

# FRIENDS OF THE MANSFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## LIBRARY SUPPORTERS NETWORK

The Library Supporters Network is a Special Interest Group (SIG) created by Texas Library Association (TLA) District 7 in partnership with the North Texas Regional Library System (NTRLS). The annual **Library Supporters Conference**, a regional conference for North Texas, is a project of this SIG.

Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> was the date for the first Library Supporters Conference. Six members of our Friends group attended and came away feeling more excited than ever about being a Friend of the Mansfield Public Library.

Sixteen different topics, including Acronym Soup, 501(c)(3) Organization, Bookselling on the Internet, Starting a Website, Library Advocacy to Council Members and Keeping Volunteers Happy were presented in breakout sessions throughout the day. Friends members learned a lot and were even inspired to take up the subject of our Strategic Plan again in February. See page two for more information on that subject.

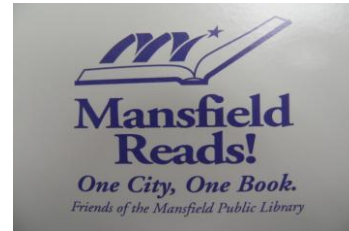
You can learn much more about the Library Supporters Network, see all of the handouts from the conference and get next year's date at [www.librarysupportersnetwork.org](http://www.librarysupportersnetwork.org).

### Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Friends will be Tuesday, March 10th at 5:00 p.m. In the Community Room at the library.

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April is *Mansfield Reads!* month.

The book is chosen, the author is coming, we are busy planning and we need *your* help!

There are many ways to volunteer:

- Contacting Sponsors
- Maintaining Databases
- Writing Publicity Info
- Mailing materials
- Distributing Posters
- Miscellaneous errands
- MUCH MORE!

To sign up, send an email to:

[friends@friendsofmansfieldlibrary.org](mailto:friends@friendsofmansfieldlibrary.org)

As a bonus, you'll be the first to hear all the insider information!

Remember to watch the website for more details:

[WWW.MANSFIELDREADS.ORG](http://WWW.MANSFIELDREADS.ORG)

SAVE the DATE!  
 Friday, April 24  
 "An Evening with the Author"

## WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW!

We have a plan! In November of 2007 the Friends conducted a workshop to learn ways to strengthen our Friends group. We simplified our mission statement, set new goals and implemented an action plan. Last year we worked on Phase One - Identity and Communication. We "branded" ourselves with name tags, Friends logos at the book sale, a new display case, a website and a newsletter.

Though we are still working on this "branding" stage we are ready to move to Phase Two - Membership. In the next few months we will be working on ways to get you more involved and keep you coming back for more! Do you have any ideas? How can we be better Friends? Come to a meeting! Send an email! Let us know!



## TREE TOUCH-UP

Our Children's tree is so popular with the kids that it is in need of a touch-up paint job. We have hired a contractor to bring it back to its original purple glory! Work should be completed this month.

## CONTACT US

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



## MOST WANTED: MEMBERS!

If you haven't renewed your membership, you can do it now. Just go to [www.friendsofmansfieldlibrary.org](http://www.friendsofmansfieldlibrary.org)  
Print the form and mail it in.  
Include your email address so you won't miss anything!  
Invite your friends to be a Friend!



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### Library Hours:

Mon, Tues, Thur 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Wed & Fri 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Closed Sunday