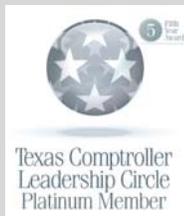


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“The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather in a lack of will.”

— Vince Lombardi

“Courage is being scared to death and saddling up anyway!”

— John Wayne



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

Movies In The Park

Free Birds

Date: Friday, Sept. 5

Time: 7:45 p.m.

Location: The Colony Five Star Complex, 4100 Blair Oaks

Cost: Free

Sunset Concert Series

Danny Allen

Date: Friday, Sept. 12

Time: 8 to 10 p.m.

Location: Stewart Creek Park, 3700 Sparks Road

Cost: Free vehicle admission 30 minutes prior to start of the performance

Bow-Wow Luau

Date: Saturday, Sept. 13

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: Hawaiian Falls, 4400 Paige Road

Cost: resident — \$15/person, \$10 each additional family member; non-resident — \$20/person, \$10 each additional family member; limit two dogs per person

Movies In The Park

Frozen

Date: Friday, Oct. 3

Time: 7:15 p.m.

Location: The Colony Five Star Complex, 4100 Blair Oaks

Cost: Free

Family Fright Night

Date: Saturday, Oct. 25 – Sunday, Oct. 26

Time: 4 p.m. Oct. 25 to 9 a.m. Oct. 26

Location: Stewart Creek Park, 3700 Sparks Road

Cost: Varies

American Heroes

Date: Saturday, Nov. 8

Time: Dependent Upon Activity

Location: Five Star Complex, 4100 Blair Oaks Drive

Cost: Free admission

The Colony Public Library

Graphic Novel Book Club for Tweens & Teens

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 3

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Location: The Colony Public Library, 6800 Main St.

Cost: Free

Spanish/English Bilingual Story Time — New day, time!

Dates: Saturdays, Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27

Time: 10:15 a.m.

Location: The Colony Public Library, 6800 Main St.

Cost: Free

eReader Office Hours

Dates & Times: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 9; 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 19; and 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30

Location: The Colony Public Library, 6800 Main St.

Cost: Free

SciGirls Club: Super Sleuths!

For girls in grade 5-8

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 10

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Location: The Colony Public Library, 6800 Main St.

Cost: Free

Read to Rover

For grades 1-5

Date: Saturday, Sept. 13

Time: 11 a.m. to noon

Location: The Colony Public Library, 6800 Main St.

Cost: Free

Family LEGOmania

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

Date: Saturday, Sept. 27

Time: 2 p.m.

Location: The Colony Public Library, 6800 Main St.

Cost: Free



First positive West Nile tests of 2014 reported

The Colony recently received its first positive pool test result for 2014 in the area around Blair Oaks Drive and Strickland Avenue. Spraying for mosquitoes in that area was completed on Aug. 24-25. Additional positive pool tests were later reported in the Ashley Gardens area of The Tribute and Augusta Park. Truck-mounted treatments were scheduled for those areas on consecutive nights Aug. 30-31.

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.

Residents are encouraged to visit 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.

**CITY OF THE COLONY
CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 2, 2014**

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Notice is hereby given of a **WORK SESSION** of the **CITY COUNCIL** of the City of The Colony, Texas to be held at **6:00 p.m. on the 2nd day of September 2014**, at 6800 Main Street, The Colony, Texas at which time the following items will be addressed:

- A. Call to Order**
- B. Discuss work zone speed limits (Scruggs/Marks)**
- C. Discuss sidewalk location proposal for Cascades (Scruggs)**
- D. Discuss City of The Colony Code of Ordinances Section 5-21, Keeping of livestock, fowl and rabbits and Sec. 5-1, Definitions (City Attorney)**
- E. Discuss audio/visual equipment use for high school football games (Powell)**
- F. Discuss amending City of The Colony Code of Ordinances Section 19-12(m) regarding trailers parked on public streets (Schrag)**
- G. Council to receive supplemental information from staff or answers to questions regarding the September 2, 2014 regular agenda items**
- H. Adjourn**

**CITY OF THE COLONY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 2, 2014**

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 **2nd** day of **SEPTEMBER 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

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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- 2.1 Consider approving minutes of council meetings held August 14th (McCourry, Mikulec) and 19th, 2014 (City Secretary)**
- 2.2 Consider approving Council expenditures for the month of July 2014 (Council)**
- 2.3 Consider approving a resolution authorizing the city manager to enter into an agreement with CoServ Electric for construction, maintenance, power, and installation of LED street lighting in the public right of way at the Grand-scape Development (Maurina)**

