

Meadowlark Book Club
Girl Waits With Gun by Amy Stewart
Ages 14+



Tues., January 2, 1pm
@Brew'd Awakening

Meadowlark Book Club discusses *Girl Waits With Gun* by Amy Stewart on Tuesday, January 2, at 1pm at Brew'd Awakening inside Presence Candles. We will also hand out our February book, *The Boys from Biloxi* by John Grisham. New members welcome!

Writing Society
Ages 14+



Tuesdays, Jan. 2 & 16, 6pm

The Writing Society encourages writers of all levels and genres. Bring whatever you need to write with, whether it's pen and paper or a laptop. Come to connect, swap advice, get feedback, and revive motivation. Come as you are able.

Writing Marathon
Ages 14+

Saturday, January 27, 1-3pm
@The Front Porch Coffee Shop

Back by popular demand, the Writing Society will host another writing marathon! All genres welcome, come and go as you please, and bring your favorite writing instruments.

One Book One Cozad 2024: *The Floor of the Sky*

In January, we launch our 10th One Book One Cozad program with the selection of *The Floor of the Sky* by Pamela Carter Joern. Decidedly written in a Willa Cather-esque style, it's a great choice after Cather's own *A Lost Lady* was the 2023 selection. However, instead of the prairies near Red Cloud, *The Floor of the Sky* is a contemporary novel set in the Nebraska Sandhills.

Published in 2006, Joern won several awards for the book: The Nebraska Book Award for Fiction and also the Alex Award from the Young Adult Library Service Association. In early 2023, a sequel, *Toby's Last Resort*, was published.

Planned events such as book discussions are scheduled throughout the year at the library beginning in February. A special set of books is set aside near the library's circulation desk for those wishing to read the book. Additionally, a special tab at www.wilsonpubliclibrary.org has information regarding upcoming events. Wilson Public Library encourages all area book clubs to thoughtfully consider adding *The Floor of the Sky* to their 2024 selection lists.

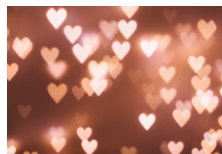
Books on Tap:
The Girls in the Stilt House by Kelly Mustian
Ages 14+



Wed., January 3, 7pm
at the Meridian Tap House

On January 3 at 7pm, the Books on Tap Book Club discusses *The Girls in the Stilt House* by Kelly Mustian. We'll also hand out our February discussion selection, *Wish You Were Here* by Jodi Picoult. The public is welcome. Feel free to come early and enjoy conversation and dinner!

Crafternoon
Pointillism
Hearts
Ages 10+



Tues., January 16, 4pm

Sandy's painting hearts in January! If you'd like to try your hand at pointillism, register at the front desk or call us at 308-784-2019 by Friday, January 12, to join us on Tuesday, January 16, at 4pm. Registration is limited and is for ages 10 and up. If there's enough interest, she may do two sessions. All materials are provided for free.



Kim's Book Club:
The Shack by William Paul Young
Ages 14+



Monday, January 15, 10am

Kim's Book Club discusses *The Shack*, by Wm. Paul Young in January. We'll also hand out our February discussion selection, *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah. The public is welcome.

Language As Adventure: Using Mango



Our newest database, Mango Languages, is available for our patrons now and in an effort to get you up and learning, we have a language challenge for you! **We'll be doing simple challenges all year long—accomplishing a challenge will get your name entered for various prizes throughout the year. The challenge for January is to simply set up an account and choose a language you want to learn.**

Mango accounts are free with a library card {and library cards are free with a driver's license and current address}. Stop at the front desk to find out more about Mango. With over 70 languages available, you're sure to find at least one language to start for the challenge. You're also welcome to use the library's public computers and headphones if you don't have a device.

Learning a new language isn't easy, but luckily Mango Languages makes it a bit more so. With a blend of the right content at the right time, high-quality audio, and proven methodologies, Mango's adaptive learning process evolves to your progress and unique learning behaviors, preparing you to start a conversation with confidence. Trusted by thousands of libraries worldwide, Mango is the highest rated language learning app. It's self-paced, is available on iOS, Android, and the web, and can be accessed anywhere there is wifi.

WILSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

JANUARY 2024 EDITION

The library is closed Saturday & Monday, December 30 & January 1 for Winter Holidays

The book drop is available 24/7/365 on the north side of the building



1000 HOURS OUTSIDE™

1,000 Hours Outside®
Tuesday, January 2, 5:30-6:30pm

Director Laurie Yocom will kick off Wilson Public Library's Cozad Challenge of spending 1,000 hours outside in 2024 by doing just that—**handing out hot chocolate and talking to interested persons about the program outside the west doors of the library from 5:30-6:30pm on Tuesday, January 2.**

Similar to the 1,000 Books Before... programs that the library offers, 1,000 Hours Outside® promotes spending more time in the outdoors and off devices, especially for kids, but nature is needed for adults, too!

According to their website, "the entire purpose of 1000 Hours Outside® is to attempt to match nature time with screen time. If kids can consume media through screens 1200 hours a year on average then the time is there and at least some of it can and should be shifted towards a more productive and healthy outcome."

Signing up for the program is completely voluntary, but the library has committed to holding at least one program outside monthly (besides our StoryWalk™ at Muny Park). The library will also provide trackers, ideas for spending time outdoors, book ideas of relevant seasonal titles to read to your children, and a monthly title to read and consider as an adult.

And even if you don't hit 1,000 hours outside by the end of December, you still win. Why? Because the whole point is to get out into nature and off of screens, even if for just a little while.

Human Trafficking
Stacey Cahill
Thursday, January 11, 4:30pm



As a mental health practitioner serving victims of trauma, Lexington resident Stacey Cahill spent seven years researching and collecting data for her first book, "Traffic Stop: Human Division."

Join us on Thursday, January 11, at 4:30pm as Stacey talks about the importance of trafficking awareness as well as her book. January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month, a presidentially designated observance designed to educate the public about human trafficking and the role they can play in preventing and responding to it. Stacey will have books available for purchase, too.

Armchair Travels
HaLea Messersmith,
Adventures in Ireland



Tuesday, January 30, 5:30pm

In honor of our 2024 theme of Adventures in Your Library this year, we plan to have community members share their personal stories of travel with us monthly. In January, HaLea Messersmith will share photographs and stories of her many visits to Ireland. While in college at Doane University, HaLea studied abroad in Ireland. She loved it so much that she's visited Ireland seven more times since then. If you have a unique place that you have visited and would like to share, please stop at the front desk. We'd love to have you!

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
308-784-2019
www.wilsonpubliclibrary.org

Community Chats

Amara Block, Frontier Frau Brewery owner

Wed., January 10, 12pm

The library sets up monthly public "Community Chats" with a special guest talking about what they're involved with in Cozad. In January, Amara Block, owner of Frontier Frau Brewery, joins us to discuss the brewery. We'll post to our YouTube channel so you can watch the chat if you're unable to make it.



Tiny Art Show
Ages 10-14, 15-18, 19+



Pick up canvas starting Tuesday, Jan. 2

Put your talent on display by participating in our Tiny Art Show! A tiny art show is a community showcase of miniature art. Register at the front desk starting January 2, and pick up a tiny canvas while supplies last. Participants will have 4" x 6" to create a mini masterpiece and return to the library by January 31. You must create your piece on the canvas and can use any medium you wish. Content must meet community standards (no hate speech, obscenities, violence, etc.) and this theme to inspire the artwork: Let the Adventure Begin. The exhibit will be displayed through the end of February. "People's Choice" awards will be given in each age category. Participants may pick up entries in March.



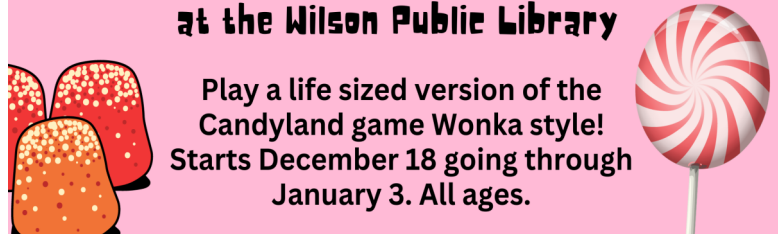
Movie Matinee

Wed., December 27 at 1:30.
Free popcorn!
Children under 8 need to attend with a chaperone.

