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"The real leader has no need to lead - he is content to point the way."

- Henry Miller, *The Wisdom of the Heart*

"Life is like photography. You need the negatives to develop."

- Unknown

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

Senior Games Blow-Out Week

Date: Friday, October 24

Time: 8:00am – 3:00pm

Cost: Free

Family Fright Night

Date: Saturday, October 25 – Sunday, October 26

Time: 4 p.m.– 9 a.m.

Location: Stewart Creek Park

(3700 Sparks Rd. The Colony, TX 75056)

Cost: Varies

American Heroes

Date: Saturday, November 8

Time: Dependent Upon Activity

Location: Five Star Complex Cost: Free Admission

Holiday in the Park & Parade of Lights& Baking Contest

Date: Saturday, December 6th

Time: Dependent Upon Activity

Location: Dependent Upon Activity

Cost: Dependent Upon activity

The Colony Christmas Spectacular

Date: Saturday, December 6 – January 3

Time: Sunset – 10 p.m.

Location: Central Fire Station

(4900 Blair Oaks The Colony, TX 75056)

Cost: FREE

The Colony Public Library

eReader Office Hours

Dates & Times:

Tuesday, October 28 at 7 p.m.

Location: The Colony Public Library 6800 Main Street

Cost: Free

Computer Training Classes

Dates & topics:

Friday, October 24: Internet & Security

Friday, October 31: Intro to Excel

Time: 10 a.m.

Location: The Colony Public Library 6800 Main Street

Cost: Free; seating is limited; call 972-625-1900 ext. 3

Family LEGOmania

The adults get to play too! Come build LEGO structures with your family teammates. The best LEGO creations will go on display in the library until next month's program. This one-hour program takes place in the Library Multipurpose Room. *Ages 4 and up welcome, but children under the age of 9 must be accompanied at all times by a caregiver age 12 or older.*

Date: October 25

Time: 2:00 pm

Bridges Cemetery Open House,

Date: Saturday, November 8

Time: 12:00pm—3 p.m.

City of The Colony response to Ebola virus

In response to reports of the Ebola virus in the City of Dallas, the City of The Colony is taking steps to protect citizens and first responders. Immediate actions taken include:

- Implementing the Centers for Disease Control's Interim Guidelines for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and 9-1-1 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) for Management of Patients with Known or Suspected Ebola Virus Diseases in the United States.
- Review of applicable emergency management plans and annexes.
- Assigning a chief officer to review best practices for first responders and for assuring the purchase of essential supplies and equipment.
- Maintaining open communications with TCFD medical control and local health care facilities.
- Training first responders and communications personnel.
- Updating the public on issues relevant to The City of The Colony.

The City of The Colony Fire Department and Emergency Management will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as necessary.



******Further questions or concerns regarding the Ebola virus in the area should be directed to:******

- **Denton County Health Department: 940-349-2909**
- <http://dentoncounty.com/Departments/Health-Services/Health-Department/Ebola-Information.aspx>

Ebola, previously known as Ebola hemorrhagic fever, is a severe, often fatal disease in humans and nonhuman primates (such as monkeys, gorillas, and chimpanzees).

Ebola is a rare and deadly disease caused by infection with a virus of the family Filoviridae, genus Ebolavirus. There are five identified Ebolavirus species, four of which have caused disease in humans: Zaire ebolavirus; Sudan ebolavirus; Taï Forest ebolavirus, formerly Côte d'Ivoire ebolavirus; and Bundibugyo ebolavirus. The fifth, Reston ebolavirus, has caused disease in nonhuman primates but not in humans.

Ebola is found in several African countries. The first Ebola species was discovered in 1976 near the Ebola River in what is now the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Since then, outbreaks have appeared sporadically in Africa.

The natural reservoir host of Ebola remains unknown. However, on the basis of available evidence and the nature of similar viruses, researchers believe that the virus is animal-borne with bats being the most likely reservoir. Four of the five subtypes occur in an animal host native to Africa.