3.0	REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS
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- 3.1 Conduct the second of two public hearings and discuss the proposed 2014-2015 tax rate not to exceed \$.675 cents per \$100 valuation for the taxable value of all property, real and personal, located within the City of The Colony, and announce that the tax rate will be voted on September 16, 2014 at 7 p.m. at The Colony City Hall, 6800 Main St. (Finance)**
- 3.2 Discuss and consider approving an ordinance canceling the November 4, 2014 city council election for single-member district Place 5 and declaring the unopposed candidate elected (City Secretary)**

4.0	WORK SESSION
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- 4.1 Discuss a proposed policy for selecting volunteers and independent contract instructors (Swain)

5.0	EXECUTIVE SESSION
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- 5.1
- A. 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 Manager.
 - B. Council shall convene into a closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE to seek legal advice from the city attorney regarding Stewart Peninsula Golf Course/Anderson Express Lane, Inc.
 - C. Council shall convene into a closed executive session pursuant to Section 551.071 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE to seek legal advice from the city attorney regarding pending or contemplated litigation - 7525 Glenturret Circle.

Reconvene to Open Session

- 5.2
- A. Any action as a result of executive session regarding the city manager's evaluation.
 - B. Any action as a result of executive session regarding Stewart Peninsula Golf Course/Anderson Express Lane, Inc.
 - C. Any action as a result of executive session regarding pending or contemplated litigation – 7525 Glenturret Circle.



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Back 2 School Bash



Nearly 500 children attended the Back 2 School Bash on August 19 at The Colony Recreation Center. Twenty-four vendors representing various businesses and organizations were on hand to give away free school supplies. We hope everyone had a great first week of school and a wonderful school year!

Movies in the Park

Date: Friday, Sept.5
Time: 8 p.m.; gates open at 7 p.m.
Location: Five Star Complex, 4100 Blair Oaks
Cost: Free



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 be available for purchase. Parental supervision required. For more info contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 972-625-1106.



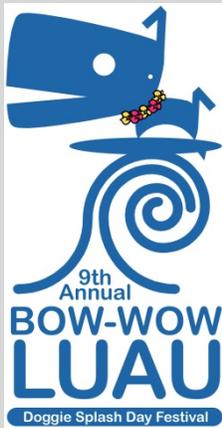
Sunset Concert Series

Date: Friday, Sept. 12, "Elvis Tribute Artist Danny Allen"
Time: 8 to 10 p.m.
Location: Stewart Creek Park, 3700 Sparks Road
Cost: Free concert

Join The Colony Parks and Recreation Department as we close out the summer of 2014 with the Summer Sunset Concert Series. The sunset of beautiful Lewisville Lake sets the scene to enjoy the harmonies of some of the best rock bands around.

Also, In-N-Out Burger will be giving away FREE burgers, chips and drinks! For more information contact The Colony Parks and Recreation Department at 972-625-1106.

Bow-Wow Luau



Date: Saturday, Sept. 13

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: Hawaiian Falls Water Park, 4400 Paige Road

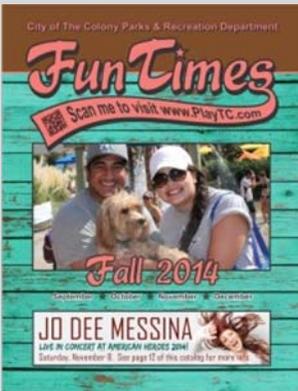
Cost: \$20 per person (non-resident), \$10 for each additional person; \$15 per person resident, \$10 per person. Limit two dogs per person.

This is a great chance for your lovable pooch to mingle with others in the pool, get a workout, work the fashion runway and have the chance to win fabulous prizes. Bring the entire family! A portion of the proceeds will benefit The Colony Animal Shelter Injured Animal Fund. For more information contact The Colony Parks and Recreation Department at 972-625-1106.



Changes in Recreation Staff

Aug. 22 was the final day with The Colony Parks & Recreation Department for Melissa Caughron, our Recreation Coordinator for the past 8 and a half years. We are happy to announce that Amber (Duquaine) Downing will be moving into the Recreation Coordinator role. Many of you may be familiar with Amber already as she has been with the Parks & Recreation Department for more than 6 years herself. Good luck to both of them!



