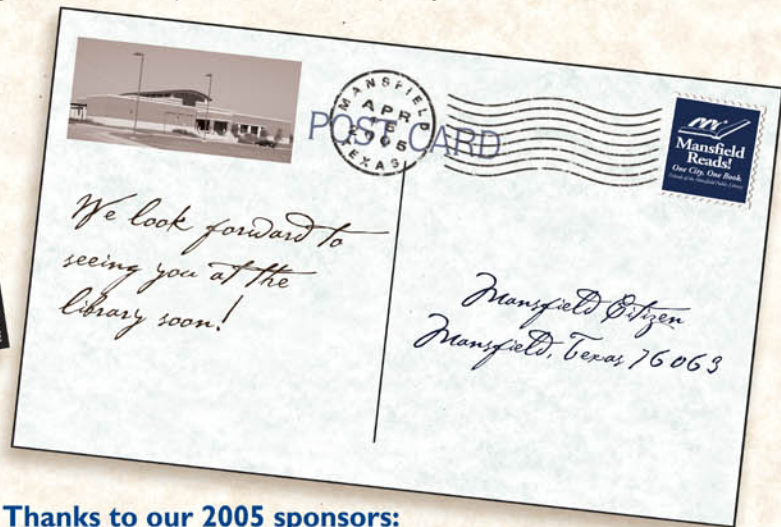


Mansfield Reads! One City, One Book

"All of Mansfield reads the same book at the same time."

During the month of April, everyone in Mansfield is encouraged to read the same book at the same time. The featured book for 2005 is *Had A Good Time*, by Robert Olen Butler. The Mansfield Reads! program will include many exciting events, presentations and activities at the Mansfield Public Library during April. Come join us for this special event.



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2005 Events

March 28: KICK-OFF

Mayor Mel Neuman proclaims April as Mansfield Reads! month and announces *Had A Good Time: Stories From American Postcards* by Pulitzer Prize winner Robert Olen Butler as the featured book for the second annual community reading program.

March 29-April 30: BOOKS AVAILABLE

Get your copy of *Had A Good Time* at the Friends Bookstore at the library, Barnes and Noble on S. Cooper St. or bn.com, and the Mansfield Tom Thumb Store. The library also has many copies available for checkout.

March 29-April 30: @ YOUR LIBRARY

Visit the library to see Mansfield's own American Postcards from the collection of Della Icenhower. See displays related to the setting of *Had A Good Time* and memorabilia from Mansfield's Turn of the Century presented by the Mansfield Historical Society.

April 11-April 16: NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Visit the library for ongoing activities during the National Library Week observance. Check out the works of Robert Olen Butler and other Pulitzer Prize winners.

April 16: TURN OF THE CENTURY DAY 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Spend the day in the midst of the turn of the century! See antique cars, watch the movie *The Music Man*, have some popcorn, peanuts and Cracker Jacks or check out the general store penny candy counter. Come hear Mansfield's Barbershop Quartet. At 1:00 p.m., bring the kids to see Dale Cosgrove present "The Sound of the Times", a musical program that entertains and teaches about music at the turn of the century.

April 19: AS THE PAGE TURNS - 6:30 p.m.

Join the library book club for a discussion of *Had A Good Time*. Reader's guides for book discussion groups are available at the library or www.mansfieldreads.org.

April 29: AN EVENING WITH ROBERT OLEN BUTLER - 6:00 p.m.

Join the Friends of the Mansfield Public Library and Jeff Guinn of the Fort Worth Star Telegram in an evening with Robert Olen Butler. Space is limited for this invitation only event. For more information or to request an invitation call [817-453-2273](tel:817-453-2273).

April 30: WRITER'S WORKSHOP - 10:00a.m. - 12:00 noon

Robert Olen Butler will present a writer's workshop using *Had A Good Time* and his new book *From Where You Dream: The Process of Writing Fiction*. Space is limited. **Registration is required.** Form is available in the library, at www.mansfieldreads.org or by calling [817-453-2273](tel:817-453-2273).

To visit Robert Olen Butler's archived interactive writing class on the web go to www.FSU.edu then search "inside creative writing".

Visit www.mansfieldreads.org for more information

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How does it work? In the month of April everyone in the community is encouraged to read the same book at the same time. The Friends and the Library sponsor many events, programs and activities in conjunction with reading the book. Public dialogue and discussion of the book is encouraged as a way to open conversation between all members of the community. Everyone gets to share a good book!

For more information visit www.mansfieldreads.org or call the library at 817-473-4391.



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