Transmission

Because the natural reservoir host of Ebola has not yet been identified, the manner by which the virus first appears in a human at the start of an outbreak is unknown. However, researchers believe that the first patient becomes infected through contact with an infected animal.

When an infection does occur in humans, there are several ways the virus can be spread to others. These include:

- direct contact with the blood or body fluids (including but not limited to feces, saliva, urine, vomit and semen) of a person who is sick with Ebola

- contact with objects (like needles and syringes) that have been contaminated with the blood or body fluids of an infected person or with infected animals

The virus in the blood and body fluids can enter another person's body through broken skin or unprotected mucous membranes in, for example, the eyes, nose, or mouth. The viruses that cause Ebola are often spread among families and friends, because they come in close contact with blood or body fluids when caring for ill persons.

During outbreaks of Ebola, the disease can spread quickly within healthcare settings, such as clinics or hospitals. Exposure to Ebola can occur in healthcare settings where hospital staff are not wearing appropriate protective clothing including masks, gowns, gloves, and eye protection.

Dedicated medical equipment (preferably disposable, when possible) should be used by healthcare personnel providing care for someone sick with Ebola. Proper cleaning and disposal of instruments, such as needles and syringes, is also important. If instruments are not disposable, they must be sterilized before being used again. Without adequate instrument sterilization, virus transmission can continue and amplify an outbreak.

Signs and Symptoms

A person infected with Ebola is not contagious until symptoms appear.

Signs and Symptoms of Ebola typically include:

- Fever (greater than 38.6°C or 101.5°F)
- Severe headache
- Muscle pain

Risk of Exposure

Ebola is found in several African countries. Since 1976, Ebola outbreaks have occurred in the following countries:

- Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)
- Gabon
- South Sudan
- Ivory Coast
- Uganda
- Republic of the Congo (ROC)
- South Africa (imported)
- Guinea
- Liberia
- Sierra Leone
- Senegal
- Nigeria

Because the natural reservoir host of Ebola, and the manner in which transmission of the virus to humans remain unknown, risk assessment in endemic areas is difficult.

During outbreaks of Ebola, those at highest risk include healthcare workers and the family and friends of a person infected with Ebola. Healthcare workers in Africa should consult the Infection Control for Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers In the African Health Care Setting to learn how to prevent and control infections in these settings. Medical professionals in the United States should consult the Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Hospitalized Patients with Known or Suspected Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever in U.S. Hospitals.

Diagnosis

Diagnosing Ebola in a person who has been infected for only a few days is difficult because the early symptoms, such as fever, are not specific to Ebola infection and are seen often in patients with more commonly occurring diseases, such as malaria and typhoid fever.

However, if a person has symptoms of Ebola and had contact with blood or body fluids of a person sick with Ebola, contact with objects that have been contaminated with blood or body fluids of a person sick with Ebola or contact with infected animals, the patient should be isolated and public health professionals notified. Samples from the patient can then be collected and tested to confirm infection. Laboratory tests used in diagnosis include:

Treatment

Currently there are no specific vaccines or medicines (such as antiviral drug) that have been proven to be effective against Ebola.

Symptoms of Ebola are treated as they appear. The following basic interventions, when used early, can significantly improve the chances of survival:

- Providing intravenous(IV) fluids and balancing electrolytes (body salts)
- Maintaining oxygen status and blood pressure
- Treating other infections if they occur

Timely treatment of Ebola is important but challenging since the disease is difficult to diagnose clinically in the early stages of infection. Because early symptoms such as headache and fever are not specific to Ebolaviruses, cases of Ebola may be initially misdiagnosed.

However, if a person has symptoms of Ebola and had contact with blood or body fluids of a person sick with Ebola, contact with objects that have been contaminated with blood or body fluids of a person sick with Ebola, or contact with an infected animal, the patient should be isolated and public health professionals notified. Supportive therapy can continue with proper protective clothing until samples from the patient are tested to confirm infection.