Fall Fun Times

The Fall issue of the Fun Times catalog should have arrived in your mailbox by now, so be on the lookout! Be sure to look through this issue and find out about all the fun and exciting activities that are planned for the community over the next several months. You can also check out the digital flipbook version of the Fun Times by going online to <http://www.thecolonytx.org/Depts/PARD/FunTimes.html>. We hope to see you at one of our upcoming activities!



PlayTC Weekend Set for Sept. 12-14

Each year in September The Colony celebrates the many opportunities to play and have fun in The Colony. This year, that celebration will be held on the weekend of Sept. 12-14. Set aside some time that weekend to get out and have some fun! A listing of opportunities can be found at www.PlayTC.com. Get out and play!

FREE Middle School Tutoring

A certified LISD middle school teacher is going to be offering academic tutoring to students in grades 5 through 8 for core subjects. Tutoring is free with an annual Recreation Center membership (just \$10 for residents) or \$5 per month without an annual membership. Space is very limited, so early registration is encouraged! Call or stop by the Recreation Center today to get registered.



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 from 5 to 9 p.m. Monday evenings beginning Sept. 8. 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.



So You Want 2 Act 1?

So You Want 2 Act 1 is a class for both boys and girls who have a passion for the theater. Classes will consist of scene work, commercial presentations, audition skills, voice articulation, theater games, and stage and television language. All students will participate in an after class showcase. Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. and are just \$85 per month for members and \$90 per month for non-members. Classes begin on Sept. 2. Call or stop by the Recreation Center today to get registered.

Power Yoga

Power Yoga is a stronger and faster paced class designed to focus on the breath and its relationship to the pose. This combination creates a total body workout that builds longer, leaner muscles while improving flexibility, strength and balance. Classes are on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 7 p.m. and cost just \$20 per month for members and \$25 per month for non-members. Classes begin on Sept. 9. Call or stop by the Recreation Center today to get registered.



Youth Basketball

Registration: Sept. 6 to Oct. 11 @ The Colony Recreation Center

Cost: \$65/residents, \$75/non-residents

Ages: 5 – 12

Boys and girls are invited to register for these recreational leagues. No experience is necessary. Practices will begin in November, and the season will begin in December. Players will be placed on teams, and play a ten game season.



Mini-Ball

Registration: Sept. 6 to Dec. 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!

AARP Driver Safety Program

Designed primarily for individuals 50 and up however any Texas licensed driver over 21 can participate. This four-hour course may reduce your auto insurance rates for three 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, Sept 17

Time: 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

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

Cost: \$15 AARP members; \$20 non-members



Front Porch Pickers

Date: Every Tuesday

Time: 1:30 to 3 p.m.

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

Cost: Free

Join in with the Front Porch Pickers for a little Pickin' & Grinnin' every Tuesday. If you play a guitar, banjo, harmonica or other instrument, and enjoy blue grass music, this is the place to be. Or, just bring yourself, tap your toes and clap your hands as you listen to some old favorites.



Blood Drive Successful

Thanks to the many who contributed on Aug. 14! The Colony blood drive at the Community Center exceeded expectations. The Red Cross hoped to collect at least 20 pints of blood. Thanks to your generous participation, 26 pints of blood were collected. Because each donation has the potential to help save up to three lives, you can feel good knowing The Colony drive can help 78 patients. If you were unable to participate this time or want to contribute again, be sure and mark your calendar for Oct. 30 for the next drive at this location.



Volunteer of the 2014 Summer

Matthew Wilson was named Outstanding Volunteer for working as an assistant swim instructor at The Colony Aquatic Park this summer. He logged over 60 hours, learning to teach and helping with the daily class set-up and safety. Wilson, who is Boy Scout with Troop 226, is looking forward to the day when he can take his actual training for the lifeguard stand. 2014 is his second year as a TCAP Volunteer, and his hours count towards his National Junior Honor Society goal. During this past summer, over 50 youth volunteered for the facility, totaling 686 hours.

Programs on Display

Lifeguard Brian McGown shared program information with hundreds of children at the Back 2 School Bash. He was one of two staffers promoting the Volunteer, Lifeguarding, Public Swim, Lessons and Exercise Programs at The Colony Aquatic Park.



