

## Discussion-Worthy Books Kick Off the New Year



This month, **Meadowlark Book Club** meets at 1:00pm on Tuesday, January 4, at the Daily Scoop (note the location change!) to discuss *Sold on a Monday* by Kristina McMorris. **Books on Tap** meets at 7:00pm on Wednesday, January 5, at the Meridian Tap House to discuss *Reading Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi. Finally, Kim's Book Club meets **Monday, January 10, at 10am at the library** to discuss *Miss Kopp's Midnight Confessions* by Amy Stewart. All of the library's book clubs are open to the public and you are welcome to join at any time! Can't make it in January?

Join us in February: titles include *The Book that Matters Most* by Ann Hood, *Leaving Time* by Jodi Picoult, and *Midnight at the Blackbird Café* by Heather Webber.

### Foundation's Last Call for Bricks Set for January 15, 2022

The Cozad Library Foundation is doing one last push to raise funds needed to finish the hardscape and landscaping for phases 3 and 4 of the Art Garden on the south side of the library. Each personalized brick (up to 3 lines) costs \$100. These bricks will outline the paved area slated for phase 4 of the garden. Cozad Library Foundation has set an ending purchase date of January 15, 2022.

All bricks purchased will be displayed inside the library until being set in the spring of 2022. Find out more at 784-2019 or at the front desk. These would make a wonderful memorial or a great Christmas present for the person who has "everything."



### 2021 Tax Forms Available at the Library

You can access all federal tax forms and instructions at the library on one of our public computers by going to <https://www.irs.gov/forms-instructions>. If you need a Form 1040, ask and we can make one copy at the front desk for you for free. If you need more forms or instructions, black and white copies are 20 cents per page and color copies are 50 cents per page. Nebraska individual forms will be available at <https://revenue.nebraska.gov/about/forms/individual-income-tax-forms> soon. The 1040N form will also be available at the front desk for one free copy, and other forms will be online.

Remind Has Made Telephone Number Changes



Over winter break, the phone number you receive Remind messages from has changed. No action is needed from you, but please note the change!



Remember, you have 24/7/365 access to Ebooks and downloadable audiobooks through Overdrive/Libby! And now, magazines, too!

### Crafternoon: Stenciled Tea Towels



Photo from hgtv.com

Sandy's getting stencil-happy on Tuesday, January 18, at 4pm when crafternoon participants will make stenciled tea towels. Register at the front desk or call us at 308-784-2019 by Friday, January 14. Registration is limited and is for ages 10 and up. There is no cost; all materials will be provided.

## 2022 History Trilogy with Peter Osborne Begins in February

Peter Osborne, director of the Robert Henri Museum and Gallery, will give three historical presentations at the library in 2022. All lectures will take place the first Thursday of the month beginning February 3 and will begin promptly at 5:30 in the conference room. The first presentation will be the controversial story behind the murder that shook the Cozad family & Cozad City to its core—*The shooting of Alfred Pearson*. On March 3, Peter will present *Silent Cities*, a discussion of the history of cemeteries, graveyards, and churchyards in America. Finally, the April 7 presentation concludes the series with *An Evening with the Journal of Lewis & Clark*, which explores the epic journey that changed the destiny of America forever through the eyes of Lewis and Clark.

# WILSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

### JANUARY 2022 EDITION

#### HOURS OF OPERATION:

Monday-Thursday: 10:00AM – 7:00PM

Friday: 10:00AM – 5:00PM

Saturday: 10:00AM-1:00PM

Where to Find Us: 910 Meridian Ave.

Cozad, NE 69130

### The Library Will Be CLOSED

Friday, December 31 and

Saturday, January 1 for

New Year's Day

The book drops on the north side of the building are available 24/7/365 and will be checked.

### Need a Read? There Are Oceans of Possibilities In 2022

Pick up a Book Tracker beginning January 3, 2022 to track your winter reading. Add your name & contact information, and complete at least eight out of twelve categories. Only Wilson Public Library cardholders are eligible for prizes. If you don't have a library card, get one; they're free! Once you have checked at least eight items, return your Tracker by March 31 to be eligible for a Grand Prize drawing for \$25 in Cozad Cash! Please choose books you've never read before from the library. Drawing will be held April 1, 2022. No double-dipping categories, please.