Experimental treatment has been tested and proven effective in some animals but has not yet been evaluated in humans.

Prevention

When cases of the disease do appear, there is increased risk of transmission within healthcare settings. Therefore, healthcare workers must be able to recognize a case of Ebola and be ready to use appropriate infection control measures. The aim of these techniques is to avoid contact with the blood or body fluids of an infected patient.

Appropriate procedures include:

- isolation of patients with Ebola from contact with unprotected persons
- wearing of protective clothing (including masks, gloves, impermeable gowns, and goggles or face shields) by persons caring for Ebola patients
- the use of other infection-control measures (such as complete equipment sterilization and routine use of disinfectant)
- Avoid touching the bodies of patients who have died from Ebola

Healthcare workers should also have the capability to request diagnostic tests or prepare samples for shipping and testing elsewhere.

CDC, in conjunction with the World Health Organization, has developed a set of guidelines to help prevent and control the spread of Ebola. Entitled Infection Control for Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers In the African Health Care Setting, the manual describes how to:

- recognize cases of viral hemorrhagic fever
- prevent further transmission in health care setting by using locally available materials and minimal financial resources

***The following information has been provided by the CDC's National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases Division of High-Consequence Pathogens and Pathology (DHCPP)**



WERF has received several inquiries in the past several days from our subscribers in Texas and other areas of the U.S. regarding the fate and removal of the Ebola virus in the wastewater treatment process. We have reached out to colleagues at the Centers for Disease Control, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and partner organizations (WEF and NACWA). As you may have learned from another partner, the Water Research Foundation, Ebola is not a waterborne illness.

Wastewater treatment processes (e.g., anaerobic digestion, composting, and disinfection) in the U.S. are designed to inactivate infectious agents. However, there is very limited data specifically about survival of the Ebola virus in wastewater at this time. The CDC guidance to hospitals in the U.S. basically states that no additional treatment of wastewater from Ebola patients is needed prior to discharge to the sanitary sewers.

From an operational standpoint, it has been noted that properly dosing a system immediately downstream from a contaminated household could reduce risk. Having sewer crews avoid pipe cleaning operations, such as vactoring, the sewer downstream from current Ebola contamination may also reduce worker risk. The U.S. EPA is working to make additional information available in the near future in the form of a factsheet. In the meantime, all wastewater treatment personnel should follow appropriate procedures for Personal Protective Equipment and proper sanitation.



Mosquito season continues

First Positive West Nile Test of 2014

The Colony recently received our first positive pool test result for 2014, and spraying for mosquitoes was completed on August 24-25 in the area of the positive test (Blair Oaks and Strickland). As the City continues its proactive approach in prevention of mosquito-borne disease sources on public property, we want to remind everyone that the best prevention for everyone is through education and personal protection, especially for the elderly and those with health issues, by following the 4 D's listed below:

Dress to protect: wear long sleeves and long pants.

Dusk and Dawn: avoid being outside at these times if possible.

Defend: wear insect repellent with DEET or an effective alternative.

Drain standing water: eliminate any water that stands for longer than 5 days or treat water with larvicide according to the label.

Citizens can go to the following websites for more information about West Nile virus:

City of The Colony: <http://www.thecolonytx.gov/Depts/PARD/mosquitocontrol.html>

Texas Department of State Health Services: <http://bit.ly/NDuEtq>

Denton County Health Department: <http://tinyurl.com/ng23knj>

For additional information regarding mosquitoes and the City's mosquito treatment plan, contact Community Services Director Pam Nelson at (972)624-3958, via email at pnelson@thecolonytx.gov, or visit www.thecolonytx.gov/Depts/PARD/mosquitocontrol.html. If you notice standing water on private property, please contact The Colony Community Image Department at (972)624-3160.

