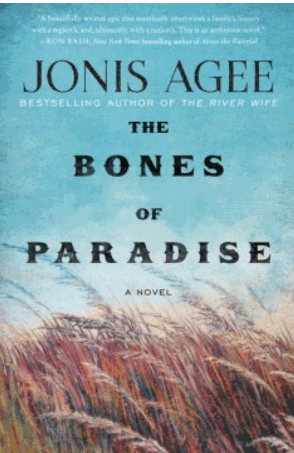


# Bones of Paradise Named 2022 Pick for One Book One Nebraska



People across Nebraska are encouraged to read the work of a Nebraskan —and then talk about it with their friends and neighbors. *The Bones of Paradise: A Novel* by Jonis Agee is the 2022 One Book One Nebraska selection.

*The Bones of Paradise* is a multigenerational family saga set in the unforgiving Nebraska Sand Hills in the years following the massacre at Wounded Knee—it is an ambitious tale of history, vengeance, race, guilt, betrayal, family, and belonging, filled with a vivid cast of characters shaped by violence, love, and a desperate loyalty to the land.

Jonis Agee is an award-winning author of twelve books. Her awards include the John Gardner Fiction Award, the George Garrett Award, a National Endowment for the Arts grant in fiction, a Loft-McKnight Award, a Loft-McKnight Award of Distinction, and two Nebraska Book Awards. A native of Nebraska, Agee teaches at the University of Nebraska—Lincoln.



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the Book is supported by the national Center for the Book in the Library of Congress and the Nebraska Library Commission.

As the state library agency, the Nebraska Library Commission is an advocate for the library and information needs of all Nebraskans. The mission of the Library Commission is statewide promotion, development, and coordination of library and information services, “bringing together people and information.”

## You Better Not Pout with These Titles to Read This Holiday Season



All of the library’s book clubs are open to the public and you are welcome to join at any time! This month, **The Library at The Meridian Tap House meets at 7:00pm on Wednesday, December 1**, to discuss *Keeping Lucy* by T. Greenwood. **Meadowlark Book Club meets at 1:00pm on Tuesday, December 7, at the Daily Scoop (note the location change!)** to discuss *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. Finally, Kim’s Book Club meets **Monday, December 20 (note the date change!)**, at 10am at the library to discuss *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger. Too busy in December? Join us in January as Meadowlark Book Club

discusses *Sold on a Monday* by Kristina McMorris; The Library at The Meridian Tap House discusses *Reading Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi; and Kim’s Book Club discusses *Miss Kopp’s Midnight Confessions* by Amy Stewart.

## Need an Address for Christmas Cards? Find It with Your Library Card!

Thanks to a Libraries Lead Digital Grant, we are now offering AtoZDatabases at the library (or anywhere you can access wifi). While you must have a library card from us to access (library cards here are free!), these are some of the features you will have:

- Small Businesses:** Find sales leads and mailing lists to grow your business
- Entrepreneurs:** Find similar businesses along with competitors
- Students:** Research businesses by industry or segment and company size
- Government Agencies:** Employment statistics, mapping and traffic modeling
- People Searching:** Locate classmates, friends and relatives
- Job Seekers:** Real-time job listings and resume templates
- Fundraising:** Find income and home value in any neighborhood



There is a unique way to input your library card number in order to access, so ask us, and we’ll help you out!

# WILSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

DECEMBER 2021 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 24**  
**and Saturday, December 25**  
**for Christmas**  
**Also 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.

## Crafternoon: Gingerbread Houses

Join us for Crafternoon on Tuesday, December 21 at 4:00pm to make gingerbread houses. Register at the front desk or call us at 784-2019 by Friday, December 17. Materials provided. For ages 10 and up. Due to the project, there are limited spots available and may fill quickly.



## Help Us Chart a Path...

Rescheduled from November, the library invites you to attend one of our Community Conversations. These chats will allow us to dig a little deeper into the Community Needs Survey information gathered this summer and help us chart a strategic path for the library for the next 4 years. All sessions will be held at the library.

Monday, December 27	5:30-6:30pm
Tuesday, December 28	5:30-6:30pm
Wednesday, December 29	7:00-8:00pm
Thursday, December 30	12:00-1:00pm

## Stephanie Grace Whitson to Present Christmas Stitches: A Patchwork Christmas



In conjunction with Cozad’s Old Fashioned Christmas celebration on Saturday, December 4, author, quilter, and historian Stephanie Grace Whitson will be at the Wilson Public Library at 10am to do a special Christmas quilt bed turning program. Using antique and vintage red, green, and white quilts, Whitson will tie them to several of her published stories.

Historically, a bed turning was a way for a woman to showcase her best handiwork for the ladies of the town. The quilts would be stacked on top of each other on the bed, while the ladies gathered around. The host would explain the history of each quilt and her handiwork before it would come off the bed to reveal the next quilt.

“Christmas Stitches: A Patchwork Christmas” presentation will begin promptly at 10 a.m. in the main area. The library will open early that day, at 9:30 a.m. so patrons can find seating.

Whitson writes historical fiction and holds a master’s degree in history. Whitson’s writing life has expanded to include frequent opportunities to speak to a variety of civic and church groups, and she now offers a menu of programs on writing, women’s history, and the Christian faith.