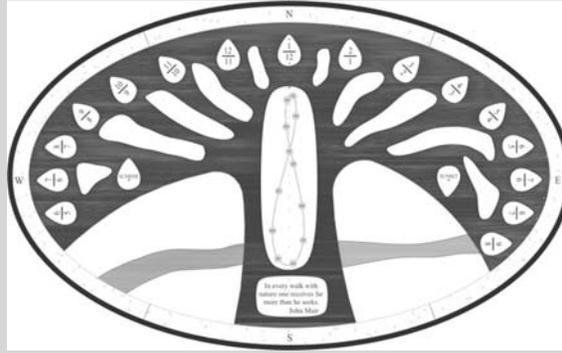
Pipe Repair

A small crack on a large pipe was repaired on the Indoor Pool during the first day of school. Activities were shifted to the Outdoor Lagoon so that fall exercise classes and lessons were not interrupted. The crack was on the suction side of the pump configuration and had been introducing minuscule air bubbles into the system. This repair should improve water clarity!

Aqua Zumba

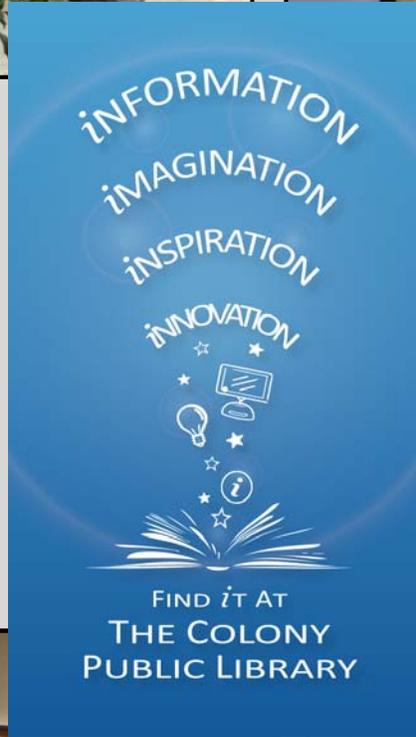
The newest water fitness craze has just hit Tuesday and Thursday mornings at The Colony Aquatic Park. From 9 to 10 a.m. the heated Indoor Pool will be rocking to a South American beat and the high energy guidance of Lynette Carter. The class can be purchased at a daily drop-in rate of \$7, or discounted rate of \$30 a month. For more information about this or other exercise programs, contact The Colony Aquatic Park at 972-624-2225.





Construction to begin on Human Sundial Project

Construction is scheduled to begin this week on the Keith Helms Memorial Human Sundial at the Shoreline Trail trailhead at the entrance to Stewart Creek Park. 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 the 3.5-mile trail, creating a wonderful interactive experience with nature and the lake for thousands of trail users each year. A dedication ceremony for the human sundial will be held when the construction of the project is completed.



End of Summer Reading Club Party (grades 1—5)



The Library hosted 45 children and parents at this come-and-go event featuring crafts and activity stations. Most popular were the custom-made paper airplanes with a simulated runway, as well as the binary-code beaded necklace creations. Other stations included: Guestimate jars of beans, candies and pennies; coloring worksheets; and sink or float show & tell.

End of Summer Reading Teen Party



End of Summer Story Time & Puppet Show

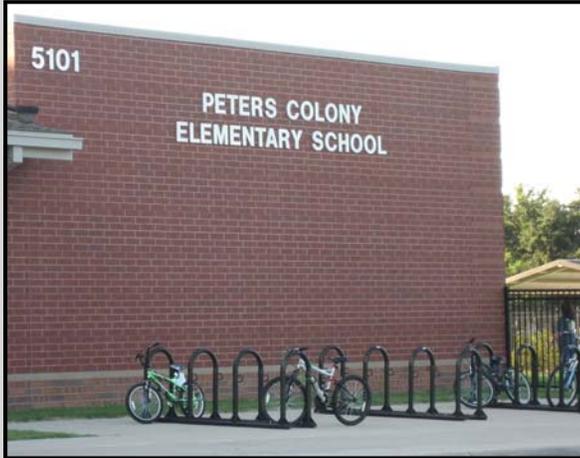
Laughter rang out in the Story Corner as 35 children and parents enjoyed the antics of Miss Julie, Miss Linda, and *The Three Little Fishies*.



Teens made steampunk crafts, participated in a dystopian novel trivia contest, and enjoyed an ice cream sundae bar. Teens who had submitted reviews of books they read during the summer qualified for the Teen Prize Pack drawing; the winners were announced at the party.



You never know what might happen when you participate in a program at your local public library....



