of the Sam Rayburn Tollway (S.H. 121) and approximately 250 feet east of Standridge Drive, 3909 S.H. 121 (Development Services, Joyce)

3.3 Discuss and consider an ordinance approving a site plan for Microtel by Wyndham to be located on a 1.37 acre tract of land on the north side of the Sam Rayburn Tollway (S.H. 121) and approximately 250 feet east of Standridge Drive, 3909 S.H. 121 (Development Services, Joyce)

3.4 Discuss and consider an ordinance approving a revised site plan for a new 110,545 square foot elementary school for the Lewisville Independent School District, called Camey Elementary, on approximately 18.46 acres, located at the northwest corner of Blair Oaks Drive and Arbor Glen Road

3.0	REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS
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- 3.5 Discuss and consider an ordinance approving a revised 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 (Development Services, Joyce)

- 3.6 Conduct a public hearing, discuss and consider an ordinance amending Article XI, Signs, of Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances by revising Section 6-258, "Prohibited Signs;" by revising Section 6-261(h), "Political Signs;" by revising Section 6-262(f), "Pylon Signs;" and by amending subsection 6-263, entitled "Definitions," by adding a new definition for "Mannequin Signs" and "Mechanical Signs" and by revising the definition of "Portable Signs" (Development Services, Joyce)

- 3.7 Conduct a public hearing, discuss and consider an ordinance amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance by repealing Appendix A, Sections 13-100 to 13-200, entitled "Vehicle Parking Regulations," and by repealing Appendix A, Section 10A-1400, entitled "Drive Through Regulations, and by replacing these sections with a new Appendix A, Sections 13-101 to 13-120, entitled "Vehicle Parking, Parking Lot and On-Site Traffic Regulations" (Development Services, Joyce)

- 3.8 Conduct a public hearing, discuss and consider approving an ordinance adopting Standards of Care for Kidz Kamp Day Camp Programs Policy for 2014 (PARD, Swain)

- 3.9 Discuss and consider approving a resolution approving an amendment to Republic Waste Services Commercial & Industrial and Residential Solid Waste Collection and Recycling Agreement for a rate increase effective June 1, 2014 (Gilman)

- 3.10 Discuss and consider authorizing staff to include fifty-percent (50%) of the cost of a School Resource Officer position for the Prestwick STEM Academy in the FY 2014-15 budget (Finance, Cranford)

- 3.11 Discuss and consider approving a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute a contract amendment with Webber, LLC for the Memorial- Spring Creek Connector Project for an early open to traffic incentive (Engineering, Scruggs)



Movies in the Park

Date: Friday, May 9th “Despicable Me 2”

Time: 8:00PM - Gates open at 7:00PM

Location: Five Star Sports Complex, 4100 Blair Oaks

Bring the whole family to enjoy popcorn and a movie under the stars. Sit back, relax and enjoy the show brought to you by the Parks and Recreation Department. Blankets, chairs and refreshments are welcome. Concessions will also be available for purchase. Parental supervision required. For more info contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (972)625-1106.



Mother Son Luau

Date: Saturday, May 31st

Time: 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Location: The Colony Aquatic Park, 5580 N. Colony Blvd.

Cost: \$25 per couple, includes one 4x6 photo. \$10 for each additional child

Island music, poolside games and crystal blue water set the tone for The Colony Parks and Recreation Department’s third annual “Mommy Son Luau”. Moms, Aunts, Grandmothers or caregivers can enjoy a special evening with their little surfer dude (recommended ages 3 -12),

Saturday, May 31, from 5:30pm until 7:30pm at The Colony Aquatic Park. For more information contact The Colony Recreation Center (972)625-1106.



Upcoming Events: A Sneak Peek

The next special events for The Colony include Summer Cinema Clubhouse, featuring "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2" on Thursday, June 19th; the annual Liberty By The Lake on Friday, July 4th; and the Sunset Concert series starts on July 11. Mark your calendars now! For more info, call the Parks & Recreation Department at (972)625-1106.

American Heroes Headliner Announced

Organizers are excited to announce that the headline performer for the 2014 American Heroes festival will be country music star Jo Dee Messina! The 2014 event will be on Saturday, November 8th at The Colony Five Star Complex. More details about other performers and the rest of the festival activities will be announced soon. Mark your calendars for November 8th and plan to come out and support our Veterans at the American Heroes festival!



Summer Registration

Summer classes are now open for registration! The Recreation Center is offering a wide variety of classes this summer. Choose from piano, filmmaking, childcare and babysitting, sports, survival skills, dance, gymnastics, and more! Looking for a break for the kids for just a day or two? Check out our FUNshops and Little Breaks classes. Our new summer catalog is online at www.tcpard.com. For more information or to register, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (972)625-1106 or email play@tcpard.com.



