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*“If you cannot do great things, do small things in a great way.”*

*Napoleon Hill*

*“Failure is the condiment that gives success its flavor.”*

*Truman Capote*

## BOARD MEETINGS

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-  City Council
-  Planning and Zoning
-  Economic Development Corporation
-  Community Development Corporation
-  Board of Adjustment
-  Technology Board
-  Library Board
-  Community Image Advisory Board

## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS



## Upcoming Parks and Rec Events

### Food 4 Families Food Drive

**Date:** Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> – Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** Dependent upon hours of operation of each facility housing a donation box

**Location:** Various

### American Heroes

**Date:** Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>

**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 7<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** Dependent Upon Activity

**Location:** Dependent Upon Activity

**Cost:** Dependent Upon activity

### The Colony Christmas Spectacular

**Date:** Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – January 4<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** Sunset – 10:00 p.m.

**Location:** Central Fire Station  
(4900 Blair Oaks The Colony, TX 75056)

**Cost:** FREE

## Upcoming Library Events

### Kids Play Friday

Board games, video games, and crafts for kids in grades K-5 All children under the age of 9 must be accompanied at all times by a caregiver age 12 or over while in the library.

**Date:** Fridays, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, & 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Time:** 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

**Location:** The Colony Public Library 6800 Main Street

**Cost:** Free

### eReader Office Hours

Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** The Colony Public Library 6800 Main Street

**Cost:** Free

### The Colony History Project Committee Veteran Memorial at Bridges Cemetery

Visit Bridges Cemetery in The Colony to honor the veterans buried there. Members of committee will be on hand to answer your questions about The Colony's history.

**Date:** Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. - noon

**Location:** Bridges Cemetery, NW corner of Morningstar and Chesapeake

**Cost:** Free

### Family Story Time – all ages welcome!

Monthly, 2nd Wednesday

**Date:** Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** The Colony Public Library 6800 Main Street

**Cost:** Free

### Family Story Time – all ages welcome!

Monthly, 2nd Wednesday

**Date:** Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving Theme

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Location:** The Colony Public Library 6800 Main Street

**Cost:** Free

### FOTCPL PRESENTS! Pictures with Santa plus Caroling with the Fiddle Rascals

**Date:** Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** The Colony Public Library 6800 Main Street  
\$2 per picture; proceeds benefit the Library's Youth programs

## 11/5/13 COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDA

- A. Call to Order
- B. Discuss options for designating an official newspaper for city legal publications and provide direction to staff (Wilson)
- C. Presentation and discuss traffic issues on Roberts Drive (Perez)
- D. Discuss South Colony Boulevard street closure in conjunction with State Highway 121 Grade Separation Project (Maurina/Scruggs)
- E. Council to receive supplemental information from staff or answers to questions regarding the November 5, 2013 regular agenda items as follows:  
*See Regular Agenda*
- F. Council to provide direction to staff regarding future agenda items.
- G. Adjourn

# 11/5/13 REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA

## 1.0 ROUTINE ANNOUNCEMENTS, RECOGNITIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

**Call to Order**

**Invocation**

**Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag**

**Salute to the Texas Flag**

**Recognition of The Colony Convention and Visitors Bureau Award**

**Citizen Input**

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

## 2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 2.1 Consider approving minutes of council meetings held October 15, 2013 [WS Mikulec, Marks] (City Secretary)
- 2.2 Consider approving council expenditures for September 2013 (Council)
- 2.3 Consider approving a resolution casting the city's votes for David Terre to serve on the Denton Central Appraisal District Board of Directors for a two year term beginning January 1, 2014 (Council)
- 2.4 Consider approving an ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article I, Section 2-8 entitled "City Manager", authorizing certain persons to perform the duties of city manager during absence or disability of the city manager (Council)
- 2.5 Consider approving a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an Interlocal Agreement with Denton County for Library Services (Library, Sveinsson)

