

Meadowlark Book Club
The Measure by Nikki Erlick
Ages 14+

Tues., December 5,
1pm @Brew'd Awakening

Meadowlark Book Club discusses *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick on Tuesday, December 5 at 1pm at a new location! Head out to Presence Candles (across the road from Dollar General). Their new coffee spot is Brew'd Awakening. We will also hand out our January book, *Girl Waits with Gun* by Amy Stewart. New members welcome!

Writing Society
Ages 14+

Tuesdays, Dec. 5, 19 &
Jan. 2, 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 and stay tuned for our next writing marathon!

Rotary's Polar Express
All Ages

Mon., December 18
@ Wilson Public Library

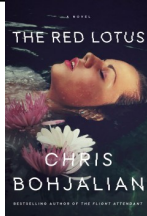
This year, the Cozad Rotary offers *The Polar Express* experience on December 18. Trolleys leave the library's parking lot at various times starting at 6pm and ending at 9pm. Riders experience the magic as the conductors read the story aloud. \$8 tickets include roundtrip transportation to the North Pole (with beautiful light displays on the way), perhaps a glimpse of Santa, a ride home full of Christmas carols, and cookies & hot chocolate at the station. Feel free to wear PJs; come early to enjoy *The Polar Express* movie as you wait! Tickets may be purchased at Berreckman & Bazata Law Office in Cozad and are not needed for under 3 years old.



Books on Tap:
The Red Lotus by Chris Bohjalian
Ages 14+

Wed., December 6,
7pm at the Meridian
Tap House

On December 6 at 7pm, the Books on Tap Book Club discusses *The Red Lotus* by Chris Bohjalian. We'll also hand out our January discussion selection, *The Girls in the Stilt House* by Kelly Mustian. The public is welcome. Feel free to come early and enjoy conversation and dinner!



Kim's Book Club:
The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot by Marianne Cronin
Ages 14+

Monday, December 18,
10am

Kim's Book Club discusses *The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot* by Marianne Cronin in December. We'll also hand out our January discussion selection, *The Shack*, by Paul Young. The public is welcome.



Highlight: How to Find New Customers & Grow Your Business

Do you have 30 minutes to potentially help your business? Every Friday at either 10:30 or 2:30, there are live webinars to help you learn about the benefits AtoZdatabases offers to strengthen your client list and even increase the foot traffic within your business. Such benefits include generating lists, emailing data, creating matrices, and figuring out who your competition is. And yes, your questions will be answered by a live person!

While you must have a library card from us to access AtoZdatabases, you can literally be anywhere in the world to watch the training as long as you have wifi.

There is a unique way to input your library card number in order to access, so ask us, and we'll help you out or call us at 308-784-2019.



Angel Tree: All Month

The library will again host Central Plains Home Health and Hospice's Angel Tree for the month of December. Honoring those who passed in this year, the tree will be up in the front area for the entire month.

DVD Policy Updated

Our revised dvd policy now allows for up to 6 dvds to be checked out per household. And no more worries about trying to get it back on a Sunday when we're closed: patrons now have an extended checkout period of 7 days! And the best news of all, fines have been lowered on dvds—if overdue, each dvd will only cost 20 cents per day vs. \$1.00.

Fall Reading Challenge due December 15. Winner announced December 18.

Highlight: You Can Learn Languages with Mango...Coming to WPL Soon

Planning to travel abroad soon and would like to know basic communication in another language? Would you like to learn Spanish for your business or to help you communicate with employees? How about improving a second language like English? Beginning in December, library card users will have FREE access to Mango Languages, a learning database with over 70 languages. Even better: access to Mango no matter where in the world you are as long as you have a wifi connection. Learn to speak, listen and read at one interface. Stop at the front desk to find out more or call us at 308-784-2019.

WILSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

DECEMBER 2023 EDITION

Author Book Signing
Peter Osborne

Tuesday,
December 5, 5:30pm

Author Peter Osborne will be at the library on Tuesday, December 5, at 5:30pm to read from his new book, *Nebraska Sign-posts: Robert Henri's Years on the Great Plains*. Afterwards, his books will be available to buy. Cost is \$30.98 including tax and cash or checks are accepted.