Main Street lane closures: Oct. 27-31

THE COLONY, Texas — As part of an effort to keep residents informed, officials with the City of The Colony are in continuous contact with representatives from the Texas Department of Transportation regarding the progress of the Main Street Widening Project.

Current or upcoming lane closures are listed below. **All closures are limited to 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Two lanes in both directions will always remain open during peak times and weekends.** As always, motorists are advised to prepare for delays and seek alternate routes where possible.

Lane Closures

Beginning Monday, Oct. 20, and continuing through Friday, Nov. 7, the following closures are scheduled:

The northbound right lane of FM 423 from Memorial to Lake Ridge Drive will be closed for utilities work.

The southbound right lane of FM 423 from Ridgpointe Drive to Memorial Drive will be closed for utilities work.

Alternative lane closures in the left lanes of northbound and southbound FM 423 from State Highway 121 to South Colony Boulevard will occur for the purpose of median earthwork.

During construction, the Engineering Department will post updates and information regarding the progress of this project at www.thecolonytx.gov/Resident/RoadRepairs, including when and where specific work will take place. In addition, updates can be found on the city's social media and in the weekly City Manager's Update. If you have additional questions, you may email Director of Government Relations Brant Shallenburger at bshallenburger@thecolonytx.gov or call 972-624-3108.





American Heroes: A Salute to Veterans

Date: Saturday, November 8th

Time: 1:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Location: Five Star Sports Complex, 4100 Blair Oaks Drive

Cost: FREE!

The day will be full of activities that the whole community can enjoy, whether you are a Veteran or not. Events include a 5K, 10K and 1 Mile run; Veterans Memorial ceremony; classic car, truck, and bike show; carnival; live music starring Jo Dee Messina and featuring Texas favorites Tyler and The Tribe, Thieving Birds, and Zane Williams with special performances on the Community Stage with local talent; Veterans recognition ceremony; and a spectacular fireworks finale like you have never seen before to top off the day.

For more information contact The Colony Parks and Recreation Department at (972)625-1106 or visit the event website at www.SaluteAmericanHeroes.com.

American Heroes Event Schedule

- 6:30am On site registration for American Heroes 5K/10K and 1 Mile Fun Run
- 8:00am 1 Mile Fun Run begins
- 8:30am 5K and 10K Runs begin
- 11:00am Memorial Ceremony - "Honor & Remember" at Veterans Memorial plaza
- 12:00pm Carnival opens
- 1:00pm Car, Truck & Bike Show registration begins
- Performance on Main Stage - [TYLER AND THE TRIBE](#)
- Vendor Expo opens
- Heroes Hut opens
- Silent Auction begins
- 2:30pm Car, Truck & Bike Show registration ends
- Performance on Main Stage - [THIEVING BIRDS](#)
- 3:00pm Car, Truck & Bike Show judging begins
- 4:00pm Car, Truck & Bike Show awards
- Performance on Main Stage - [ZANE WILLIAMS](#)
- 5:45pm Heroes Ceremony on Main Stage
- 6:30pm Headline performance on Main Stage - [JO DEE MESSINA](#)
- 7:00pm Vendor Expo closes
- Heroes Hut closes
- Silent Auction bidding ends
- 8:00pm **ALL-AMERICAN FIREWORKS!**
- Midnight Carnival closes



Holiday In The Park

Saturday, December 6th will be the annual Holiday In The Park event in The Colony. Mark your calendars now for this fun family event as we kick off the holiday season! Don't miss the Parade of Lights and The Colony Christmas Spectacular light show! More details will be available in the November 24th issue of the City Manager's Update.



Holiday Break Kidz Kamp

Holiday Kidz Kamp registration is now under way. Register now to ensure you claim your spot! Holiday Kidz Kamp is for girls and boys ages 6-12 years old. Parents and kids love this program designed to make school holidays more fun and exciting. Campers go on a different field trip each day. Each camp is priced individually to work around your holiday vacation plans. Pick and choose what works for you. Thanksgiving dates are nearly full, and Christmas/New Years dates are going fast! For more information or to register, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (972)625-1106 or email play@tcpard.com.



