

WILSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

FEBRUARY 2024 EDITION



1,000 Hours Outside®
Friday, February 9, 3:30-4:30pm

Director Laurie Yocom hosts Wilson Public Library's February Challenge of spending 1,000 hours outside in 2024 by having the community help create a heart hunt at Muny Park.

First, plan to join us **inside** at the library on **Wednesday, February 7, from 4:30-6pm** as we create **wax paper hearts in the conference room**. Make as many as you'd like, but leave some with us for our outdoor event!

The February outdoor event will be on Friday, February 9, starting at 3:30 at the bike racks in front of Muny Park. Help us hang up those sun-catching hearts in trees around the walking trail. Be sure to wear appropriate clothing! And if you haven't yet read the February StoryWalk, plan to do that, too!

What? You haven't signed up for the challenge yet? Don't worry, you'll be able to sign up there, too!

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."

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.

ASK US ABOUT TAX FORMS!
Some are free to print!

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)—FREE!

Thursday, February 8, 10:30am-6:30pm

Each year, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs offer free, face-to-face tax help to people with low-to-moderate income. VITA will be at the library from 10a:30m-6:30pm on Thursday, February 8. IRS-tax law certified volunteers provide free service with electronic filing to all people who qualify. Bring your documentation and VITA will do the rest. What to bring: proof of Identification (photo ID); Social Security cards or Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (ITIN) for you, your spouse, and/or dependents; proof of foreign status, if applying for an ITIN; birthdates for all on the tax return; for married filing jointly, both spouses must be present; all Forms W-2, W-2G, 1099 and 1098; a copy of last year's federal and state returns; proof of bank account and routing information if choosing direct deposit of refund (e.g. voided check); total paid to daycare provider and their tax ID; health insurance exemption certificate, if received; all Forms 1095 Health Insurance statements. Get more details on VITA and TCE by going to www.irs.gov and typing VITA in the search box and clicking on "Free tax return preparation for you by volunteers."

Armchair Travels Patti Neill, Adventures in Iceland



Tuesday, February 20, 5:30pm

Our Armchair Travels are off to a great start! In February, we visit Iceland—Patti Neill will share on Tuesday, February 20, at 5:30. We can't wait to hear stories and see photos of her October trip to the land of hot springs, volcanoes, glaciers, geysers, and Northern Lights!

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

One Book One Cozad Event Yvonne Hollenbeck; Cowboy Poetry Humanities Nebraska Ages 10+



Sat., February 17, 11am

As part of 2024 One Book One Cozad events, we welcome Humanities Nebraska speaker Yvonne Hollenbeck on Saturday, February 17, at 11am at the Wilson Public Library.

Yvonne is an award-winning quilter and one of the nation's top award-winning cowgirl poets. She will present original poems and stories regarding the hardships experienced by her elders on farms and ranches in Nebraska, from homestead days to present. Be ready to listen to hilarious happenings from a rancher's wife (although they were not very humorous when they happened!).

This presentation is made possible by Humanities Nebraska, the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, and Wilson Public Library as part of the HN Speakers Bureau.

"Cowboy Poetry" is one of approximately 300 programs offered through the Humanities Nebraska Speakers Bureau. The more than 165 available speakers include acclaimed scholars, writers, musicians, storytellers and folklorists on topics ranging from pioneer heritage to ethics and law to international and multicultural issues, making it the largest humanities speakers bureau in the nation.



Community Chats Peter Osborne, Robert Henri Museum & Art Gallery



Talking about the new art gallery! Join the conversation!

Wed., February 14, 11am

Bookfolding a Heart:

Thursday, February 15, 4pm

Register by Monday, February 12
 Call 308-784-2019 or stop by front desk
 For those 10 and older *Must know how to read a centimeter ruler. Limited availability



<https://www.etsy.com/listing/1433721796>

Kim's Book Club: The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah Ages 14+



Monday, February 19, 10am

Kim's Book Club discusses *The Four Winds*, by Kristin Hannah in February. We'll also hand out our March discussion selection, *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig. The public is welcome.

Writing Society Ages 14+

Tuesdays, Feb. 6 & 20, 6pm

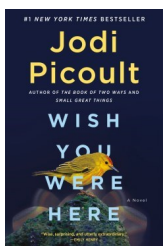
The Writing Society encourages writers of all levels and genres. Bring whatever you need to write with, whether it's pen and paper or a laptop. Come to connect, swap advice, get feedback, and revive motivation. Come as you are able.

Writing Marathon Ages 14+

Saturday, February 24, 1-3pm @The Front Porch Coffee Shop

Love to write? The Writing Society hosts a writing marathon on Saturday, February 24, from 1-3pm. All genres welcome, come and go as you please, and bring your favorite writing instruments.

Books on Tap: Wish You Were Here by Jodi Picoult Ages 14+



Wed., February 7, 7pm at the Meridian Tap House

On February 7 at 7pm, the Books on Tap Book Club discusses *Wish You Were Here* by Jodi Picoult. We'll also hand out our March discussion selection, *The 7 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle* by Stuart Turton. The public is welcome. Feel free to come early and enjoy conversation and dinner!

Pinecone Gnomes Ages 10+



Tues., February 20, 4pm

Say this month's craft 5 times fast! These little guys are so adorable! Register at the front desk or call us at 308-784-2019 by Friday, February 16, to join us on Tuesday, February 20, at 4pm. Registration is limited and is for ages 10 and up. All materials are provided for free.

