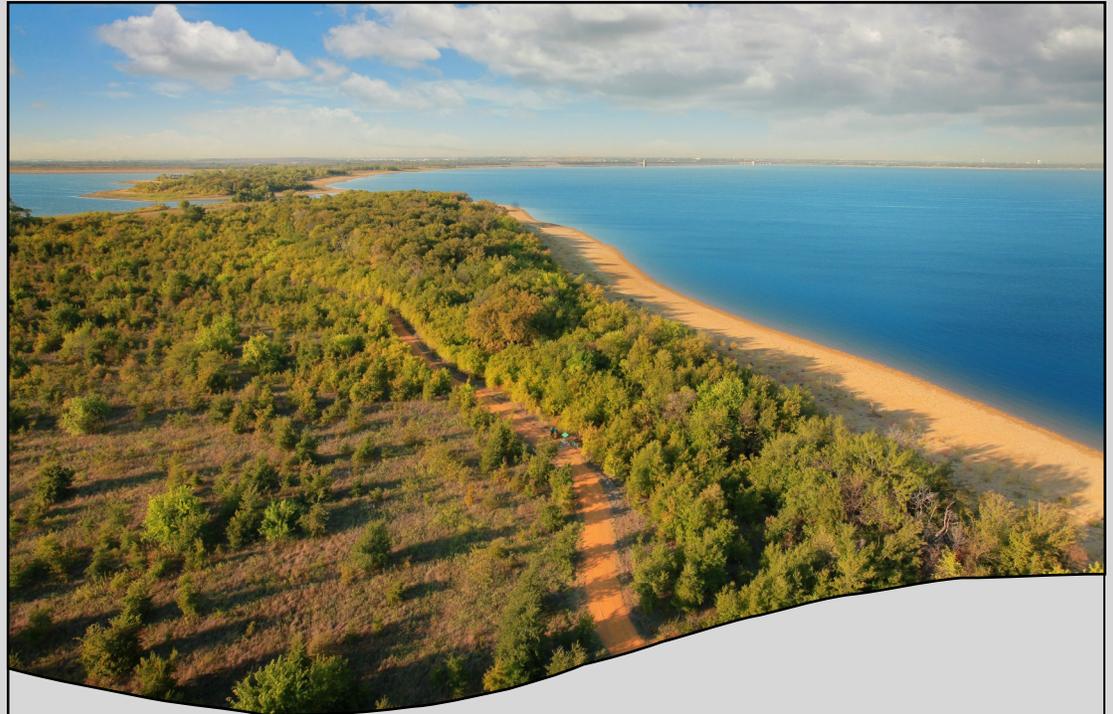


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-Peter Anderson

*“Character is like a tree and reputation is like its shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing.”*

Abraham Lincoln



## 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.

## September 2014

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## Parks and Recreation

### Movies In The Park

#### *Frozen*

Date: Friday, Oct. 3

Time: 7:15 p.m.

Location: The Colony Five Star Complex, 4100 Blair Oak

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

(4100 Blair Oaks Dr. The Colony, TX 75056)

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

### Graphic Novel Book Club for Tweens & Teens

#### Discuss graphic novels & comic books

Date: Wednesday, October 1

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Location: The Colony Public Library 6800 Main Street

Cost: Free

### MineCraft Party: Crafts & Games

Date: Saturday, October 4

Time: 2-4 p.m.

Location: The Colony Public Library 6800 Main Street

Cost: Free

### eReader Office Hours

Dates & Times:

Sunday, October 5 at 2 p.m.

Thursday, October 23 at 11 a.m.

Tuesday, October 28 at 7 p.m.

Location: The Colony Public Library 6800 Main Street

Cost: Free

### SciGirls Club: Deep Divers!

For girls in grade 5-8

Date: Wednesday, October 8

Time: 4:30 p.m.

Location: The Colony Public Library 6800 Main Street

Cost: Free

### Computer Training Classes

Dates & topics:

Friday, October 10: Computer Basics

Friday, October 17: Intro to Word

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 to reserve your seat.



## **Mosquito Season is Here**

We are now in the middle of the mosquito season, so residents are urged to take a proactive approach to battling mosquitos on their private property. The best way to do this is by learning and following the “4 Ds:”

**Dress to protect:** Wear long sleeves and long pants.

**Dusk and Dawn:** Avoid being outside at these times.

**Defend:** Wear insect repellent with DEET, Picaridin, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus or an effective alternative.

