

Winter Reading Challenge Ends March 31

Last call for Bookish Bingo: ending March 31, 2025! Stop at the front desk to pick up a Bookish Bingo sheet to track your winter reading. Add your name and contact information, and complete at least one bingo. Return your tracker by March 31 to be eligible for a Grand Prize drawing for \$25 in Cozad bucks. Middle schoolers through adults who have a Wilson Public Library card are eligible to enter. Don't have a library card? They're free with a photo ID and current address. Please choose books you've never read before from the library. Drawing for the winners will be held April 1.



**THE LIBRARY
WILL BE CLOSED
FRIDAY, APRIL
18, FOR GOOD
FRIDAY**

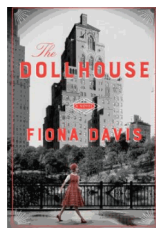
The book drop is available 24/7/365 on the north side of the building and will be checked.
We apologize for any inconvenience.

Writing Marathon
Ages 14+

**Saturday, April 26,
3pm
@The Meridian Tap House**

Love to write? The Writing Society hosts a writing marathon at the Meridian Tap House on Saturday, April 26, from 3-5pm. All genres welcome, come and go as you please, and bring your favorite writing instruments.

Meadowlark Book Club: *The Dollhouse* by Fiona Davis Ages 14+



**Tues. April 1, 1pm
@ Brew'd Awakening**

On Tuesday, April 1, Meadowlark Book Club discusses *The Dollhouse* by Fiona Davis at 1pm at Brew'd Awakening. We will also hand out our May 6 selection which is also the One Book One Nebraska selection, *The Long March Home* by Tosca Lee and Marcus Brotherton. New members are always welcome at any of the book clubs!

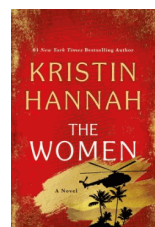
Writing Society Ages 14+



**Tuesdays, April 1, 15 &
May 6 at 6pm**

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

Kim's Book Club *The Women* by Kristin Hannah Ages 14+



Mon., April 21, 10am

Kim's Book Club meets on Monday, April 21, at 10am here at the library to discuss *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. This is the last meeting before summer break and Kim's group will meet again in August. Book selections for this fall and next spring will also take place at the meeting.

Have you downloaded the Cozad, NE app yet? Available for free on the Play Store and App Store, this is your all-in-one stop for information about the City of Cozad, Chamber of Commerce, Cozad Community Foundation, and the Cozad Development Corporation. Check out Events on the Community Calendar!

Books on Tap: *Before the Fall* by Noah Hawley Ages 14+

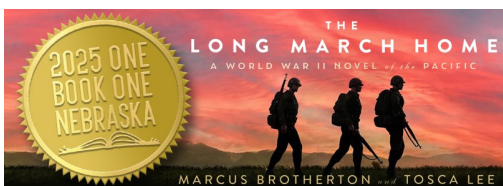


**Wed., April 2, 7pm
@ The Frontier Frau**

Books on Tap will meet at the Frontier Frau in April on Wednesday, the 2nd, to discuss *Before the Fall* by Noah Hawley, at 7pm. Come early to enjoy dinner and drinks. We will also have the May 7 selection, *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon, on hand to give out.

Crafternoon: Faux-berge Eggs Ages 15+ Tuesday, April 15, 4pm

Join us on Tuesday, April 15, at 4pm to create beautiful Faux-berge eggs. Please register by Friday, April 11, as there is limited seating. For ages 15+.



Tosca Lee: *The Long March Home*



**Tuesday, May 6,
6pm**

Mark your calendars now! Join Tosca Lee at Wilson Public Library in Cozad on Tuesday, May 6, at 6pm, where she'll talk about the research behind 2025's One Book One Nebraska pick, and how co-author Marcus Brotherton and her teamed up to write this novel about one of the darkest chapters in WWII history inspired by real-life stories of brotherhood, hope, and sacrifice. Check out the book ahead of time to read (and join us earlier that day at 1:00pm at Brew'd Awakening to discuss with the Meadowlark Book Club {see above}), or buy a book from the author at the event.

WILSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

APRIL 2025 EDITION

HOURS OF OPERATION:
Monday-Thursday: 9:00AM – 6:00PM
Friday: 9:00AM – 5:00PM
Saturday: 9:00AM-1:00PM
**Where to Find Us: 910 Meridian Ave.
Cozad, NE 69130
308-784-2019
www.wilsonpubliclibrary.org**

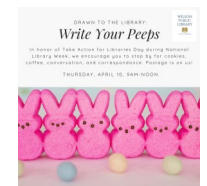
Community Chat: AfterZone



**Wednesday, April 9,
12pm**

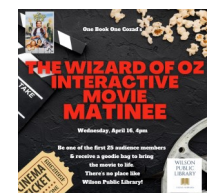
Join Karmen Morse, director of the Cozad City Schools' AfterZone program, on Wednesday, April 9, at noon to talk about all this important program does for our youth. Check our YouTube channel to watch it if you're unable to make it.

Drawn to the Library: Write Your Peeps Ages 18+ Thursday, April 10, 9am-noon



Elected officials rely on us to tell them what issues they should work on during their term in office as well as how to vote. One way to tell an elected official what issue you care about is to write them a letter! As part of Take Action for Libraries Day, join us on Thursday, April 10, from 9am-noon to write letters to elected officials; postage is on us! Whether you want to thank municipal, state, or federal representatives, or express concerns, we encourage you to use your voice to let them know how you feel!

Rescheduled Interactive Movie Matinee: *The Wizard of Oz*

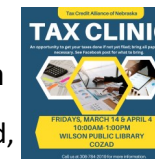


Wednesday, April 16, 4pm

Join us to compare the book to the movie at 4pm on Wednesday, April 16. The show is interactive: be one of the first 25 audience members and receive a goodie bag to bring the movie to life.

Free Tax Help

Fri., April 4, 10am-1pm



Due to popular demand, there will be free tax preparation for individuals on Friday, April 4, from 10:00 am to 1 pm at the library. IRS-tax law certified volunteers will be here to help with electronic filing for all people who qualify.

Interested persons can walk-in any time during those hours; there may be a waiting line and preparers will work on a first-come, first-served basis. Tax preparers will meet with taxpayers to answer questions, prepare returns, and review that federal and state tax returns are accurate prior to e-filing. The process typically takes approximately 45 minutes.

Taxpayers should 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 day-care provider and their tax ID; health insurance exemption certificate, if received; and all Forms 1095 Health Insurance statements.

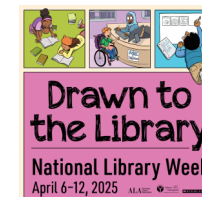
Armchair Travels: The Congo



Tue., April 22, 5:30pm

On Tuesday, April 22, at 5:30pm, join Bellarmee Milosi, the Cozad United Methodist Church's minister, as he shares photos and stories from his homeland in the Congo.

Drawn to the Library: National Library Week April 6-12



What's the draw? Everything. From young families stopping in for play and storytime, to students sketching out their next creative project, to seniors seeking tech help and everyone in between, libraries help us connect the dots from one part of our journey to the next. Chart your next literary adventure by browsing the stacks or joining a book club. Let an author color your imagination at an author talk, outline your big idea with a plethora of resources, or trace your history with your genealogy resources. Make your mark and get involved with your library by spreading the word.

April 7-12: Fine Free Week: Bring back any overdue item this week and have the fine waived. *Not for lost or damaged items.

April 7-30: Food for Fines: Have a prior overdue fine? Each can of food you bring in waives \$2 off a prior fine. Cans must not be expired or commodity items. *Not for lost or damaged items.

April 7: Right to Read Day: A great day to check out all of our items (literally!).

April 8: National Library Workers Day: Stop by and tell our staff "thank you" for all they do for our community!

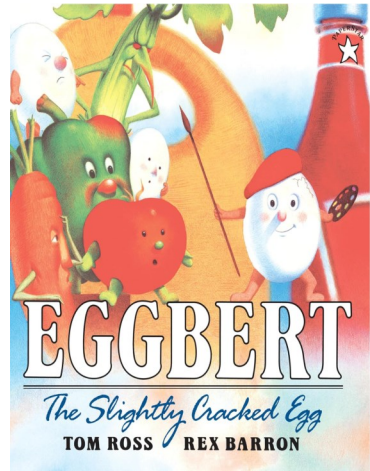
April 9: National Library Outreach Day: Jennie visits Cozad Childcare, Head Start, and AfterZone. Kim visits shut-ins, Emerald Care, and Meadowlark. We appreciate all they do!