You might find yourself arriving at the first day of school on a fire engine — as did Peters Colony fourth-grader Brandon Medina — way to go Brandon! A great big thank you to The Colony's fabulous firefighters for their heroic reading performances in the 2014 Fired Up About Reading program.



Get ready for the new school year with online resources from the Library!



Learn about research and homework help available for K-12



- Saturday, Sept. 6
- 11 a.m.
- Multipurpose Room

For students, parents and homeschool instructors.

FOTCPL PRESENTS!

MEET THE AUTHORS & ILLUSTRATORS

Saturday, Sept. 13, 2014
1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

The Colony Public Library
6800 Main Street
The Colony, TX
thecolonypl.org

Featuring:

*Jim and Betsy Haynes
Muffet Frische
Cindy Rodella-Purdy
Jim Patrick
Patricia Burroughs
Donald Simonds
Pennie Murray
Jacqueline Smith
Kathy Carniero
Rich Mussler
Darin Bradley
Rita Dear
John W. Gibson
ByleeJo Montgomery
Warren Landrum
James Martinez
Nicole Williamson
Jeanne Skartsiaris*



September at TCPL



School of the Month: Stewart's Creek Elementary School

During the month of September, any Stewart's Creek 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

Go back to school knowing that help is at your fingertips! *Tutor.com* is an online tutoring service for primary grades through introductory college classes; professional tutors will help you with homework in core classes. Free for TCPL cardholders — thanks to a grant from CoServ Charitable Foundation — Tutor.com is available from 3 to 10 p.m. daily. Find *Tutor.com* at thecolonypl.org.

Early Literacy Programs



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

Sept. 2, 9, 16, 23

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, Sept. 30, at 10:15 a.m. in the Quiet 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

Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26

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



Bilingual Spanish/English Story Time Series is held Saturdays at 10:15 a.m. in the Story Corner; Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27

Early literacy story times for preschool aged children and their caregivers are told in a mixture of English and Spanish to promote Bilingual literacy. Resources for this series were funded in part by a grant from Target. For more information, contact Ms. Tina, 972-624-3191, tmartinez@thecolonypl.org.

New day & time!

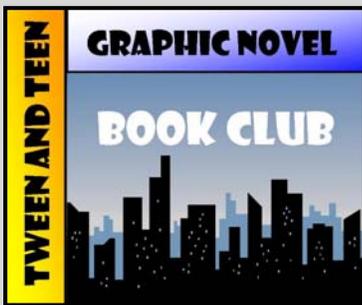
Youth Programs

Read to Rover, Saturday, Sept. 13, 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



NEW!

Graphic Novel Book Club for Tweens & Teens, Wednesday, Sept 3., 4:30 p.m.

Join the discussion of graphic novels and comic books; graphic novels will be provided for those who need ideas.

This club will meet on the first Wednesday of each month from September to December.



NEW!

SciGirls Club: Super Sleuths! Wednesday, Sept. 10, 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. Delve into fun experiments; this month's event involves CSI work...and glitter!

This club will meet on the second Wednesday of each month from September to December to have fun with STEM enriched activities.



Teen Anime Club

Meetings: Wednesdays, Sept. 17 & 24, 6:30 p.m.

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

Fall Anime Club Party: Saturday, Sept. 27, 6 p.m.

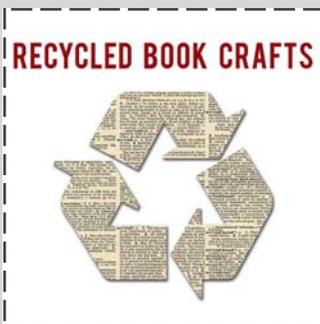
New members welcome! Cosplay! Fun! Don't miss it! Sponsored by:



Teen Advisory Panel, Tuesday, Sept. 23, 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.

All Ages / Family Programs



Recycled Book Crafts, Saturday, Sept. 20, 2-4 p.m.

Upcycle old books to create unique items and decorations. We will provide the books, some supplies, and space. Come with any ideas you may have and any specific supplies you may want. This come-and-go event is open between 2 and 4 p.m. in the Library multipurpose room.

Children under the age of 9 must be accompanied by a supervising adult.

Family LEGOmania, Saturday, Sept. 27, 2 p.m.

This time 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



Home Buyers Seminar, Wednesday, Sept. 9, 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.

ESL Class, Saturdays, Sept. 6 & 20, 10:30 - noon

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



Adult Education & Clubs

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, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 19 at 11 a.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 7 p.m.