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

The City of The Colony has a weekly mosquito trapping and testing program. So far in 2014, all tests have been negative for West Nile virus. To help combat West Nile in The Colony, all residents are asked to be alert to issues that may be taking place on private property in your neighborhood. The City needs to know about green pools, spas, non-draining boats, old tires, or anything that is non-maintained and holds water. The City can only address issues that are visible from a public right of way (i.e. alley, sidewalk or street). To report issues, please call 972-624-3160 or email [mosquitoes@thecolonytx.gov](mailto:mosquitoes@thecolonytx.gov) so we can address the hazards. Please be sure to include the address of the problem when leaving a message.



## Movies in the Park

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. This edition of Movies In The Park will feature Frozen (rated PG). Concessions will be available for purchase. Parental supervision required. For more info contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (972)625-1106.



Date: Friday, October 3rd

Time: 7:15 PM - Gates open at 6:15 PM

Location: Five Star Complex, 4100 Blair Oaks

Cost: FREE

## Drive-In Movie

Enjoy a nostalgic date night movie during our first-ever drive-in movie featuring Serendipity. Parking for the movie is available, first-come, first-serve and will open at 7:00 p.m. The Colony Parks and Recreation Department staff will be ushering vehicles to parking spaces based on vehicle height and arrival time. Movie will begin at 8:00pm. Please arrive early to allow time for parking. Turn your radios to 99.9FM and enjoy the true drive-in experience. Movie will begin at 8:00pm. Turn your radios to 99.9FM and enjoy the true drive-in experience.



Date: Friday, October 10th

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

Location: Stewart Creek Park, 3700 Sparks Rd

Cost: FREE (limited parking spots available)

## Family Fright Night

Pack up your family and friends, tent and sleeping bags and prepare yourself for one very creepy, crawly night of fun. Family Fright Night to include a tent decorating contest, trick-or-treating, haunted trail, bonfire, a spooky movie and of course s'mores! For more information contact The Colony Parks and Recreation Department at (972)625-1106.

**Date:** Saturday, October 25th through Sunday, October 26th

**Time:** 4:00 PM Saturday - 9:00 AM Sunday

**Location:** Stewart Creek Park, 3700 Sparks Rd

**Cost:** \$15 per person, \$10 each additional camper after 10 (limit 16 campers per campsite)



## American Heroes: A Salute to Veterans

**Date:** Saturday, November 8th

**Time:** 1:00 PM - 8:00 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 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](http://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 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! For more information or to register, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (972)625-1106 or email [play@tcpard.com](mailto:play@tcpard.com).

### Skyhawks Sports Classes

Skyhawks youth sports camps are committed to providing a safe, fun and skill-based experience for kids between the ages of 3 and 12. The Colony Parks and Recreation Department and Skyhawks are teaming up to offer multi-sport classes for 3-7 year olds (Tiny-Hawk and Mini-Hawk) as well as skill classes in volleyball, and basketball. For more information or to register, please contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (972)625-1106 or email [play@tcpard.com](mailto:play@tcpard.com).



### Saturday Nite Out is Back!

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](mailto:SNOthecolony@gmail.com).

### 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.





## Youth Basketball

**Registration:** September 6 – October 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:** 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!



The Colony Seniors FunTimers Travel Club enjoyed cruising the inside passage and a land tour to Denali Park last month. A sampling of the sites visited included the Mendenhall Glacier, a suspension bridge in the Yukon Territory, morning breakfast ride on the Denali Star Alaska Railroad, interpretive tour at Denali Park and a cruise of the Inside Passage.

If you would like to travel with The Colony Seniors, check out our next cruise. We will be cruising the Caribbean on Royal Caribbean's Navigator of the Seas April 26 – May 3, 2015. Balcony staterooms start at \$1168.00. Price includes 7 night cruise and transportation to and from The Colony by motor coach. For information, call Diana or Michelle at The Colony Community Center at (972)624-2246.