April 10: Take Action for Libraries Day: Reach out to municipal, state, and federal representatives to tell them why you appreciate libraries. Your voice does make a difference!

Book Character Bunny Hunt



Hop in and find the book character bunnies in the library starting April 1 for a treat at the front desk!



Storybook Walk

at Munny Park walking trail starting April 1 and going all month long!

Read the story *Eggbert: The Slightly Cracked Egg* by Tom Ross, our StoryWalk® around the Munny Park trail, through the month of April. Start at the green Munny 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.

Library Storytime

Join us to play, read a story, and do a craft/activity on Fridays from 11-11:30am. Primarily for ages 3-6 with an adult. Drop in anytime!

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No storytime Friday, April 18!

MARCH MADNESS

BOOK TOURNAMENT

MARCH 1-APRIL 4

Have your completed brackets turned in to the Cozad Waypoint Bank or the Wilson Public Library by Friday, April 4, to receive your mini basketball and your chance to win Cozad Cash. Winners announced April 7!

MOVIE MATINEE

Monday, April 21
Starts at 1:30 (no school CCS)
Children under 8 need to attend with a chaperone. Free popcorn!

May Day Baskets

Thursday, May 1 from 3-6pm

No registration required
All ages welcome
Limited to one per person

Join us on Thursday, May 1, from 3-6pm to make May Day Baskets! Drop in as you are able. Since we are making these on May Day, you can immediately deliver them afterwards to someone special's doorstep! Materials provided. No registration required but limited to one per person while supplies last. All ages welcome (under 8 with a helper).

SUMMER

Mark Your Calendars!

Welcome summer 2025 at the Wilson Public Library! Here are some upcoming events with more details to come in our May newsletter and Facebook page:

- May 17 @ 10:30am—Pets On Parade/Munny Park/all ages
- May 23 @ 2pm—Wildlife Encounters/all ages (last day of school for CCS with an early out)
- May 27 from 9am-6pm—Summer Kickoff/Reading Colors Your World Youth Summer Reading Challenge begins
- May 28 @ 3pm—Jeff Quinn's Magic Show/all ages
- May 29 from 9am-3pm—Adventures in Babysitting/ages 11 & up
- June 5 at 1pm—Crane River Theater/all ages
- Every Monday in June from 10-11:30am—Teen Science Café/ages 13 & up
- June 12 & July 10 @ 1:30pm—ARtrageous Book Adventures for those entering K-5th grade (Afterzone kids will meet at a different time)
- July 28-31—Art Camp/1st-8th grade

Which Crayon Will Win?

Vote for your favorite crayon through the month of April! The top 3 winners will be the teams for our Reading Colors Your World Summer Reading Challenge!

WILSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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VOTING

& 2025-2026 PREVIEW

Wednesday, April 9, 4-5:15pm

EVENTS SCHEDULE 2025

STUCK IN THE MIDDLE BOOK CLUB

You can attend all meetings or pick and choose which ones you want to go to. Hope to see you at the next Stuck in the Middle Book Club meeting!

APR. 16

I LOVE YOU, MICHAEL COLLINS

by Lauren Baratz-Logsted

APR. 16

WISHTREE

by Katherine Applegate

We meet at 2:30ish

Thursday, May 29

9am-3pm

ADVENTURES IN BABYSITTING

This one-day program at the Wilson Public Library in Cozad allows youth to become certified in babysitting!

- ✗ The class is perfect for those looking to
- ✗ pursue a summer job as a babysitter or
- ✗ who babysit for families on an occasional basis. This program
- ✗ partners with Nebraska Extension and some topics that will be covered are child development, child safety, nutrition, general care, and the business of babysitting. Students will leave with their own babysitting kit to take with them. **Registration is required and class is limited to 15 persons aged 11 or older.** Lunch provided.

Stop by the front desk to register or call us at

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