

**WHEREAS**, the American Library Association is recognizing our nation's libraries this year with the theme, "Libraries Lead," recognizing that libraries can play a crucial role in leading their patrons to important milestones and decisions in their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, libraries are important even in today's digital age by helping people of all ages find the information they need – whether in print or online – which greatly impacts the quality of life in their communities; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the efforts of our librarians have raised the profile of the library in the Mansfield community, resulting in increased usage in services and growing attendance at library programs for children, teens, families and seniors; 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, David L. Cook, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Texas, join with members of the City Council to hereby proclaim April 8-14, 2018

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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 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018.