Saturday Nite Out!

On Saturday nights, The Colony Recreation Center comes alive with the sounds of the latest music hits played by a live DJ. Activities offered include dancing, dance contests, free play basketball, basketball tournaments and more! For \$7.00 per child, parents can leave their children, ages 9 to 14, at the Recreation Center from 7pm – 11pm and know that they will be safe and have lots of fun. A uniformed police officer as well as adequate adult chaperones will be working each Saturday. Pizza, candy, drinks, etc. will also be available at an additional charge. Come and see what all the fun and excitement is about on Saturday nights! For additional information call (469)269-NITE or email SNOthecolony@gmail.com.



Little Mozarts Private Piano Lessons

Piano lessons at the Recreation Center will be taught by a certified piano instructor from Music by Ross. Lessons are 20 minutes long on Monday evenings beginning November 17th starting at 5:00pm until 9:00pm. Three five-week sessions will be offered consecutively. The cost for lessons is \$79 for members and \$84 for non-members per five-week session. Call or stop by the Recreation Center today to get registered.



Mini-Ball

Registration: September 6 – December 13 @ The Colony Recreation Center

Cost: \$50/residents, \$60/non-residents

Ages: 3 – 4

This program is designed to serve as an introduction to youth basketball for 3 and 4 year old boys and girls. Participants will work with an instructor who has been coaching kids for more than 10 years. Learning objectives will be dribbling, passing, basic defense, and introductory game situations. This program will run on Saturday mornings, for eight weeks. Classes will be approximately 1 hour, and each participant will receive a t-shirt and ball. Space is limited, so register early!



Caribbean Cruise

Date: April 26 – May 3, 2015

Ship: Royal Caribbean Navigator of the Seas

Ports of Call: Jamaica, Grand Cayman & Cozumel

Balcony	\$1168/person, double + 95 Insurance
Oceanview	\$1078/person, double + 95 Insurance
Inside	\$868/person, double + 79 Insurance

\$250 deposit + insurance guarantees your cabin.

Above pricing includes:

- o 7 Night – 8 Day Cruise
- o All port charges and taxes
- o Round trip shuttle service
- o Tips to bus driver and baggage handling

Departure from The Colony Community Center

Deposits accepted until Dec 17, 2014 or until we sell out. Final payment due by Jan 28, 2015.
For more information, call Diana or Michelle at 972-624-2246.

Cruise Information/Sign-up Meeting

Date: Tuesday, Nov 4

Time: 12:00 Noon

Place: The Colony Community Center

Who: Anyone who is interested in the cruise

Day Trip to Texas Civil War Museum

Date: Wednesday, Nov 12
Time: 10:00am – 4:00pm
Cost: \$15 for members

Enjoy lunch on your own at Ginger Browns followed by a tour of the museum, which includes three separate galleries that display a civil war collection, Victorian dress collection and United Daughters of the Confederacy Texas Confederate collection. Along with the exhibits, the Texas Civil War Museum includes a 75 seat movie theatre which hosts the commissioned movie, "Our Homes Our Rights"- Texas in the Civil War. Also included is the Magnolia Mercantile which showcases specialty gift items related to the Civil War and Victorian era. As a special treat, a costumed docent will perform a variety of music featuring songs which were popular during this era, camp songs, marches and ditties sung by both the North and the South. Sign-up at the front desk or call (972)624-2246.



