



2025 marks the eleventh year of One Book One Cozad

The notion of a one book/one city started with an idea by Seattle librarian Nancy Pearl. First initiated in 1998 by the Washington Center for the Book, the Library of Congress reports that such programs are abundant around the world.

Wilson Public Library agrees with the Nebraska Center for the Book's philosophy that "reading great literature provokes us to think about ourselves, our environment and our relationships," and that "talking about great literature with friends, families and neighbors often adds richness and depth to the experience of reading."

We encourage you to read *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum. We have multiple copies available at our library.

Please check our One Book One Cozad tab on our website under Programs & Services at www.wilsonpubliclibrary.org or our Facebook Events page at Wilson Public Library for additional programs and events scheduled after this brochure printed in January 2025.

One Book One Cozad Events in 2025

- Monday, February 17** 11:00am
Open Book Discussion of *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* at the Wilson Public Library in Cozad.
The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Wednesday, March 19** 4:00pm
Join us to watch the MGM movie *The Wizard of Oz*. This will be an interactive movie, meaning we get the audience involved.
The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Wednesday, May 21** 4:30pm
Open Book Discussion of *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* at the Wilson Public Library in Cozad.
The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.
- Date to Be Announced:** Tentative:
Outdoor viewing of Wicked July: TBA
- Indoor viewing of *Wicked* August: TBA

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OTHER BOOKS TO CONSIDER

The entire Oz series by L. Frank Baum

The Wicked series by Gregory Maguire

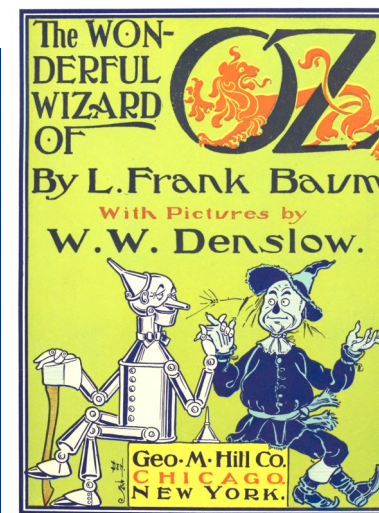
Dorothy Must Die series by Danielle Paige

Finding Dorothy by Elizabeth Letts

One Book One Cozad 2025

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

by L. Frank Baum



For books from The Rare Book and Special Collections Division:
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The Wonderful Wizard of Oz~ About This Year's Selection:

In January 2025, the Wilson Public Library in Cozad, NE, launches their eleventh One Book One Cozad program with the selection of *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum.

While most of us *think* that we know the beloved story written by L. Frank Baum, what many of us truly remember is the story told through the iconic movie starring Judy Garland. In fact, by the time the book entered the public domain in 1956, it was often reprinted as simply *The Wizard of Oz*.

Baum created the world of Oz that is shared over an original series of fourteen books, the last published a year after Baum's death. Many authors have created additional titles from Baum's main characters and even alternate versions of Oz such as the young adult book series *Dorothy Must Die* by Danielle Paige. The story has been further altered for film and musicals such as *The Wiz* and *Wicked*, the latter based upon a series of books by Gregory

"America's greatest and best-loved homegrown fairy tale ... one of the most-read children's books." - Library of Congress

Maguire. There is even a recent historical fiction novel titled *Finding Dorothy* by Elizabeth Letts, which tells the story behind the creation of the book.

Now considered a children's classic, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* version illustrated by W.W. Denslow and published by Hill in 1900, celebrates its 125th anniversary in 2025. And while the Nebraska connection to the story is brief, it is significant, making it a great choice to read by yourself or as a family.

Scheduled discussions and events will be held throughout 2025 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 those wishing to check out the book. Additionally, our website has information regarding events on a special tab, which you can find at www.wilsonpubliclibrary.org. Wilson Public Library encourages all local book clubs to thoughtfully consider adding *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum to their selection lists for 2025.

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L. Frank Baum (May 15, 1856-May 6, 1919)



While most people are aware of Lyman Frank Baum as the author of *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* and his subsequent additional titles of the Oz, he also wrote and published *Mother Goose in Prose* as well as *Father Goose: His Book*, which was the best-selling children's book of 1899.

Baum called several places home, including New York South Dakota, and Chicago. A theater producer and playwright, he also was a newspaper reporter, editor and publisher, while dreaming of establishing a film studio focused on children's films.

Baum was a prolific writer, penning a plethora of novels, short stories, poetry, and scripts. In 2013, Baum was inducted into the Chicago Literary Hall of Fame.

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