## Senior Games Blow-Out Week



Date: Monday, October 20 – Friday, October 24

Time: 8:00am – 3:00pm

Cost: Free

Join The Colony Seniors as we celebrate Autumn with an exciting assortment of activities. The Senior Games will feature a variety of tournaments, quilt, craft, knitting and crochet displays, a chili cook-off on Wednesday and culminate on Friday with the Fall Picnic and bake-off when we award the gold and silver medals. If you are 50+ years, come and join the fun. Call (972) 624-2246 for more information.



## **H2O Go!**

Over 60 kids are currently involved in the H2O Go! program that is designed to “feel” like a swim team, but doesn’t require the competitive level of commitment. H2O Go! Fall Session 2 will run October 29 through December 16. The flexible program allows for three days of weekly practice at \$110 (for the 8-week session), two days at \$85, or once a week for \$50. Practice days are Tuesday, Friday and Sunday. The program has openings for both experienced swim competitors and those new to the swim team world. All participants should be comfortable swimming the length of the Indoor Pool (25 yards) prior to the first session. For more information or to register, call the Aquatic Park at (972)624-2225.

## **The Colony Swim Kids**

The Colony Swim Kids program will run 5:30pm -6:00pm on Monday nights in October and November. The fee is \$10 per class night for lessons designed to orient young children (ages 6 through 10) with the basic concepts of competition. All participants should be comfortable swimming the length of the Indoor Pool (25 yards) prior to the first session. For more information or to register, call the Aquatic Park at (972)624-2225.

## **Hydro-FAST**

Hydro-FAST Fall Session 1 starts October 1 with an intense set of coaching sessions aimed at improving existing team skills, stamina and speed. Swimmers should be age 11 and older, and able to swim 50 yards with great confidence. The class is limited to 9 students and costs \$100 for a 10 class session.

Hydro-Fast Fall Session 2 will run November 10 through December 17. For information on any team style programs, call the Aquatic Park at (972)624-2225.

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### Park Loop Trail Reconstruction

The city's section of the Park Loop Trail is currently under construction and should be completed before the first of the year. This includes a new connection at BB Owen Elementary School that begins at the existing trail on the north side of the school parking lot, follows the entrance drive to Squires, along Squires terminating at the school exit drive. The Legends HOA section of the Park Loop Trail was completed during the summer





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**FOTCPL PRESENTS!**

## **MEET THE AUTHORS & ILLUSTRATORS**

Approximately 70 people visited with the 25 local authors and Illustrators participating in this year's event on Saturday, September 13. They enjoyed discussing the authors' writing process and seeing examples of authors' new works. Signed copies were available for purchase.



Participants at the Library's Recycled Books workshop on September 20 learned different ways to reuse worn out books in making fun crafts. Books were recycled to make envelopes, sculptural decorations, greeting cards, and origami. Participants were able to take home materials and instructions for even more crafts to continue the creative process in repurposing old books.

### **RECYCLED BOOK CRAFTS**



## October Special Events at TCPL



### **MineCraft Party, Saturday, October 4, 2—4 p.m.**

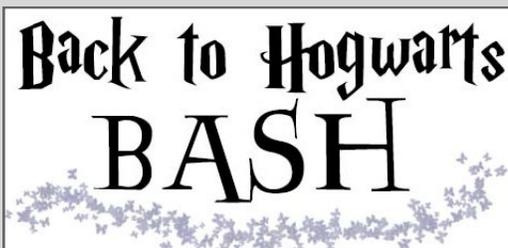
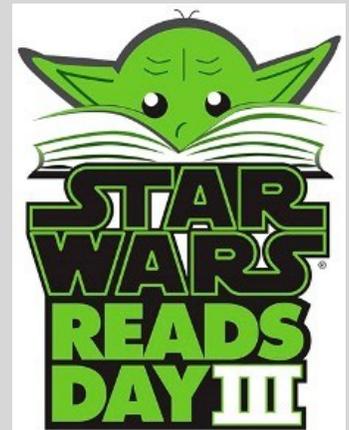
All ages are welcome to come and celebrate everything MineCraft with come-and-go crafts and games in the library multipurpose room.

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

### **Star Wars Reads Day, Friday, October 10, 1:30-3:30 p.m.**

All ages are welcome to come and celebrate everything Star Wars with come-and-go crafts, games, and giveaways in the library multipurpose room. Costumes are encouraged!

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



### **Back to Hogwarts Bash, Saturday, October 18, 6 p.m.**

Experience the world of Harry Potter from right here at TCPL! Be sorted into Houses, take Hogwarts classes and participate in Harry Potter trivia. Costumes encouraged!