12 Days of Wonkaland

at the Wilson Public Library



Play a life sized version of the Candyland game Wonka style!
Starts December 18 going through January 3. All ages.



Oompa Loompa doompadee doo, we've got a Wonkaland game for you! Stop in the library between December 18 and January 3 to play a life sized version of Wonkaland (similar to Candyland). Ask for instructions and accessories at the front desk. All ages welcome to play.

Storybook Walk

Starting January 2 going all month long at Muny Park Walking Trail.

Go on a StoryWalk® around the trail at Muny Park, through the month of January, to read the story Corduroy by Don Freeman. Start at the green Muny Park sign and head north to read the story as you go along the trail (the pages are in order and numbered). The StoryWalk® concept was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and was developed with the help of Rachel Senechal, Kellogg-Hubbard Library.

BINGO

AT WILSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

Join us on Thursday, December 28 from 1:30-2:30 for some Bingo at the library! Popcorn provided and prizes awarded to winners. Free and open to all ages!

Coloring & Cocoa

Wednesday, January 3
Starts @ 1:30
All ages welcome!



STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

Monday, February 5
Register by January 31
Ages 2-8 only




We are having a Stuffed Animal Sleepover on Monday, February 5, at 5:30pm. We'll read a story and make a craft for your favorite stuffed animal (or second favorite stuffed animal if the favorite is needed at home to get through the night). Leave them overnight at the library and they'll have a sleepover party just for stuffed animals! Pick them up the next day between 1-7pm, to see what they did all night long! This event is for children ages 2-8. Feel free to wear pajamas to this evening event! Registration is required by January 31. Limited to 20 participants and will close when full. Register by calling 308-784-2019, clicking the link on our website at www.wilsonpubliclibrary.org under youth programs or click the link on our Facebook page under the event.



Movie Matinee

at the Wilson Public Library
Thursday, February 1 at 1:30
Free popcorn!
Children under 8 need to attend with a chaperone



VALENTINE CARD MAKING

Friday, February 2 at 1:30
No registration required
All ages welcome

Would you like to craft your own cards for all your classmates this year? Or, maybe just for a few special people in your life? Join us on Friday, February 2 at 1:30 for some Valentine Card Making (no school for CCS). There will be a variety of materials on hand for you to craft your cards. If you want to make some for your classmates, be sure to know how many before you arrive. Materials provided and no registration required. Free and open to all ages!

LIBRARY STORYTIME

JOIN US TO PLAY, READ A STORY AND DO A CRAFT/ACTIVITY ON FRIDAYS FROM 11:00-11:30AM. PRIMARILY FOR AGES 3-6 WITH AN ADULT. DROP IN ANYTIME!




January Booklist for Kids

Snowflake Bentley by Jacqueline Briggs Martin
The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats
The Mitten by Jan Brett
Over & Under the Snow by Kate Messner
Winter: A Solstice Story by Kelsey E. Gross
Katy and the Big Snow by Virginia Lee Burton
Owl Moon by Jane Yolen
Big Snow by Jonathan Bean
The Hat by Jan Brett
The Three Snow Bears by Jan Brett
Snowmen at Night by Caralyn Buehner
If Winter Comes, Tell It I'm Not Here by Simona Ciruolo
No Yeti Yet by Mary Ann Fraser
Out Cold by Ryan T. Higgins
Winter Is Here by Kevin Henkes

1,000 HOURS OUTSIDE

ADVENTURE IS WAITING



Coding: So easy, a dog could do it

Join Code Club the following
Tuesdays: January 2, 16, 23 & 30
from 3:45-4:45

For grades 4 and up

Before joining us, parents are required to fill out permission forms at <https://goo.gl/forms/HUAQK865e5JKE1Eh1>. Those entering high school or higher may fill out their own form. Permission forms only need to be filled out once per person.



Stuck in the Middle Book Club

A Duet for Home by Karina Yan Glaser
4th-8th grades

Wednesday, January 17, 2:30pm; pick up books now!

In January, the Stuck in the Middle Book Club will discuss *A Duet for Home* by Karina Yan Glaser at the library on Wednesday, the 17. This book club is for those in 4-8 grades. Books are available beginning December 4 at the front desk! Upcoming meetings are the 3rd Wednesday in January, March, and May. Our March read will be *What Comes Next* by Rob Buyea.

