

WHEREAS, the Public Library is focal point of a community's literacy efforts, providing continuing education and special programming to encourage a life-long love of books, and,

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Mansfield Public Library is joining with the library to celebrate books with the 11th annual "Mansfield Reads!" our own version of the "One City, One Book" program that has been embraced nationwide, and,

WHEREAS, citizens are being asked to come together and read the same book during April in hopes of initiating discussions and reconnecting with reading and the books offered at the Mansfield Public Library, and,

WHEREAS, this year's selection is the debut novel from New York Times best-selling author Taylor Stevens titled "The Informationist," a thriller that introduced heroine Vanessa Michael Munroe, now featured in a series of successful novels by Stevens, and

WHEREAS, Mansfield residents are encouraged to read these books and attend the many special events planned for the month, including a book discussion and a lecture by Taylor Stevens on May 2 at the Mansfield Public Library, and

WHEREAS, the "One City, One Book" event offers the community an opportunity to continue an annual tradition that not only promotes literacy but inspires communication, creativity and cultural exchange among our citizens,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David L. Cook, Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Texas, join with members of the City Council to hereby proclaim April 2014

MANSFIELD READS! MONTH

in the City of Mansfield and urge all citizens to participate in this event as a celebration of reading and the positive impact literacy has on people's lives and on our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand and cause the official seal of the City of Mansfield to be affixed this 14th day of April, 2014.