Summer Break Kidz Kamp

Summer Kidz Kamp registration is now under way and some sessions are more than half full already! Register soon to reserve your spot in this popular program. Kidz Kamp is for kids ages 6-11 years old. Kammers go on a different field trip each week and to The Colony Aquatic Park. The cost per week ranges from \$115-\$120 a week. There is a one-time \$20 supply fee. Discounts are available for families with multiple children. Kidz Kamp runs from June 9 through August 22. For more information or to register, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (972)625-1106 or email play@tcpard.com.



TeenWorks

Are you too old to go to Kidz Kamp, but not old enough to get a summer job yet? TeenWorks is for you! TeenWorkers work side by side with counselors at Kidz Kamp and complete service projects each week. Earn volunteer hours for time worked at Kidz Kamp and on service projects in the TeenWorks program. Volunteer hours look great when applying for jobs, scholarships and on college applications. There is a small fee of \$30 per week for TeenWorks. TeenWorks is for ages 13-15. Registration is very limited and is accepted at The Colony Recreation Center. Email play@tcpard.com or call (972)625-1106 for more information!



Summer Youth Volleyball

Registration: May 17 – June 21 @ The Colony Recreation Center

Cost: \$50 for residents and \$60 for non-residents

Ages: Girls ages 7-14

Space is limited in each age division, and will fill to capacity. Don't wait, register today!

Summer Adult Softball

Registration: May 31 – June 28 @ 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. League fee includes four game balls. The summer league consists of five weeks of double headers. Registration is limited to eight teams in each division.

Health & Info Fair

Date: Friday, May 16

Time: 9:00am - Noon

Location: The Colony Community Center

Cost: Free

30+ vendors from business & social service agencies will be providing screenings, information, handouts and door prizes. If you are 50+ or if you have a relative or friend 50+ and need information, this will be a great place to visit. Public invited, you do not have to be a member of the Community Center to attend. Bring a friend and find out what services are available to seniors age 50+.



Lunch & Learn

Date: Thursday, May 8

Time: 12:00 Noon

Location: The Colony Community Center

Cost: Free

Dr. Leslie Frater will speak on "The Benefits of Exercise with Osteoporosis." This program is a good informational tool for both women and men. For the light lunch, registration is required by Tuesday, May 6. Everyone is invited to attend the informational program.

AARP Driver Safety Program



Designed primarily for individuals 50+ however, any Texas licensed driver over 21 can participate. This 4 hour course may reduce your auto insurance rates for 3 years. Check with your insurance company. Not for ticket dismissal. Need not be a member of AARP to participate and there are no exams. Call the Community Center to reserve your space, (972)624-2246.

Date: Wed, May 21

Time: 12:30pm - 4:30pm

Location: The Colony Community Center, 5151 N Colony Blvd.

Cost: \$15 AARP Members /\$20 Non-Members

Lunch & Learn

Date: Thursday, May 22

Time: 12:00 Noon

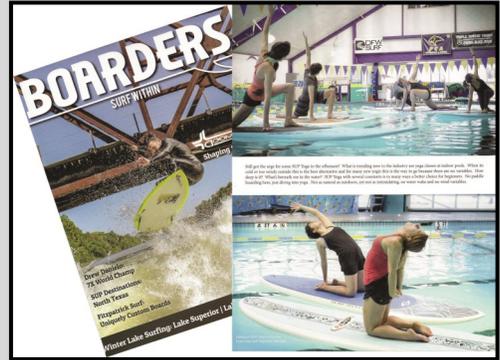
Location: The Colony Community Center

Cost: Free

June Kim, Community Relation Specialist for BlueCross BlueShield of Texas will speak on what you need to know about basic Medicare and the updates for this year. For the light lunch, registration is required by Tuesday, May 20. Everyone is invited to attend the informational program.

National Perspective

The Colony Aquatic Park was highlighted in another issue of the national magazine “Boarders” for its innovative programs with SUP (Stand Up Paddleboard) equipment. Besides Float Yoga, the Aquatic Park has a variety of adult programs including Kayaking, SCUBA, Triathlete Training, and Learn-To-Swim classes.



Aquatic Park Entrance Plaza Improvements

Preparations for Summer Public Swim continue with sprucing up and leveling some rough edges on the Aquatic Park’s Entrance Plaza. Maintenance Staff also added a bench and decorative stone work for hikers to relax as they travel the city’s trails. The next steps include high pressure cleaning and a new layer of concrete stain. Other spring maintenance includes a lot of landscaping, painting and scrubbing the winter dust off the outdoor pool chairs and picnic tables.



