

# FRIENDS OF THE MANSFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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## MANSFIELD WRITES!

Are you registered yet? Yes, it is too late to register to vote, but it is not too late to register to write!

On Saturday, November 1st at 10:30 am, in conjunction with National Author's Day, we will host a panel of local authors who will speak on a variety of writing-related topics. After a Q&A session, the authors will be available to personally autograph their books, which will be for sale on site.

This is a fantastic opportunity for both aspiring writers and fans alike to meet with authors face to face and learn some great writing tips. It is also a great chance to stock up on autographed books for those avid readers on your holiday shopping list!

**The event is free! It's open to the public!**

Do you know a writer who might be interested in learning some inside tips? Is your high school student an aspiring author?

Invite them to attend! Just forward this newsletter to them!

To find out more about the presenting authors and get links to their websites check the Friends website: [www.friendsofmansfieldlibrary.org](http://www.friendsofmansfieldlibrary.org)

To register send an e-mail with "register" in the subject line to [friends@friendsofmansfieldlibrary.org](mailto:friends@friendsofmansfieldlibrary.org)

You may also sign up at the library.

## MANY THANKS!

The Friends would like to thank member Carlon Cloud for getting the word out about the Friends at the Pecan Festival! Thanks also to the Kiwanis Club for sharing their space with us. We appreciate their ongoing support!

## OCTOBER 19-25 IS NATIONAL FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES WEEK!

Invite your friends, family and neighbors to come by the library and check us out!

Don't forget to renew your own membership. Pick up the form at the library or on the website.

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

## HURRICANE IKE RELIEF

Many Texas libraries were damaged by Hurricane Ike. The Texas Library Association operates an ongoing disaster relief fund to assist affected libraries, but there is not enough money to help them all. If you would like to contribute to the relief fund, go to [www.tsla.org](http://www.tsla.org) and click on the *Texas Library Disaster Relief* link.

### Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Friends will be Tuesday, November 11th at 5:00 p.m. In the Community Room at the library.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW!

BOOKS  
FOR  
BABIES

Our Books for Babies Project is making an impression!

Books for Babies is a national literacy program that acquaints parents of newborns with the important role they play in the development of their children.

Parents are presented with a Books for Babies kit containing a board book for baby, baby's first library card, and a variety of brochures and reading tips and early literacy information from nationally-recognized educational organizations.

The Friends of the Mansfield Public library supplies the library with kits to be given to each of the teen mothers at the local school district. Parents help their babies become more literate by reading to their babies and by becoming regular library users themselves.

For more information on this project click on the Books for Babies link at [www.folusa.org](http://www.folusa.org)



### Holiday Tree Decorating and Cookie Exchange

**Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00pm**

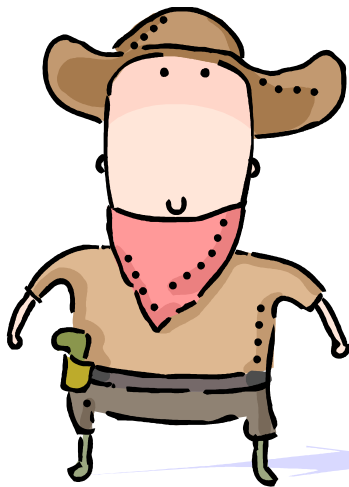
**Come help decorate the library tree!**

**We'll provide cookies to munch on  
but if you want to exchange bring  
two dozen cookies - one to add to the  
munchies and one wrapped up to go  
home with someone else.**

**No business meeting on this date.**

### CONTACT US

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



## MOST WANTED: SHOPPERS!

*Help the Friends by shopping at the library and at Kroger!*

The Friends sell canvas book bags, pencils,  
giant coloring books, electronic timer bookmarks,  
and new this year,  
Page•a•Day Book Lovers Calendars.

Also, earn money for the Friends when you grocery shop!  
Click on the *Kroger Letter* link on the Friends website  
[www.friendsofmansfieldlibrary.org](http://www.friendsofmansfieldlibrary.org) to find out how!



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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