Identity Theft and Protecting Yourself

Date: Thursday, Nov 13
Time: 12:00 Noon
Cost: Free
Where: The Colony Community Center

Presented by Constable Truitt, this seminar will help you be aware of ways criminals can

Your Kidneys and You

Date: Friday, Nov 14
Time: 10:00am
Cost: Free
Where: The Colony Community Center



Are you one of the 1 in 3 at risk? Join us for a free educational presentation from the National Kidney Foundation. "Your Kidneys and You" is a program designed to raise awareness among the general public of kidneys, risk factors for kidney disease, and how to protect your kidneys. This program is aligned with goal #1 of the National Kidney Foundation's strategic plan: Raise awareness of the kidney and of kidney disease to the 73 million American adults who are at-risk for kidney disease. steal your identity and ways you can protect it.

Winter Work

Joe Bustos, Aquatic Park Facility Maintenance Worker, adjusts replacement boards for the Splash Zone interactive bridge. The off season schedule includes facelifts of equipment throughout the outdoor parts of the facility. The Indoor Pool continues to operate at a toasty 83-84 degrees, hosting swim teams, lessons, exercise classes, SCUBA and lap swimming. Check the Aquatic Park pages in your Fun Times catalog for a listing of all of our winter season indoor programs.



Fully Dressed for the Final Test

Zoey Weed, age 21 months, tackles the final steps to completing Infant Swim Resource (ISR) winter swim classes with instructor Trini Borunda at The Colony Aquatic Park. According to ISR, the majority of children who find themselves in the water alone are fully clothed. All ISR students learn their self-rescue methods in swim suits before “graduating” to winter togs in the water. ISR classes focus on a repeating self-rescue sequence. A child swims on his stomach until he needs air, then rolls to a back float for rest, alternating the two steps until he reaches the safety of steps, side of pool or the shoreline. For more information about the ISR classes, call the Aquatic Park at (972)624-2225.



BOARD MEMBERS

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Keith Helms Memorial Sundial Dedicated

On Friday, October 10, The Colony Community Development Corporation officially opened and dedicated the new Human Sundial at the Stewart Creek Park trailhead for the Shoreline Trail. This interactive sundial was created in memory and honor of Keith Helms, who was the Park Development Manager for the City of The Colony from 2006-2012. Keith was a landscape architect whose passion was to beautify and provide creative opportunities for play throughout the community. He was instrumental in the design and development of the adjacent Shoreline Trail, spending weeks walking through thick vegetation to lay out every inch of this 3.5 mile trail, creating a wonderful interactive experience with nature and the lake for thousands of trail users each year. If you get a chance, please stop by and check out this one of a kind addition to the Shoreline Trail trailhead!



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Back to Hogwarts BASH

After being sorted into their houses, students visited Olivanders Wand Shop, Flourish & Blotts Booksellers, the photo booth at Platform 9 3/4, the Honeydukes Express snacks trolley, and The Leaky Cauldron Pub.

Back to Hogwarts Bash on Saturday, October 18 was a truly magical event enjoyed by attendees of all ages. Many volunteers and staff members worked together to create this very special event.



Personalizing wands



Flourish & Blotts Booksellers



Potions students give their full attention to their professor's instructions, while at the far table, Quidditch students learn to make their own Golden Snitches.



Care of Magical Creatures

After being welcomed by Professor Dumbledore in the Great Hall, students rotated through their classes: Potions, Quidditch, Care of Magical Creatures, and Charms.



After classes, the Houses competed in a Harry Potter trivia contest—the winner: Slytherin!





On Saturday, October 7, more than 115 children and adults attended the Library's Minecraft Party. Attendees played Minecraft Bingo, Pin the Tail on the Pig, and Creeper Bean Bag Toss. In addition to the games, guests enjoyed making Minecraft paper cubes, pixel masks, and Perler bead Minecraft swords.