Swim Class Updates

“Waterful Wednesdays” a new Senior Learn-To-Swim Swim Program will be held during May. Mature adults can join the class as a drop-in for \$10, or pay \$20 to cover the entire month. Beginner class will be 10:30-11am and Advanced Beginner will follow 11-11:30am.

Spring Splash Class registration is currently open for the May semi-private classes, which will be held in the heated Indoor Pool if the weather is chilly. If the weather is warm and the water inviting, the May classes can be moved to the Outdoor Leisure Lagoon

Summer Class Registration has started for sessions that start, June 9, June 23, July 7, July 21 and August 4.

More than 600 kids will participate in Summer swim classes held at both The Colony Aquatic Park and The Tribute Loch Pool. For information on class skill levels or registration, contact (972)624-2225 or visit the Aquatics pages at www.PlayTC.com.

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Tree Relocation Project

Staff recently relocated 6 trees from the median at Paige and Memorial to The Colony Five Star Complex, in anticipation of the Memorial Road widening project. More trees are scheduled to be relocated this fall and winter.



Veterans Memorial Public Input Meeting

On Wednesday, April 23 the CDC held a public input meeting for the Veterans Memorial relocation and expansion project. Plans are underway to move the Veterans Memorial from its current location at the Five Star Complex to a new larger space at Five Star, in the south west corner of the park adjacent to Blair Oaks and the baseball parking lot. The input that was received will be used to develop the master plan for the project, which is expected to be completed sometime this summer. Construction of the project will be dependent on future funding. A meeting to present the design concepts and gather comments will be scheduled in the next couple of months.

TCHS Mural Project

Students from The Colony High School and art instructor Huong Morgan are working to complete a new mural at Stewart Creek Park. The new mural is located at the exit to the boat ramp parking lot and is in a very noticeable location as you enter the park. The mural was designed by several of the TCHS art students whose individual designs were combined to create the final collaborative design. Stop by Stewart Creek Park, 3700 Sparks Road, and check out this impressive work of art!





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Recent events:

FOTCPL PRESENTS! Fairy Tea Party

On Saturday April 26th, 33 people attended the Fairy Tea Party at the Library. Arrayed in fairy attire, they learned etiquette for taking afternoon tea, enjoyed refreshments, and promenaded through the Library.



Youth Services Librarian Amanda Hua and assistant Tina Martinez demonstrate the finer points of tea etiquette – including where one’s napkin should not be placed!

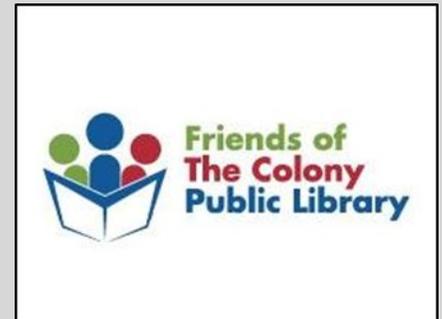
Tea participants were enchanted by *The Colony Dance Inc., Dance Company* performers: a soloist performed a moving ribbon dance and a duet danced beautifully to the hit song “Let it Go” from Disney’s *Frozen*.



FOTCPL LOGO VOTE

Friends of The Colony Public Library President Wayne Bullard unveiled the results of the public vote for FOTCPL's new logo at the *FOTCPL PRESENTS!* Annual Meeting and Fun Night on April 26th.

Thank you again to The Tribute Lakeside Golf & Resort Community, Hidden Cove Park and Marina, The Colony Parks & Recreation Department, and Hawaiian Falls Waterparks for sponsoring our contest!



A.A.R.P. Foundation Tax Help

During the 2014 tax season, 191 people received assistance in preparing their income tax returns through this program hosted by TCPL (10 weeks; 4 hours per week).



Members of The Colony Public Library Local History Committee, joined by Parks and Recreation staff members, are working on drafting a master plan for Bridges Cemetery. This master plan will outline the long- and short-term goals for restoring, improving, maintaining, and raising community awareness for The Colony's historic cemetery

On April 12th, members of The Colony Public Library Local History Committee participated in the Denton County Heritage Festival at the historic Courthouse-on-the Square in Denton. The festival celebrated the communities in Denton County that had a post office between the years of 1860-1880, which included Stewart's Creek Settlement, a predecessor community of The Colony. The group put together a display on the history of the settlement and two members dressed in Civil War-era costume and participated in processions around the



Upcoming Special Event:

Bridges Cemetery Open House, Monday, May 26, 10 a.m. – noon.