## 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.”



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# Pony Express for All Ages: Cards Needed!

Wilson Public Library partners with the Pony Express to “brand” your Christmas cards with their logo and do a riding exhibition arriving in Cozad at noon on **Saturday, December 11.**

A container is available in the front library entryway for you to deposit your USPS stamped and addressed cards. Please **have your cards deposited no later than Friday, December 10 at 4:30pm.**

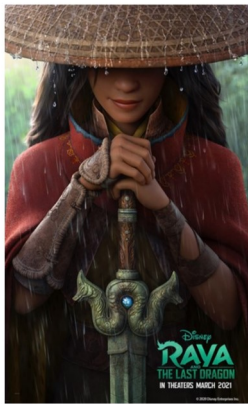


# Kids Crafternoon

The button maker is back **Thursday, December 16, at 4:15**, just in time for Christmas! We will have a variety of materials available for you to create the outside of your 2.25” button or bring your own materials such as pictures, etc. Each participant can choose to make 3 items. Pins, magnets and mirrors are available. Buttons make great Christmas gifts! K-5th grade only. **Registration required by Friday, December 10.** 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.



# Movie Matinee Raya and the Last Dragon



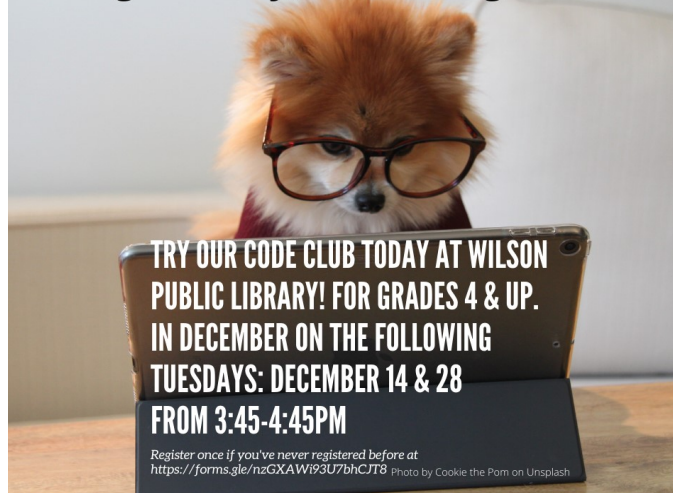
Wednesday, December 29 @ 2:30pm  
Free popcorn!  
Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.  
1 hour, 47 minutes

**A Good Remind:** Stay up to date on 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.

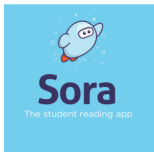
**Students Read for Free with Sora App...** Cozad Community School System students have access to an Overdrive app, Sora, to download and listen to audiobooks or read ebooks on any device for free. Once signed up for a Sora account (only school email address and password are needed), they also have an opportunity to add Nebraska Overdrive Libraries, which opens up even more reading opportunities. There are never any fines with Overdrive or Sora. Check at the front desk or with your teacher to learn more.



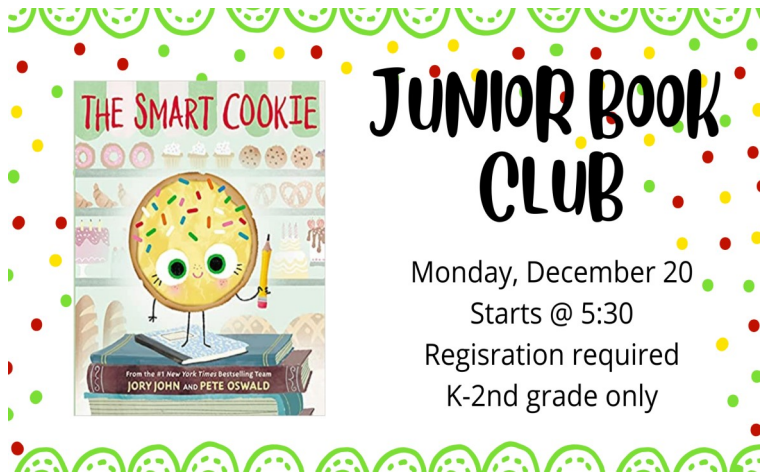
# Coding: So easy, even a dog can do it.



Code Club meets from 3:45-4:45 the following Tuesdays in December 14 & 28. 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!



Put it on your calendar!  
The Winter Wonderland Parade is  
**Monday, December 6, at 5:30pm**



Join us for **Junior Book Club Monday, December 20, at 5:30pm.** We will read *The Smart Cookie* by Jory John. Afterward, we will decorate a cookie for you to take home to give to Santa OR enjoy for yourself! K-2nd grade only. **Registration required by Friday, December 17.** 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.



Join us for **Crafting and Cocoa on Thursday, December 30 at 3:00pm (no school for CCS).** We will make a mini snowman hat from yarn while enjoying some cocoa! Materials provided. **Registration required by Tuesday, December 28.** 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.



**Elf on the Library Shelf**  
The Elf on the Shelf returns **December 6-18!**  
Come and see what mischief he’s making this year at the library. Find him and report to the front desk for a candy cane to enjoy when you leave the library.  
PreK through 5th grade only, please.