## 3.0 REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

- 3.1 Receive update presentation and discuss on-going projects and improvements at Hidden Cove Park (Council)
- 3.2 Discuss and consider approving a resolution awarding a bid and authorizing the city manager to execute a construction contract for the final phase of the Memorial-Spring Creek Connector Project (Engineering, Scruggs)
- 3.3 Discuss and consider approving a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute two contracts totaling \$257,272.00 with Trane U.S., Inc. for the Parks & Recreation Gymnasium to retrofit the lighting system and for the installation of new HVAC equipment, based on pricing available through the Cooperative Purchasing Network (Facilities, Gilman)

<b>4.0</b>	<b>WORK SESSION</b>
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None

<b>5.0</b>	<b>EXECUTIVE SESSION</b>
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**5.1 A. 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 SB 1297 (2013) and HB 2414 (2013).**

**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 city personnel matters.**

**Reconvene to Open Session**

**5.2 A. Any action as a result of executive session regarding SB 1297 (2013) and HB 2414 (2013).**

**B. Any action as a result of executive session regarding city personnel matters.**

## PARKS AND RECREATION

### Special Events:

#### American Heroes: A Salute to Veterans



**Date:** Saturday, November 9th

**Time:** 2:00 PM - 9:30 PM

**Location:** Five Star Sports Complex, 4100 Blair Oaks Drive

**Cost:** Free

Join us for a day full of patriotic activities as we celebrate our true American heroes, Veterans! The festival is 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 Lee Greenwood and featuring Texas favorites Maren Morris, Matt Kimbrow and William Clark Green 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

##### **American Hero Run at Stewart Creek Park**

6:30am – Day-of registration begins

8:00am – Races begin

##### **Veterans Ceremony at Five Star Veterans Memorial Plaza**

11:00am

##### **Carnival** (carnival runs 11/7 – 11/10 at Five Star)

12:00pm – Midnight

##### **Car, Truck and Bike Show**

2:00pm – 4:00pm

##### **Heroes Hut Kids Area**

2:00pm – 8:00pm

**Silent Auction benefitting the Wounded Warrior Project**

2:00pm – 8:00pm

**Vendor Expo**

2:00pm – 8:00pm

**The Tribute Community Stage Performances**

2:30pm : Damian Hood

3:15pm : The Colony Dance, Inc.

3:45pm : Boogie Shoes

4:15pm : TCHS Topcats

4:45pm : Jacky Seal

5:15pm : Double J

**Main Stage Performances**

2:00pm – 3:00pm : Maren Morris

3:30pm – 4:30pm : Matt Kimbrow

5:00pm – 6:30pm : William Clark Green

7:30pm – 9:00pm : Lee Greenwood

**Veterans Ceremony on Main Stage**

6:45pm

**All-American Fireworks**

9:00pm

**Holiday In The Park**

Join us as we kick off the Christmas season with Holiday In The Park on Saturday, December 7, 2013. The festivities begin with the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Parade of Lights that will start at 5:45pm from Peters Colony Elementary School. The parade route will head west on Nash, then south on Blair Oaks to the Five Star Complex. Starting at 6pm, the Holiday In The Park fun begins at Perryman Park, 4930 South Colony. Don't miss the festive holiday musical performances, fun activities for the kids, and a lot more! Direct from the North Pole, we will have a special visit from none other than Santa Claus! The grand finale of the evening will be the official start of The Colony Christmas Spectacular holiday light show. Mark your calendar now for December 7<sup>th</sup>, and join us at Holiday In The Park!

## Recreation:



### 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 field trips include Legoland, Nickelmania and a movie! 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).

### New Yoga Class

Slow Flow Yoga is excited to now offer a morning class option on Wednesdays at 9:30am. Revitalize, rejuvenate and relax physically, mentally and emotionally. Learn yoga postures and breathing techniques that increase all aspects of strength, balance and flexibility. Listen to your body and still your mind with this gentle, flowing workout. Class is just \$25/month for members and \$30/month for non-members. Come try out your first class for FREE! 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).

