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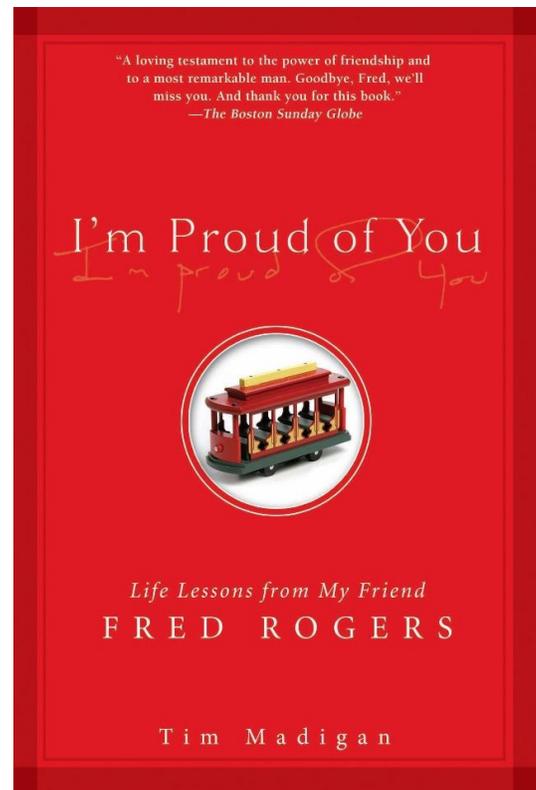
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

Friday April 24th was certainly a beautiful day in our neighborhood! The Friends brought Tim Madigan, author of the sixth annual Mansfield Reads! selection, *I'm Proud of You, Life Lessons from My Friend Fred Rogers*, to the library for the increasingly popular Evening with the Author. It was standing room only as Mr. Madigan related the story of his friendship with the television icon to the packed crowd. One attendee remarked that she had come just to get out for the evening but it turned out to be one of the most inspiring nights of her life! A rousing rendition of the music from Mr. Rogers' TV show was provided by The Three Quarter Quartet of the Mansfield Wind Symphony and guests enjoyed great food from Savvy's Bistro, the café operated by the culinary students at Ben Barber Career Tech Academy. Mr. Madigan signed copies of the book until every last guest was happy. If you missed out, a few signed copies are available at Barnes&Noble at the Parks mall.

Earlier in the day Mr. Madigan visited all four Mansfield high schools, where students were visibly moved by the author's personal recollections of Mr. Rogers and the life lessons he taught. On Saturday morning Mr. Madigan presented a writer's workshop at the library, where attendees got information about what being a writer entails.

Mansfield Reads! is gaining a bigger foothold in the community each year. All activities associated with Mansfield Reads! are free and word is getting out about what a great program this is. The Evening with the Author has now "sold out" two years in a row! If you want to get in on the planning for next year's event, send an email to friends@friendsofmansfieldlibrary.org

The Friends wish to extend a special thank you to Mr. Madigan for his participation and enthusiasm for Mansfield Reads!



NO MEETING IN MAY!

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Friends will be Tuesday, June 9th at 5:00 p.m. in the community room of the library.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW!

Do you know what your Friends money does for the library? Since the first of this year the Friends have paid for a "spruce up" to the Children's Reading Tree, bought a two-year subscription to Tumblebooks, an online site for free access to electronic picture books for kids, purchased three new book carts, provided funding for a program to be presented during Children's Book Week, and donated money for the Kick-Off Party and prizes for the Summer Reading Program. Wow! And we still have money put aside in a CD for funding a major project in conjunction with the long-range growth plan and library construction. What good Friends you are!

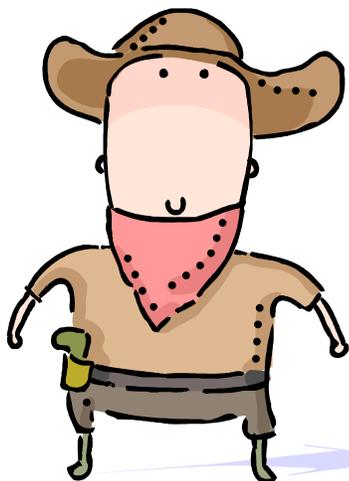
Want to see photos from the Evening with the Author?

Go to:
www.click.star-telegram.com
 click on Library Organizations

Your Friends money purchased three new, much-needed book carts for the library! The library staff and volunteers are so appreciative of the news carts. Thank you!

**CONTACT US**

Remember, you can contact us with comments, address updates, etc. at
friends@friendsofmansfieldlibrary.org

**MOST WANTED:****ANSWERS!**

We have posted a survey on the Mansfield Reads! website. Go to
www.mansfieldreads.org
 and tell us what you think.
 It only takes a few minutes!



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Library Hours:
 Monday, Tuesday and Thursday:
 10 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Wednesday and Friday:
 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 Saturday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Closed Sunday