Pony Express
Christmas Card
Re-Ride
All Ages



Wilson Public Library again partners with the Pony Express to "brand" your Christmas cards with their logo. 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 15 at 4:30pm.**

The Pony Express will do a riding exhibition leaving Gothenburg Public Library at 10am on **Saturday, December 16** and will arrive in Cozad approximately 1:30. The library does close at 1pm that day, but you can park outside and wait for the horses (and riders!) to arrive.

THE LIBRARY IS
CLOSED SATURDAY
& MONDAY,
DECEMBER 23 & 25
& DECEMBER 30 &
JANUARY 1 FOR
WINTER HOLIDAYS

The book drop is available 24/7/365 on the north side of the building and will be checked. We apologize for any inconvenience.

MyHeritage 101
Ages 17+

Wednesday,
December 6, 2:00pm

Curious about your ancestors? We can help! Wilson Public Library in Cozad will hold a genealogy workshop on how to use the MyHeritage-Library Edition to research your family tree for free. The workshop is Wednesday, December 6, at 2:00pm. Feel free to bring a laptop and follow along. Open to the public and free of charge, no registration is necessary.

Just for You in December:
TWO Crafternoons!

Encore Presentation
Paper Bag Stars
Ages 10+

Tues., Dec. 12, 4pm

<https://themerrythought.com/diy/diy-paper-bag-stars/>

There was so much interest in November's paper bag stars, Sandy's offering it again in December! Register at the front desk or call us at 308-784-2019 by Friday, December 8 to join us on Tuesday, December 12, at 4pm. Registration is limited and is for ages 10 and up. All materials are provided for free.

Christmas
Ornaments
Ages 10+

<https://oncelthewineisgone.com/products/toy-soldier-ornament>

Tues., December 19, 4pm

Our regular Crafternoon still meets in December! This time around, Sandy's making two Christmas ornaments: an adorable cork soldier and a simply worded wood ornament. Register at the front desk or call us at 308-784-2019 by Friday, December 15. Registration is limited and is for ages 10 and up. All materials are provided for free.





STORYWALK®

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



Go on a StoryWalk® around the trail at Muny Park, through the month of December, to read the story *Stick Man* by Julia Donaldson. 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). *Bonus! Stick Man is lost in the library! Stop by the library daily December 1-21 to find him for a treat.* The StoryWalk® concept was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and was developed with the help of Rachel Senechal, Kellogg-Hubbard Library.



Stick Man & the Elf on the Library Shelf

Find them daily December 1 through December 21 for a treat at the front desk!

All ages!



Will Stick Man make it home to his family tree? Maybe Dewey, our library elf, can get the message back to Santa. Find Stick Man and Dewey in the library daily, December 1-21, for a treat at the front desk. All ages!




Santa Storytime

Friday, December 15
Starts at 11am
Afterwards, make a craft!



Santa's Coming to the Wilson Public Library in Cozad!


- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 10:30AM-12:30PM
- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15 10:30AM-12:30PM (STORYTIME AT 11AM)
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21 4:00-6:00PM



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.



STORYTIME WITH THE GRINCH

at the Wilson Public Library
Tuesday, December 19 at 5:30.
Hear the story *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* read by the Grinch! Afterwards, make a craft. All ages welcome.

The Grinch's heart is feeling extra large and he is coming down from his lair for a special storytime on Tuesday, December 19 at the Wilson Public Library. Hear the story *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* read by the Grinch! Afterwards, make a craft and maybe grab a picture with him. Starts at 5:30. No registration needed.




Gingerbread Cookie Decorating

Thursday, December 21 from 4-6pm
Registration required
All ages welcome!

Stop in Thursday, December 21, from 4-6pm to decorate gingerbread cookies for Santa or to enjoy for yourself! All ages welcome and materials provided. **Registration is required by Tuesday, December 19.** Register by calling 308-784-2019, clicking the link on our Facebook page under the event on our website at www.wilsonpubliclibrary.org under youth programs.

No Storytime Friday, December 22!



Movie Matinee

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




Coding: So easy, a dog could do it

Join Code Club the following
Tuesdays: November 28, December 5, 12 & 19 & January 2
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.

Library Storytime

Join us to play, read a story and do a craft/activity on Fridays at 11am. Primarily for ages 3-6 with an adult. Drop in anytime!


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!



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 beginning December 4!

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.