## Athletics:



### Mini-Ball

**Registration:** September 7 – December 14 @ The Colony Recreation Center

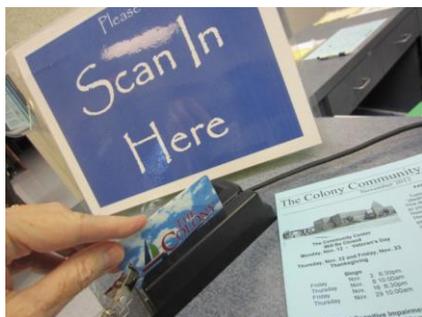
**Cost:** \$50/residents, \$60/non-residents

**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!

# Community Center:

## Community Center Sets Record – 23% Increase in Attendance over last 2 years!



The Colony Seniors set a record with 22,952 seniors scanning in at the Community Center for senior activities this past fiscal year. That is an increase of 14% over last year and more than 23% over the previous two years. Way to go Seniors!

## Alaska Trip Info & Sign-up Meeting



Learn about this exciting 10 day cruise tour to Alaska in August 2014. Make your \$250 deposit to guarantee you get your preferred stateroom, balcony, oceanview or inside. Act now! Current pricing and cabin availability expires on Nov 29. Cruise/Tour pricing starts at \$2229. Call the Community Center for more information and to sign-up for the meeting, (972)624-2246.

**Date:** Thursday, Nov 14

**Time:** 1:00pm

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

## AARP Driver Safety Program



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

**Date:** Wed, Nov 20

**Time:** 12:30pm - 4:30pm

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

**Cost:** \$12 AARP Members /\$14 Non-Members

## Aquatics:



### Aquatic Park Honors Veterans

Veterans and active duty service members will be recognized both in and out of the water at The Colony Aquatic Park during November. To honor their service to our country, former and current military members are welcome to participate in all adult exercise programs for one full week at no charge. Additionally, military photos of all aquatic participants, current staff and former staff are being compiled for an annual display in the Aquatic Park entry hall.

Adult exercise programs include morning and evening Aqua Aerobics, morning Cardio and Strength Splash, and nine lap swim times each week. Guided aquatic exercise programs are scheduled 9:30 - 10:25am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 9 - 9:55am on Tuesday and Thursday; and 7:35 - 8:30pm on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Lap swim times are 9:30 - 10:25am and 12:30 - 1:30pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and 7:35 - 8:30pm on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. For more information, contact the Aquatic Park at (972)624-2225 or check out [www.PlayTC.com](http://www.PlayTC.com).

# COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

## Board Members

**TeRon Lawrence, President**

**Steve Sohn, Vice-President**  
**Kathy Braby, Treasurer**  
**Lisa Leary, Secretary**

**Don Beckel**  
**Susana Perez**  
**Donna Cole**

**Council Liaison: Richard Boyer**  
**Staff Liaison: Pam Nelson**



### **Bill Allen Memorial Park Pavilion Roof Replacement**

On Wednesday, October 9 the pavilion roof was replaced at Bill Allen Memorial Park. The contractors discovered during replacement that there were two layers of shingles on the pavilion, with one of them being the original roof from the early 90s. The new roof looks great and is sure to last for many years to come!



### **Historical Park Gazebo Demolition**

On Thursday October 24 Parks and Recreation staff removed the gazebo at Historical Park. The gazebo, originally constructed in 1984 as an Eagle Scout project was one of the oldest park structures in The Colony. The old gazebo was in disrepair and located on an Oncor easement. Future development plans for the park are undetermined at this time.

## LIBRARY

### **SPECIAL LOCAL HISTORY EVENT – DON'T MISS IT!**



**The Colony Local History Committee Veteran Memorial at Bridges Cemetery, Saturday, November 9, 10 a.m. – noon**

Visit Bridges Cemetery in The Colony to honor the veterans buried there. Members of The Colony Public Library Local History Committee will place flags on soldiers' graves, give tours, and answer questions about The Colony's history. Copies of the committee's publication, *Bridges to the Future*, will be available to purchase for \$10.