Registration is limited; visit [thecolonypl.org](http://thecolonypl.org) to get your free ticket.

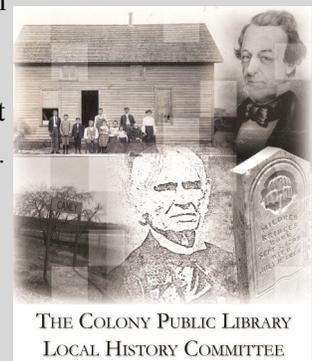
Children under the age of 9 must be accompanied by a registered (ticketed) adult.

**Celebrate Local History with The Colony Public Library Local History Committee and Friends of The Colony Public Library, Saturday, October 25—see events and times below.**

## **The Colony History Progressive Tours Saturday, October 25, 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.**

Did you know? The Colony has a rich historical legacy dating back to the 1840s. Here's your opportunity to explore the past and learn more about your community on a guided tour with The Colony Public Library Local History Committee. Highlights include visits to Bridges Cemetery, the Central Fire Station and the Victorian-era Spencer House in Austin Ranch. Tours depart from The Colony Public Library, 6800 Main Street.

Ticketed event: \$10 / person. Purchase tickets in advance beginning September 30 at the Library Circulation Desk (cash, checks made payable to FOTCPL, credit/debit card). Space is limited, so reserve your seat today!



## **FOTCPL PRESENTS! The Secret Lives of Ghosts: Fact & Fiction, Saturday, October 25, noon — 2 p.m.**

Between the history tours, FOTCPL will host a light lunch and presentations by two local authors. Jacqueline Smith, author of *Cemetery Tours* and *Between Worlds*, will kick off the event, followed by [Red River Historian](#) and author Robin Cole Jett, who will tell about the *Ghostly Towns* of the Red River Valley.

This event is open to all.

A brief business meeting will precede the presentations.



## October at TCPL

**NEW!**



**Computer training classes, Fridays, October 10-31, at 10 a.m.**

**10/10 Computer basics**

**10/17 Intro to Word**

**10/24 Internet & security**

**10/31 Intro to Excel**

Small classes give learners individualized attention. Classes will be held in the Library Multipurpose Room. 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.

## **School of the Month: Morningside Elementary School**

During the month of October, any Morningside 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**

Learn a language, upgrade your computer skills, start your own business, get live help writing a resume, learn to draw—and more! Check out the Adult Online Learning page of our website at [thecolonypl.org](http://thecolonypl.org) and start learning something new today!



## October Fundraiser: Bag of Books Sale begins October 1

Get your own FOTCPL book bag and fill it full of items from the specially-marked sale carts and shelves– all for the remarkably low price of \$4! Hurry in; offer good while supplies last!

## Teen Read Week October 14-19

Explore the fun teen book displays at TCPL as we celebrate Teen Read Week.



## Early Literacy Programs



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

**October 7, 14, 21**

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, October 28, 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**

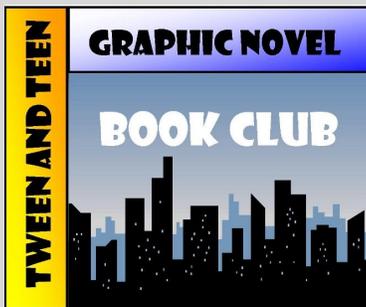
**October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**

**Read to Rover, Saturday, October 18, 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



**Graphic Novel Book Club for Tweens & Teens, Wednesday, October 1, 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 this fall.

**SciGirls Club: Deep Divers! Wednesday, October 8, 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: the SciGirls get crafty this month as we build our own flotation devices to test the age old question of sink or float!

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



Courtesy of ImageQuest

**Teen Anime Club**

**Wednesdays, October 15 & 29, 6:30 p.m.**

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

## All Ages / Family Programs



### ***Family LEGOmania, Saturday, October 25, 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



### **Home Buyers Seminar, Wednesday, October 1, 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, October 4 & 18, 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**

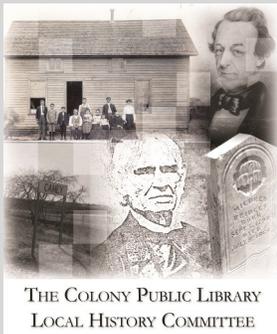
Bring your eReader or tablet and learn how to get free ebooks and audiobooks from the Library's downloadable books services.