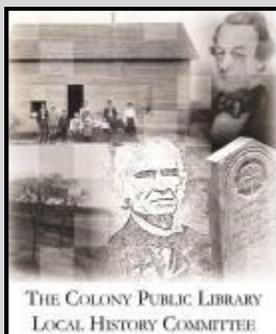


Computer training class, Friday, October 31, at 10 a.m. Intro to Excel

THIS CLASS IS FULL

These small classes have given learners individualized attention. Each of the classes have been full and the students have been enthusiastic about the experience and said that they would recommend the classes to others. More classes will be held in the spring, beginning in February. Equipment for the classes funded in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services through a grant to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

November Special Event



Bridges Cemetery Open House, Saturday, November 8, noon—3 p.m.

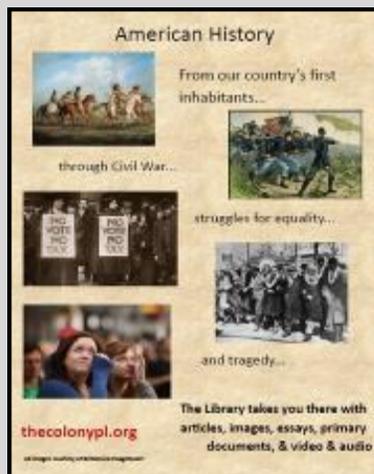
Members of The Colony Public Library Local History Committee will open Bridges Cemetery to the public and answer questions about The Colony's history. Bridges Cemetery is located at the NW corner of Morningstar and Chesapeake.

November at TCPL



School of the Month: Peters Colony

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



Online Resource of the Month

America's past comes alive with TCPL's online History & Genealogy resources. Use your TCPL card to learn about our country's fascinating history, research American artifacts or find out about your own family history with these free online resources at thecolonypl.org.



Early Literacy Programs

***Toddler Time* is held Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. in the Quiet Room**

November 4 & 18

Toddler Time is geared toward 2 & 3 year old children; participate in early literacy learning with stories, puppets, poems and songs. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



***Toddler Sensory Play Date*, Tuesday, November 25, at 10:15 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room**

You and your toddler will have fun exploring your senses through various squishy, feathery, and glittery activities during this hour long event.



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

November 7, 14, 21

Join us in early literacy learning with books, fingerplays and songs! No registration required. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Youth Programs



Read to Rover, Saturday, November 8, 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.

Tween & Teen Events



Pokémon Tournament, Saturday, November 1; doors open at 6 p.m. for registration and social time; competition begins at 6:30 p.m. \$2 entry fee.

This fundraiser is hosted by TCPL's Teen Anime Club and sponsored by Friends of The Colony Public Library (FOTCPL). Snacks will be available for purchase. Proceeds benefit TCPL's teen programs and activities.



SciGirls Club: Take it in Stride- Wednesday, November 12, 4:30 p.m.

Girls in grades 5-8 are invited to create, design, and investigate during TCPL's all new SciGirls Club monthly meetings.

This club will meet on the second Wednesday of each month this fall — come have fun with STEM enriched activities.



Courtesy of ImageQuest

Teen Advisory Panel, Tuesday, November 18, 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 kterry@thecolonypl.org or call Kansas Terry at 972-624-3186.



Courtesy of ImageQuest

Teen Anime Club

Wednesday, November 19, 6:30 p.m.

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

All Ages / Family Programs

Family LEGOmania, Saturday, November 22, 2 p.m.

The adults get to play too! Come build LEGO structures with your family teammates. The best LEGO creations will go on display in the library until next month's program. This one-hour program takes place in the library multipurpose room.

Ages 4 and up welcome, but children under the age of 9 must be accompanied at all times by a caregiver age 12 or older.



Adult Education & Clubs



ESL Class, Saturdays, November 1 & 15, 10:30 - noon

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



Home Buyers Seminar, Wednesday, November 5, 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.



eReader Office Hours

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

Tuesday, November 4 at 7 p.m.

Saturday, November 15 at 11 a.m.

Friday, November 21 at 10 a.m.