Bridges Cemetery is located at the northwest corner of Morningstar and Chesapeake.

### **HELP US PLAN TO SERVE YOU BETTER!**

TCPL staff is using a program registration service in order to better prepare for program participation and to help make the most effective use of program resources. Currently, you may "save your spot" for many of TCPL's youth and teen programs at [thecolonypubliclibrary.ticketleap.com](http://thecolonypubliclibrary.ticketleap.com). This site also provides information about upcoming programs and events, in both list and calendar format.

### **Large Print rotating collection:**

TCPL has joined the Large Print Rotating Circuit offered by CTLS, Inc. (Connection Texas Libraries Statewide). Every four months, TCPL will receive fifty large print books; at the end of each four month period, the books will rotate to the next library and TCPL will receive another batch. If your eyes love large print, watch for the special display at the front of the library to select from the books we just received!

### **School of the Month: Peters Colony Elementary School**

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

### **Online Resources of the Month at [thecolonypl.org](http://thecolonypl.org):**

**History comes Alive -- with these free online resources!**



**[U.S. History in Context](#):** From our country's first inhabitants, through Civil War, struggles for equality and sudden tragedy, *U.S. History in Context* takes you there with articles, images, viewpoint essays, primary documents, audio and video clips.

**[P4A Antiques Reference](#):** Go back in history with full color photos and detailed descriptions of antiques, collectibles, fine art, artifacts and historic Americana!



## Youth Programs

### Early Literacy Programs:



***Toddler Time* is held Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the Quiet Room  
November 5, 12, 19**

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



***Story Time* is held Fridays at 10 a.m. in the Story Corner  
November 1, 8, 15, 22**

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

### **Family Story Time: 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 7p.m.**

Meet us in the Story Corner for stories, songs, and rhymes.



What will Ms. Amanda do this month? Come to her Thanksgiving-themed Family Story Time at 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 13 to find out!

### **Kids Play Friday: Fridays 3-5pm**

**November 1, 8, 15, 22**



Kids in grades K-5 can come and hang out in the library multipurpose room to color, do crafts, or play games. Kids under age 9 must have a caregiver age 12 or older with them. Attendance averaged seven participants for October's Kids Play events.

**Fall Reading Club: October 5 – November 16, 2013:**

The Cover to Cover Club is for children ages 4 to 12. Pick up a reading log at the Reference Desk; read and log five books. Bring your log back to the Reference Desk to claim a coupon for a burger. Keep reading and logging to earn two more coupons.

Sponsored by In-N-Out Burger.

**Teen Events****Teen Anime Club, Wednesday, November 20, 6:30 p.m.**

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

**November TCPL highlights:****ESL Classes: Saturdays, November 2 & 16, 10:30 - noon**

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

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

Tuesday, November 5 at 7 p.m.

Thursday, November 14 at 2 p.m.

Wednesday, November 20 at 7 p.m.

**Home Buyers Seminar, Wednesday, November 6, 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.



### **Writers' Circle, Tuesday, November 12, 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 library 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.



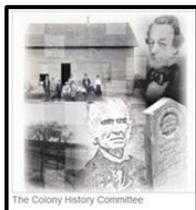
### **Home Sellers Seminar, Wednesday, November 13, 7 p.m.**

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 WhoDunIt? Books Review Mystery Book Club, Wednesday, November 20, 7 p.m.**

We're looking for new members! Join in the lively discussion of mystery and suspense novels; this month we are discussing *Still Life* by Louise Penny.



### **The Colony Local History Committee Meeting, Thursday, November 21, 7 p.m.**

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

### **Friends of The Colony Public Library Officers Meeting, Thursday, November 21, 7 p.m.**

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

### **Teen Fun at TCPL in October:**

## Teen Monster Make-Up Class



On October 26<sup>th</sup>, four teens learned from *The Colony Play House* experts how to apply awesome monster make-up to get ready for Halloween – two displayed the results at the Teen Halloween Party later that evening!