Sunday,	October 5	at 2 p.m.
Thursday,	October 23	at 11 a.m.
Tuesday,	October 28	at 7 p.m.

### **Home Sellers Seminar, Wednesday, October 8, 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.



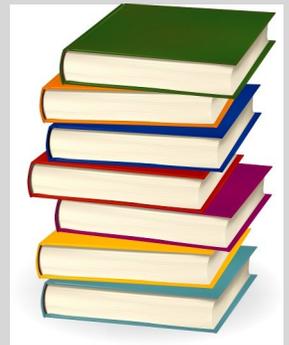


## **The Colony Local History Committee, Thursday, October 16, 7 p.m.**

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

## **The Next Chapter Book Club, Wednesday, October 22, 7 p.m.**

Do you enjoy talking about books? Join other readers at this month's meeting in a discussion of *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes. The Next Chapter Book Club meets monthly.



## **Mark Your Calendar: Upcoming Events**

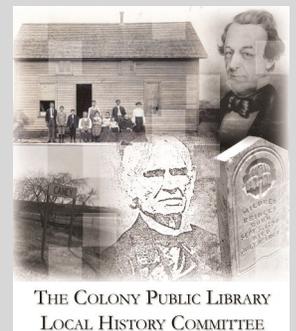


## **Pokémon Tournament, Saturday, November 1; doors open at 6 p.m. for registration and social time; competition begins at 6:30 p.m. \$2 entry fee.**

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

## **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.



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**Staff Liaison: Joan L. Sveinsson**

The Library Board met August 28, 2014.

The Board members discussed progress on goals for 2014.

The Board also received staff updates regarding Friends of the Library activities: *FOTCPL PRESENTS!* Meet the Authors and Illustrators will feature book signings and discussions with local authors; a record number of authors will be participating in this year's 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: Fired Up About Reading winners experienced the opportunity to ride to school on a fire truck; photos of their arrival at their schools were shared. The first Toddler Sensory Play Date on Tuesday August 29 was a huge success and staff is looking forward to the next one on September 30. A summary of the end of summer youth events was presented. Staff, FOTCPL members, and volunteers provided information to visitors at the TCPL Swim Day held at Hawaiian Falls. At the Back 2 School Bash, the TCPL team distributed information packets to 448 children, promoted and provided information about TCPL resources and services, and issued 29 library cards; including parents and siblings, approximately 598 contacts were made. Youth Services Librarian Kansas Terry presented information re: TCPL resources and programming to an audience of 80 teachers and staff at Lakeview Middle School and has been invited back for the school's open house in September. In an attempt to attract more participants, the Bilingual Spanish/English Story Time Series is being moved to Saturdays at 10:15 a.m. starting September 6; Bilingual Spanish/English Story Time backpacks will be released this fall. Two new afterschool programs for tweens and teens will be offered this fall: a Graphic Novels book club and a SciGirls club. Upcoming programs include an online resources workshop for students and parents on Saturday, September 6; a workshop on upcycling old books to create unique items and decorations on Saturday, September 20; and a continuing education class for daycare teachers on the topic of "Active Shooter Training: Preparing for and managing an active shooter situation" on Thursday, September 18. TCPL's book club hosted by volunteer Kim Volenik is now "The Next Chapter Book Club" and has released the list of titles that will be discussed at the fall monthly meetings. TCPL is opening up LEGOmania programs to the entire family in the new monthly Family LEGOmania programs. TCPL's Teen Anime Club will host a party to encourage new members on Saturday, September 27. The Library will host a Star Wars Reads Day on Friday, October 10, with games, crafts, and giveaways. The Back to Hogwarts event will be held Saturday, October 18.

The Board received a staff report regarding the planned new services to be implemented this fall. Both a color laser printer and a 3D printer have been acquired using funds donated by Marine Quest. The board viewed parts of a presentation on the uses of 3D printers in general and in public libraries in specific. Six laptop computers were acquired with federal funding granted to TCPL through a Texas State Library and Archives Commission reimbursement program, enabling TCPL to address one of its Edge Assessment implementation goals: offering computer training classes for the public.

The Board reviewed the list of September library programs.



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### 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!"