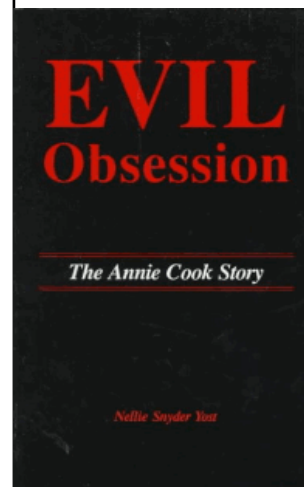


### You Asked, We Answered: Books By the Back Door Returns in January

First, we are absolutely open our regular hours to those who wish to pick out their own items, but if you are hesitant about social distancing (or are a busy parent who simply wants the ease of picking up books already checked out to you!), we are again implementing Books By the Back Door due to increasing cases of COVID.

Use our website at [www.wilsonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.wilsonpubliclibrary.org) to access our card catalog to find books and more. Then, either call us at 308-784-2019 or put the items on hold via a device with your library card number (we can help you set it up over the phone if needed!). Call us when you arrive and we'll deliver your bagged items to the north door. Return the items on time in our north book drops or call for a renewal. Computers and services such as faxes, printing, and copying are still available inside the library. Hand sanitizer is also available and masks are encouraged.

### Evil Obsession: The Annie Cook Story Named 2022 One Book One Cozad



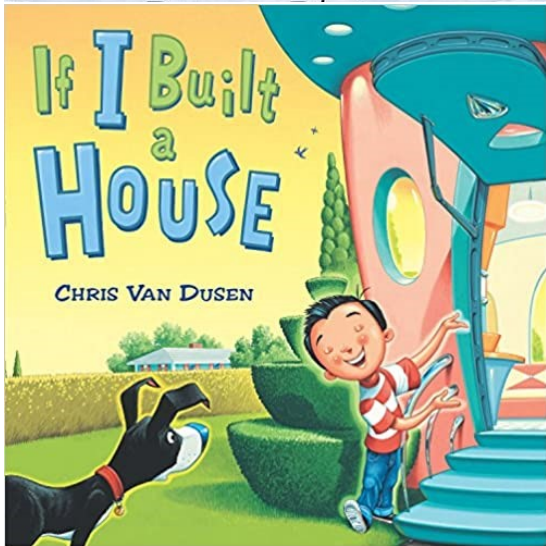
This month, we launch our eighth One Book One Cozad program with the selection of *Evil Obsession: The Annie Cook Story* by Nellie Snyder Yost.

Nebraska author Nellie Snyder Yost was born in a sod house in 1905. She grew up in the Nebraska Sandhills on a ranch in McPherson County, was an award-winning author as well as an active historian, and is known as one of Nebraska's pioneer storytellers. Although she was both a rural school teacher and a writer for the *North Platte Telegraph*, Nellie didn't publish her first book until she was 46. Nellie published 20 books in her lifetime: *Evil Obsession: The Annie Cook Story* was her last.

The book is about greed, power, and a woman named Annie Cook. Annie was an evil woman, abusive both physically and mentally to everyone she knew, and was accused of murder while in charge of the Lincoln County Poor Farm near Hershey, Nebraska. This was during the same time when North Platte was called "Little Chicago" due to widespread county and local political corruption. Nellie spent many years doing research for the book, interviewing people who knew Annie and sifting through information to find the truth. She ended up changing locations and directions around North Platte, Hershey, and Lincoln County as a whole, as well as character's names in the final edition to protect the people and their families who were still in the area. After the book was published, several lists surfaced with real names matched to the fictional ones, although no list was ever verified by the Yost family as true.

Scheduled book discussions and events will be held through September in a variety of formats for all interested persons beginning in February. A special set of books will be set aside near the library's circulation desk for all of 2022 for those wishing to check out the book. Additionally, a special tab at [www.wilsonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.wilsonpubliclibrary.org) will have information regarding up-coming events. Wilson Public Library is encouraging all local book clubs to thoughtfully consider adding *Evil Obsession: The Annie Cook Story* to their selection lists for 2022.





# Kids Crafternoon

*Now with a stay or to-go option!*

Join us for Kids Crafternoon on Monday, January 10 at 5:15pm to make an adorable snowman wreath. You can choose to make these in person or grab one to go! If you choose the to-go option, they will need to be picked up by Thursday, January 13. Materials provided. K-5th grade only. **Registration required by Friday, January 7.** Register by calling 308-784-2019, clicking the link on our Facebook page under the event or on our website under youth programs at [www.wilsonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.wilsonpubliclibrary.org).