**TEEN HALLOWEEN PARTY:** Twenty teens gathered to tell spooky stories, play games, show off their costumes, and watch the movie that the teens voted to be shown: *The Grudge*.

## Teen Halloween Party



## Texas Library Snapshot Day at The Colony Public Library

### TEXAS LIBRARY SNAPSHOT DAY

2013



The library will be taking pictures and gathering stories all day long. Stop by the Texas Library Snapshot table to tell us why you love the library.

**OCTOBER 23**



Texas Library Snapshot Day is sponsored and created by the Texas Library Association. For more information visit [tla.org](http://tla.org).

### What is Texas Library Snapshot Day?

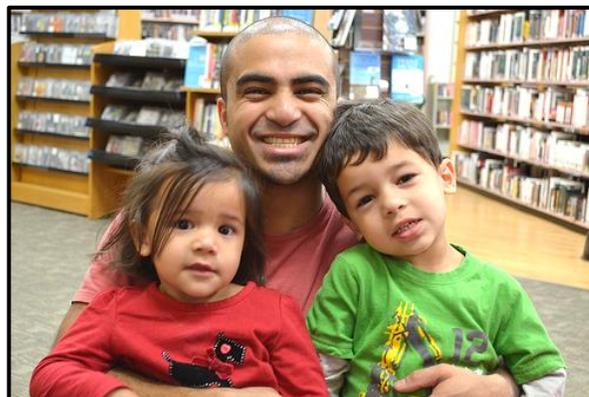
On October 22, 2013, The Colony Public Library participated in the Texas Library Association's (TLA) Texas Library Snapshot Day. This event promotes library services and provides data from libraries throughout Texas. The library takes pictures and records statistics to take a 'snapshot' of an average day in the library.

### The Numbers

At The Colony Public Library, 390 people walked through the doors that day. Combined, they used 115 sessions on the public computers, asked 28 reference questions, and borrowed 643 items. While in the library, 21 people attended a Toddler Story Time and 4 teens came to a Teen Advisory Panel meeting. Use of the library isn't limited to inside the building; online, 196 people visited the library's website and 192 people used online databases.

## What Were People Looking For?

Library customers asked all sorts of questions about library materials and services. One woman was looking for information on starting her own small business online, a young boy wanted a guidebook for his new video game, and a parent wanted to know how to use the library's resources on her child's school-issued iPad. One patron wrote that "the library provides many valuable services for [her] family, including library materials, computer resources and the printer. [They] have always enjoyed the children's programs."



## Why people use the library

When asked why they come to the library, most customers responded that they come to check out library materials. Not surprising—however, three other reasons also rated highly in the surveys. Most patrons said that they also used the library to connect to the wireless internet access or use library computers, to do research, or to simply find entertainment. Aside from that, people come to the library for many other reasons, such as to ask librarians questions, to get health information, to apply for jobs, and to attend programs.



## Visit The Colony Public Library

Find out what the library can do for you today! Visit in person at 6800 Main Street and online at [thecolonypl.org](http://thecolonypl.org). To view all of the Snapshot Day pictures, visit the library's Flickr page [here](#).

# LIBRARY BOARD

## Board Members

**Frederick (Wash) Rushing, Chairperson**

**Sandi Gehrke**

**Joanna Krueger Vice-  
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**Judith Hebb**

**Marlene Martin**

**Jade Kelly**

**Audra Preston**

**Council Liaison: Kirk Mikulec**

**Staff Liaison: Joan L. Sveinsson**

The Library Board met on October 16, 2013.

The Board members discussed progress on the Board's 2013 goals; reviewed and discussed short range and long range planning for the Library; and received and discussed the staff update regarding Friends of the Library activities (Vice-President vacancy and Fall membership program/meeting held 10/5/13).

The Board also received and discussed the staff update regarding public relations events and programs (Pokémon tournament held 9/28/13) and regarding grant-funded projects (TSLAC Impact Grant; TSLAC Mobile Presence Grant; Target Grant).

Next meeting: The combined meeting for November and December will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2013, 7 p.m.