Members of The Colony Public Library Local History Committee will open Bridges Cemetery to the public and answer questions about The Colony's history. Bridges Cemetery is located at the NW corner of Morningstar and Chesapeake

May at TCPL:

School of the Month: Lakeview Middle School

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



Online Resources of the Month at thecolonypl.org:

Learn a new language the fun way with *Mango Languages* for adults and *Muzzy Languages* for kids! Adults can choose from 50+ languages plus ESL classes. Kids can learn 8 different languages plus English. Learn at your own pace. Language learning is as close as your computer, tablet, or with *Mango* on your smart phone! TCPL cardholders have free access to these great resources at thecolonypl.org.



Summer Reading Club Registration

TCPL offers reading clubs for all ages: preschool, elementary school-age, teens, and adults. These free reading-incentive clubs are sponsored by the Texas State Library and The Colony Public Library, with support from the Friends of The Colony Public Library and various local merchants. Register is now available online at thecolonypl.org. Online book logging is June 7th – August 1st.

Youth Programs

Early Literacy Programs: Toddler Times, Story Times, and Bilingual Story Times are on hiatus this month while staff prepares for an amazing summer full of dynamite youth & teen programs. Early Literacy Programs resume the first week of June.

Read to Rover, Saturday, May 10, 11 a.m. – noon

Encourage your readers in grades 1-5 to strengthen their skills by reading to a certified Therapy Pals dog in the Story Corner.

Teen Events

Teen Advisory Panel Membership Drive

Come into the Library this month and fill out a Teen Advisory Panel Application to join TAP, a group of teens who discuss library services, plan projects to improve the library, and put in volunteer hours at library events.



Teen Gaming Tournament, Saturday, May 10, \$2 entry fee. Doors open at 6 p.m. for registration and social time; competition begins at 6:30 p.m.

TCPL's Teen Anime Club will host a *Super Smash Brothers* Tournament. Snacks will be available for purchase. Proceeds benefit TCPL's teen programs and activities. Sponsored by FOTCPL.



Teen Anime Club, Wednesdays, May 21 & 28, 6:30 p.m.

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



Teen Advisory Panel, Tuesday, May 27, 7 p.m.

New applicants, come to check out TAP and enjoy free pizza! 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.



Other May events:

SafeSplash Swim Safety Class for Parents, Friday, May 2, 10:15 a.m.

A representative from SafeSplash Swim School will give a free class on swimming safety or parents of young children at in the Story Corner.



ESL Class, Saturdays, May 3 & 17, 10:30 - noon

Join the conversation with other adults as you learn and practice speaking English at these free volunteer-led classes.



eReader Office Hours

Bring in your eReader or tablet and learn how to get free ebooks and audiobooks from the Library's downloadable books services.

Thursday, May 8 at 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 17 at 11 a.m.

Wednesday, May 21 at 7 p.m.



Home Buyers Seminar, Wednesday, May 7, 7 p.m.

Everything you need to know about the real estate market, getting a loan, HUD and more. Home buying seminars are free of charge and are held every first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. No registration required.



Home Sellers Seminar, Wednesday, May 14, 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.



The Colony Local History Committee Meeting, Thursday, May 15, 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.



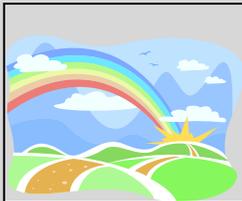
Friends of The Colony Public Library Officers Meeting, Thursday, May 15, 7 p.m.

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!



Writers' Circle, Tuesday, May 20, 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



The No-Stress Book Club, Wednesday, May 28, 7 p.m.

Do you enjoy talking about books? Join the fun and discuss what you are reading with other book lovers.

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The Library Board met April 24, 2014.

The Board members discussed progress on goals for 2014.

The Board received staff presentations regarding two upcoming Friends of the Library activities: *FOTCPL PRESENTS!* Fairy Tea Party at 2 p.m. on April 26 and *FOTCPL PRESENTS!* Annual Meeting and Fun Night at 6:30 p.m. on April 26.

The staff update regarding public relations events and programs included reports on the Theatre Slam held on 3/29; the TCPL booth at the Morningside Elementary School Summer Camp Vendor Fair 3/29 ; May's eReader Office Hours; the AARP Tax Help service hosted by TCPL; "No Stress" Book Club; National Library Week 4/13-4/19; Summer Reading Club registration beginning 5/1; the Read to Rover program to be held on May10; and the Super Smash Brothers Tournament to be held on May 10.

The Board also received a staff report regarding the Texas Library Association Conference; topics included developing public library master plans, the design of the new Midland County Centennial branch "imagabrarium", and the opening of Bexar County's all-digital public library BiblioTech.

Next meeting: Thursday, May 22, 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!"

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