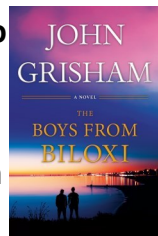
Tiny Art Show Voting All Month Winners Announced in March



Stop in starting February 1 all month long to vote on your favorites in the following age categories: 10-14; 15-18; Adult. "People's Choice" awards will be given in each age category. Entries may be picked up in March.

The tiny art exhibit will be displayed through the end of February. Participants had 4" x 4" to create a mini masterpiece using the theme "Let the Adventure Begin."

Meadowlark Book Club Boys from Biloxi by John Grisham Ages 14+



Thurs., February 8, 1pm @Brew'd Awakening

Due to a prior commitment, Meadowlark Book Club discusses *Boys from Biloxi* by John Grisham on Thursday, February 8, at 1pm at Brew'd Awakening inside Presence Candles. This is a one-time change on our normal meeting date/time! We will also hand out our March book, *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles. New members welcome!

Guess How Much I Love You?



All Month at the front desk

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 February is to see how many ways you can guess (or know) how to say "I love you" in another language.** Maybe it will inspire you to try Mango!

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.

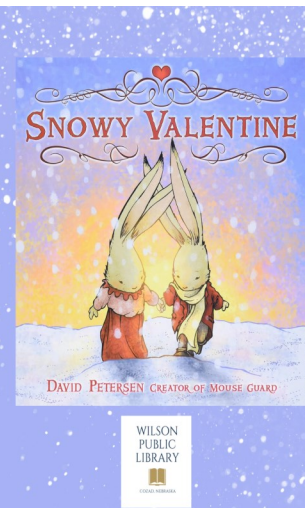


For CHS Seniors: Scholarship Night Wednesday, February 21, 4-6:45pm. Bring your computer & work on your scholarships! Printing is on us & we'll proof your essays!



Movie Matinee

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



Storybook Walk

Starting February 1
going all month
long at Muny Park
Walking Trail.

POST OFFICE STORYTIME



Fri., Feb. 9 at 11am
Children ages 3-6
with an adult.
No registration required.

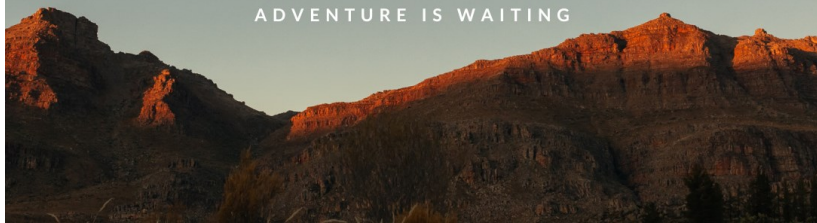
We will have our post office setup during storytime on Friday, February 9, at 11am. Kids will make and deliver valentines around the library to some of our favorite storybook characters and librarians!

February Booklist for Kids

- Snowy Valentine by David Petersen
- The Paperboy by Dav Pilkey
- Groundhog's Day Off by Robb Pearlman
- All Right Already!: A Snowy Story by Jory John
- I Love You to the Moon and Back by Amelia Hepworth
- Groundhog Day by Anne Marie Pace
- Love by Matt de la Pena
- Baby Bear's Not Hibernating by Lynn Plourde
- Hedgehog Needs a Hug by Jen Betton
- Love from the Crayons by Drew Daywalt
- Gregory's Shadow by Maureen Wright
- There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Rose! by Lucille Colandro
- A Loud Winter's Nap by Katy Hudson
- Hibernation Station by Michelle Meadows
- Grumpy Groundhog by Maureen Wright

1,000 HOURS OUTSIDE

ADVENTURE IS WAITING



Coding: So easy, a dog could do it



Join Code Club the following
Tuesdays: February 13, 20 & 27
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.



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!

Go on a StoryWalk® around the trail at Muny Park, through the month of February, to read the story Snowy Valentine by David Petersen. 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.

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 with 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.



PAJAMA Movie Matinee

Friday, February 23 @ 1:30
Wear your pajamas (if desired)
& enjoy a free movie & popcorn. Children under 8 need to attend with a chaperone.



Seuss 120th Birthday Celebration!

Monday, February 26
from 4-7pm



- 9-HOLE MINI GOLF COURSE
- SEUSS TRIVIA & SCAVENGER HUNT
- CRAFTS, SNACKS & REFRESHMENTS

It's Dr. Seuss's 120th birthday! Come celebrate with us on Monday, February 26 from 4-7pm. Go on an adventure through the world of Seuss with a 9-hole mini golf course in the library. Test your Seuss book knowledge with some trivia and a character scavenger hunt. Enjoy Seuss inspired crafts, snacks and refreshments. No registration required and come as you are able. All ages welcome. Children under 8 need to attend with an adult.

For more information about 1000 Hours Outside, see front of newsletter!

Stuck in the Middle Book Club

What Comes Next by Rob Buyea
4th-8th grades



Wednesday, March 20, 2:30pm; pick up books starting February 5!

In March the Stuck in the Middle Book Club will discuss *What Comes Next* by Rob Buyea at the library on Wednesday, the 20. This book club is for those in 4-8 grades. Books are available beginning February 5 at the front desk! Upcoming meetings are the 3rd Wednesday in March, and May. Our May read will be *Amari and the Night Brothers* by B.B. Alston.

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!



1000 HOURS EXCLUSIVE! For all ages! Join us Wednesday, February 7, from 4:30-6pm as we create color shaving wax paper hearts in the conference room. Make as many as you'd like, but leave some with us for our outdoor event~~ hanging the hearts on trees around the trail at Muny Park!

The February outdoor event will be on Friday, February 9, starting at 3:30 at the bike racks in front the swimming pool at Muny Park. Be sure to dress appropriately for the weather!