

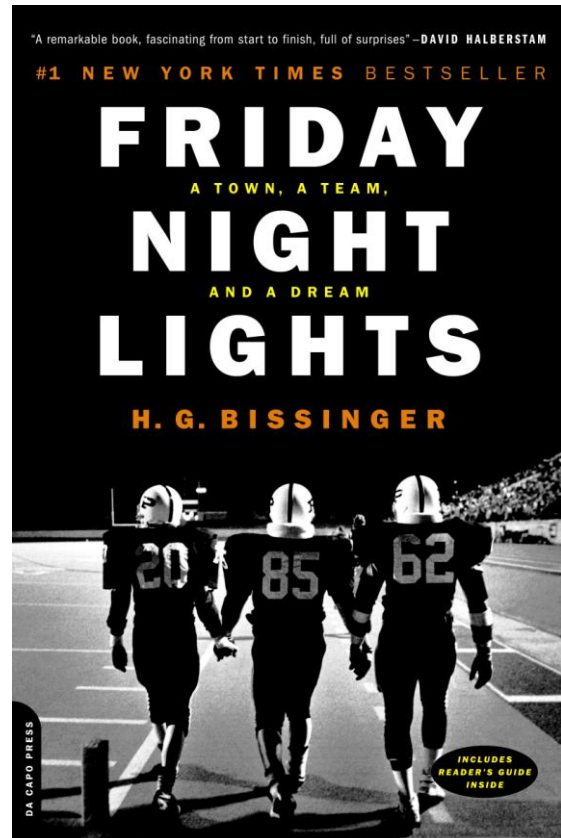
## IT'S A WHOLE NEW BALLGAME!

Mansfield Reads! is going to the big game this year! The chosen book for the fifth annual program is *Friday Night Lights* by Pulitzer Prize winner H.G. Bissinger. Read about what actually happened to the kids and the town of Odessa during the 1988 high school football season. Books will be available in the library during the months of March and April. Tune in to the Mansfield City Council meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup> to hear April proclaimed as Mansfield Reads! month. Then on March 25<sup>th</sup>, check the website [www.mansfieldreads.org](http://www.mansfieldreads.org) for all the information you will need to join the fun. Mr. Bissinger will be in Mansfield for the Evening with the Author event on April 25<sup>th</sup>. This invitation-only event is the hottest ticket in town! All members of the Friends will be mailed an invitation on March 25<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you there!

### WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Did you like the first newsletter? Have you visited the new website? It is still under construction, but it has lots of information and we hope to add new features soon. Would you like to see copies of meeting minutes there? Is there some other feature you would like to see? Send your ideas to us at [friends@friendsofmansfieldlibrary.org](mailto:friends@friendsofmansfieldlibrary.org).

We want your input. Let us know what you think! Email us!



The fifth annual Mansfield Reads! selection: *Friday Night Lights* by H.G. Bissinger

### Next Meeting Date

Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at the library. The new Sculptureworks partnership, the library wish list, and Mansfield Reads! are on the agenda.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW!

As part of the Friends new Strategic Plan we have implemented a three phase Action Plan. Phase One is Communication. You are reading the first step in this phase – a newsletter! Next came getting the website up and running. Now we are working on an identity for the Friends in the library. Many people have told us that they really like the new book towers in the foyer that hold our books for sale. But they also said they didn't know the book sale was a Friends project! The library turned over a display case to us, we are creating signs and labels that are Friends "branded" and we are also looking for some type of apron or vest that will identify Friends volunteers when they are working in the library. Email your suggestions for getting us out in front!

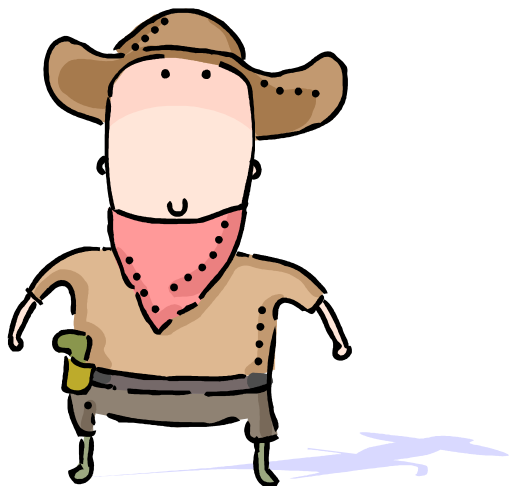
We want people to know that our library has Friends!



*Our current display case!*

## CONTACT US

Remember, you can contact us with comments, address updates, etc. at [friends@friendsofmansfieldlibrary.org](mailto:friends@friendsofmansfieldlibrary.org)



## **MOST WANTED: Mansfield Reads! Volunteers!**

It takes a lot of volunteer hours to make this program happen. We need people to help with placing our posters and publicity info around town. They need to go up the week of March 25<sup>th</sup>. Email us if you can help even for an hour or two.

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Library Hours:  
Monday, Friday and Saturday:  
10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday:  
10 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Closed Sunday