

**WHEREAS**, the American Library Association celebrates the nation's libraries annually, to recognize the critical role that libraries serve to a community, not only through books, but by being a place to bring the community together with story times, book clubs, educational and craft classes, and support for businesses and jobseekers; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries have long served as trusted institutions for all members of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Mansfield is fortunate to have dedicated librarians and library professionals reminding us of the powerful and positive impact libraries have on the lives of our residents on a daily basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the city, along with numerous volunteers, has fostered support and awareness of libraries by making this important community service available to its citizens for more than 80 years,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Michael Evans, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Texas, join with members of the City Council to hereby proclaim April 23-29, 2023,

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in Mansfield and call upon the citizens to take advantage of the wonderful library resources available in our city and offer support to librarians, library workers, and volunteers who dedicate themselves to this worthwhile endeavor.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I do hereby set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.