

Laura Bush

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Mansfield Public Library
104 S. Wisteria Street
Mansfield, TX

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to congratulate the Mansfield Public Library on its designation as a national Literary Landmark. This great distinction is a rare honor and only the fifth such designation in Texas.

The contributions of John Howard Griffin, Mansfield's most well known author, to our literature and society deserve our gratitude. As one of the strongest white voices in the civil rights movement, his writings influenced the perspectives of many during a turbulent time.

By preserving and recognizing the legacy of a great American writer, this Library will continue inspiring future generations of Texas writers.

President Bush joins me in sending our best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura Bush". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".