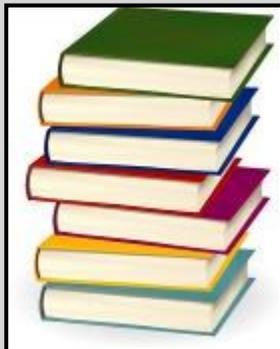
Home Sellers Seminar, Wednesday, November 12, 7 p.m.

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.



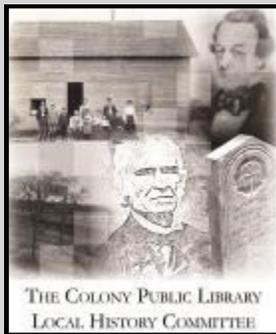
Writers' Circle, Tuesday, November 18, 7 p.m.

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.



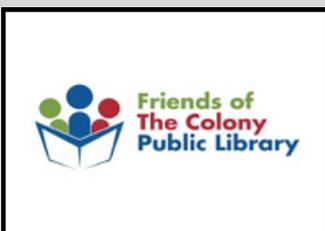
The Next Chapter Book Club, Wednesday, November 19, 7 p.m.

Do you enjoy talking about books? Join other readers at this month's meeting in a discussion of *Defending Jacob* by William Landay. The Next Chapter Book Club meets monthly.



The Colony Local History Committee, Thursday, November 20, 1:30p.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, November 20, 7 p.m.

Meet the officers of the Friends of The Colony Public Library and learn about FOTCPL's efforts in support of the Library's programs and services. Join us in the library conference room. New members are welcomed.

Mark Your Calendar: Upcoming Events



FOTCPL PRESENTS! ***Photos with Santa*** ***Holiday Music by*** ***Fiddle Rascals***

Visit with Santa! Saturday, December 6, 12:00—2:00 p.m.

Photos available same day; free photo mailing card included. \$2 fee per photo (cash or check) to: Friends of The Colony Public Library.

Holiday Story Time, Wednesday, December 17, 7 p.m.

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The Library Board met September 25, 2014.

The Board members discussed progress on goals for 2014.

The Board discussed and approved staff recommendations regarding fees for color printing and 3D printing.

The Board also received staff updates regarding Friends of the Library activities: approximately 70 people visited with the 25 local authors and illustrators participating in this year's *FOTCPL PRESENTS!* Meet the Authors and Illustrators event. FOTCPL and the library's local history committee are hosting a day of local history tours and an author presentation on Saturday, October 25.

The Board received staff updates regarding public relations events and programs: Toddler Sensory Play Dates have been very well-received; the next Play Dates will be on September 30 and October 28 at 10:15 a.m. Youth Services Librarian Kansas Terry presented information regarding TCPL resources and services to parents and students and issued library cards at the Lakeview Middle School Open House. A small group of enthusiastic participants learned different ways to reuse worn out books in making fun crafts at the Recycled Book Crafts program. "Active Shooter Training: learn how to protect yourself and the children in your care" was presented by The Colony Police Department Community Resource Officer Keli Hunt to forty-five day care teachers at the continuing education class hosted by TCPL. At the September meeting of The Next Chapter Book Club, four participants had the opportunity to visit in a phone conversation with Maddie Dawson, author of *The Opposite of Maybe*. eServices Librarian Cary Cox had reviewed the book on TCPL's Book Talk blog, which caught the author's attention and she contacted Cary to set up the call. The first Family LEGOMania will be held this month. TCPL's Teen Anime Club will host a party on Saturday, September 27 to encourage new members. Games, crafts, and Star Wars giveaways will be featured at the October 10 Star Wars Reads Day event. The 2014 Back to Hogwarts Bash will be held on October 18; tickets are limited and are available for free at thecolonypl.org. The Board received staff reports regarding planned new services to be implemented this fall, including color printing (printer needs to be set up on the network), 3D printing (staff training needs to be scheduled and procedures developed), and computer training classes (laptops are being configured and the classes are being advertised).

The Board reviewed the list of October library programs. Next meeting: Thursday, October 30, 2014, 7 p.m.