Home Sellers Seminar, Wednesday, Sept. 10, 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.



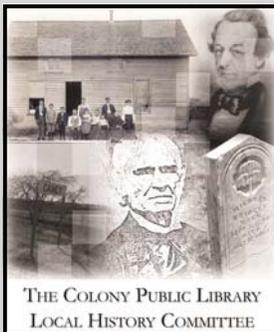
Friends of The Colony Public Library Officers Meeting, Monday Sept. 15, 7 p.m.

For information, contact jsveinsson@thecolonypl.org or call 972-624-3184.



Writers' Circle, Tuesday, Sept. 16, 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 Colony Local History Committee, Thursday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m.

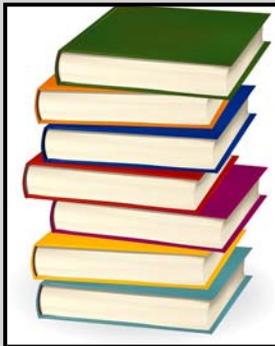
Help cultivate and preserve The Colony's rich history, learn about projects the committee members have underway, and help plan for upcoming events.

Adult Education & Clubs



Continuing Education Class for Daycare Teachers, Thursday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m.

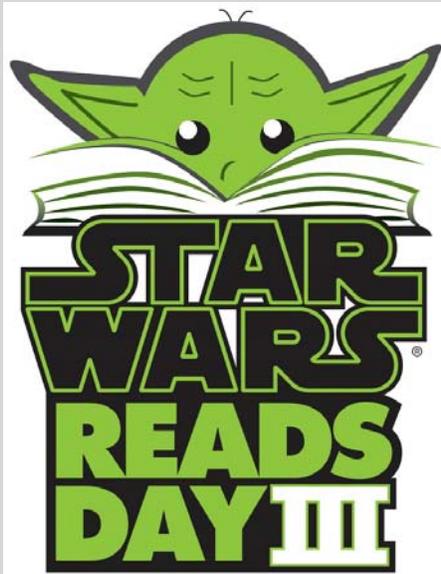
Active Shooter Training: Preparing for and managing an active shooter situation will be presented by Keli Hunt, The Colony Police Department Community Resource Officer. Registration is required and is limited to 75 people. The \$5 registration fee is refundable upon completion of the class; registration begins September 2. Teachers can earn 2 hours of CE credit as they learn to protect themselves and the children in their care.



The Next Chapter Book Club, Wednesday, Sept. 27, 7 p.m.

Do you enjoy talking about books? Join other readers at this month's meeting in a discussion of *The Opposite of Maybe* by Maddie Dawson. The Next Chapter Book Club meets monthly.

Mark Your Calendar: Upcoming Events



Friday, Oct. 10, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

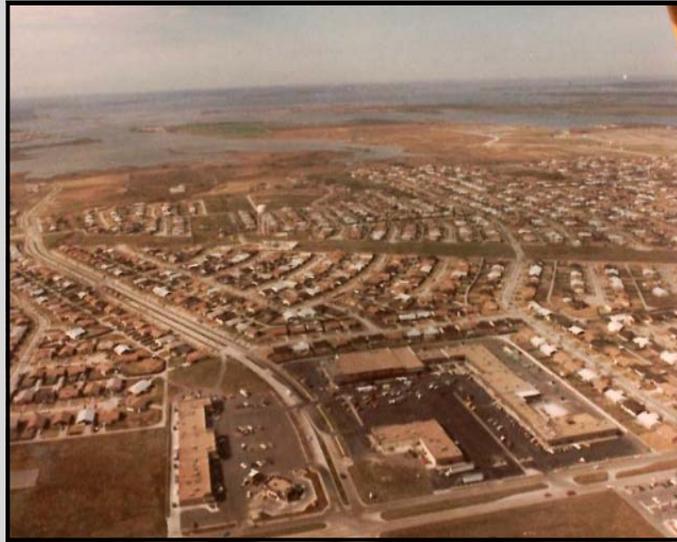
Games, Crafts, Giveaways
Costumes encouraged!

Back to Hogwarts
BASH

Saturday, Oct. 18, 6 p.m.

Experience the world of Harry Potter right here at TCPL! Be sorted into Houses, take Hogwarts classes and participate in Harry Potter trivia. Costumes encouraged! Visit thecolonypl.org later this month for registration information.

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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CVB	972-624-LAKE
EDC	972-624-3127
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