## Let's Build Something

**Junior Book Club is Thursday, January 27 at 4:15.** We will read *If I Built a House* by Chris Van Dusen. Then, we'll get creative afterwards and build our own unique house out of Legos and other items. Materials provided. K-2nd grade only. **Registration required by Tuesday, January 25.** Register by calling 308-784-2019, clicking the link on our website under youth programs at [www.wilsonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.wilsonpubliclibrary.org) or on our Facebook page under the event. If you're a Lego junkie and can't attend our book club, head to <https://ideas.lego.com>. You can submit ideas, enter contests, and find challenging activities. Check it out!

### 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Reading is one of the best ways to prepare your child for success at school and life. Register your child for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten at the front desk. The program is free and you will receive a special book bag with registration. Your child will have their picture posted, with your permission, after every 100 books read. Once they reach 1000 and enter kindergarten, they will receive a certificate of completion.

### 1000 Books Before 6th Grade

This challenge is for those who have completed the kindergarten challenge or are already in elementary and want to be challenged. We pro-rate books, so if you sign up your child and they are beyond kindergarten, it's not so overwhelming! More information at the front desk.

### 1000 Books Before Graduation

We dare you. If you're interested in this, talk to our Director at 308-784-2019!

Need a new sheet? Feel free to print off one from the homepage of our website at [www.wilsonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.wilsonpubliclibrary.org), or make your own!

In 2022,

we challenge you  
to read A LOT!

## Movie Matinee

Sing

Wednesday, January 19 @ 2:30pm

Free popcorn!

Children under 8 must be accompanied  
by an adult.

PG 1 hour, 48 minutes



# The Book Nook

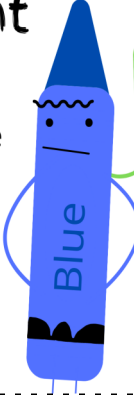


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## The Day the Crayons Quit Scavenger Hunt

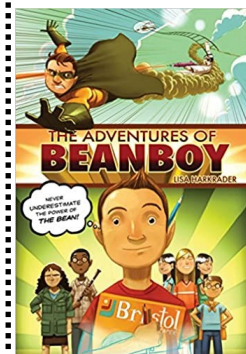


January 3-29  
Find the crayons throughout the  
library and reveal the message  
for your chance to win  
Cozad Bucks!  
Kindergarten & up



Pick up a scavenger hunt instruction sheet at the front desk. Find all 12 crayons throughout the library to reveal the secret message. Report to the front desk for your chance to win Cozad Bucks! Winner will be announced on Monday, January 31. For Kindergarten & up.

## 2022 One Book for Nebraska Kids & Teens Announced



Wouldn't it be great if kids all over Nebraska were talking about books? The Nebraska Library Commission has a program where kids can all read and discuss the

same book! The 2022 title for kids is *The Adventures of Beanboy* by Lisa Harkrader. The 2022 selection for teens is *Stupid Fast* by Geoff Herbach. Both are available for checkout!

**Code Club** meets on Tuesdays from 3:45-4:45 on December 28, January 11, 18, 25, and February 1. Laptops are available to use and participants grades 4 & up only need to register online if they've never attended before at [www.wilsonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.wilsonpubliclibrary.org). Learn Scratch, Javascript, HTML and more!

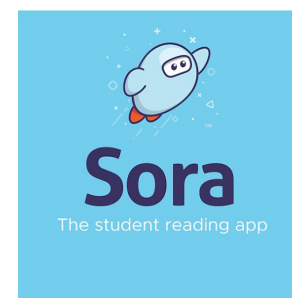
## JANUARY STORYTIME

Join us for a story &  
a craft/activity on  
Fridays at 11:00am.  
Ages 3-6 with an  
adult.



## Students Read for Free with Sora App

Cozad Community School System students have access to an Overdrive app, Sora, to download and



listen to audiobooks or read ebooks on any device for free. This is an easy way for kids to access books since it is through the school. Once signed up for a Sora account (only school email address and password are needed), they also have an

opportunity to add Wilson Public Library's **Nebraska Overdrive Libraries**, which opens up even more reading opportunities without actually needing one of our library cards. There are never any fines with Overdrive or Sora. Check at the front desk or with your teacher to learn more. To access our physical materials, a person does need a Wilson Public Library card—luckily, those are free!

## Reminding You to Use Remind



Use the ease of your cell phone to stay up to date on all of our library programs. Download the free Remind app and enter @deef7a for the class code. Be the first to receive text messages about programs, registration links, or schedule changes.