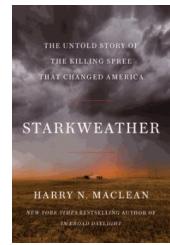


**Meadowlark Book Club:
Starkweather by Harry MacLean**
Ages 14+

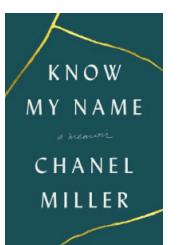


**Writing Society
Ages 14+**

Tuesdays, February 3 & 17 at 6pm



**Books on Tap:
Know My Name by Chanel Miller**
Ages 14+



**Wed., February 4, 7pm
@ The Elk's Club**

The Writing Society meets the first and third Tuesdays each month at 6pm at the library. We meet to encourage writers of all levels and genres, and of course, to write! 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!

**Crafternoon:
Felted Wool Dryer Balls**



Ages 15+

Tuesday, February 17,

4pm



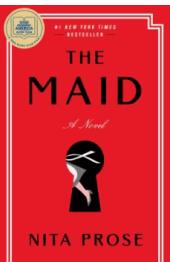
Join us on Tuesday, February 17 at 4pm to make felted wool dryer balls! Please register by Friday, February 13, as registration is limited since materials are provided. For ages 15+.

whether native sovereignty, tribal-based societies, and cultural survival are compatible with American democracy. It is also a story of survival, of despair and fortitude, freedom and patriotism, Christian kindness and bureaucratic evil. And it is a story of hope.

Wilson Public Library encourages all local book clubs to thoughtfully consider adding *I Am a Man: Chief Standing Bear's Journey for Justice* by Joe Starita to their selection lists for 2026. Scheduled discussions and events will be held throughout 2026 in a variety of formats for all interested persons beginning in March with an open book discussion on Monday, March 9, at 10am. A special set of books is currently set aside near the library's circulation desk for those wishing to check out the book now. The book is also available on the Libby app as a downloadable audiobook. Additionally, our website has information regarding events on a special tab, which you can find at www.wilsonpubliclibrary.org.

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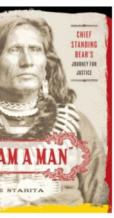
**Kim's Book Club
The Maid by Nita Prose**
Ages 14+



Monday, February 16, 10am

On Monday, February 16, Kim's Book Club discusses *The Maid* by Nita Prose at 10am at the library. We will also hand out our March 16 selection, *The Woman in the Window* by A.J. Finn or the book will be available at the front desk to pick up after.

One Book One Cozad 2026: I Am a Man: Chief Standing Bear's Journey for Justice



In January 2026, *I Am a Man: Chief Standing Bear's Journey for Justice* by Joe Starita launched our 12th One Book One Cozad. This book was previously the 2012 One Book One Nebraska selection as well as the 2010 One Book One Lincoln choice.

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Read A Latte This Winter
Now-March 31



Stop in the library any-time between now and February 15 to pick up a winter reading challenge. Complete at least one bingo from reading either books from Wilson Public Library or through the Libby or Sora app (Sora app is through Cozad Community Schools) by March 31, return your sheet, and be entered for a chance to win \$25 in Cozad Cash-bucks or free drinks or cookies from Scooter's Coffee! For ages 12 and up.

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**Tiny Art Show & Voting
Winners announced March 3**



Stop in starting February 3 to vote on your favorite tiny art pieces in the following age categories: 10-14; 15-18; Adult. "People's Choice" awards will be given in each age category. Entries can be picked up once winners announced. 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 "The Threads That Connect Us."

Community Chat: Team-Mates Mentoring



Wednesday, February 18, at 12pm

Join Jennifer Walls at the library on Wednesday, February 11, at noon at the library to talk about TeamMates Mentoring and how you can help. Check our YouTube channel to watch it if you're unable to make it.

Mango for All Ages



Mango is a free language learning app for those with a Wilson Public Library card. Stop at the front desk to find out more about Mango or getting a library card. With over 70 languages available, there's at least one language you might be interested in learning, whether American Sign Language or English as a Second Language! If you

don't have your own device, we can help you create an account to use on our public computers with headphones to practice the language.

**Free Tax Help: Fridays, February 6 & 20,
March 6 & 20, 10am-1pm**

Due to popular demand, there will be free tax preparations for individuals on Fridays, February 6 & 20 as well as March 6 & 20 (weather dependent), 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. If the walk-in limit has been reached before noon, individuals will be able to do a "drop-off" of their information, which will be returned to the library on Monday, either the 9th or 23rd of each month..

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. A reminder that WPL offers a few free tax forms.

Armchair Travels: Penguins on Parade



Tuesday, February 24, 5:30pm

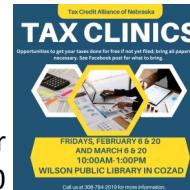
On Tuesday, February 24, at 5:30 pm, join Mary Jane Skala at the library to hear about her recent trip around the coastline of Antarctica. Mary Jane has been to our library before to present about her adventures; she writes for *The Kearney Hub*. She will share photos and answer questions about her 2025 adventure.

Landscape Design with Extension Educator Elizabeth Exstrom



Saturday, February 28, 10am

Have you ever thought about how landscapers create such appealing designs? Join us on Saturday, February 28, at 10am at the library to learn more! Hall County Extension Educator Elizabeth Exstrom will walk us through the principles and elements of design and landscaping design process. This will be a great session to get your dreams for this year's gardens (of all types!) percolating, and a great outing for local gardening clubs or individuals wanting to learn more.



LOVE BIRDS

Scavenger Hunt

Pick up a challenge at the front desk and find all twelve birds in the library. Once found, scan the QR code to hear their sounds and learn some interesting facts!



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COME ENJOY STORY AND CRAFT TIME

For Moms & Kids

LOCAL MOM FRIENDS TO TALK WITH AND LAUGH WITH.

FEBRUARY 12TH
10:30-11:30AM

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Process HeARTs

Monday, February 9
Crafting from 3-5pm
Come as you are able!
All ages & no registration!

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We "heart" our crafts at the library and we know you do, too! Celebrate the month of love by making mixed media hearts with us on Monday, February 9 from 3-5pm (come as you are able). Use them to create a colorful swag or give them as a card to someone you love! All ages! No registration required. Children under 8 with a helper.

Crafternoon: Love Bugs

Thursday, February 12
Crafting is from 3-5pm
Come as you are able!
No registration required.
Ages 10+ only

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POST OFFICE STORYTIME

Fri. Feb. 13 at 11am
Children ages 3-6
with an adult.
No registration required.

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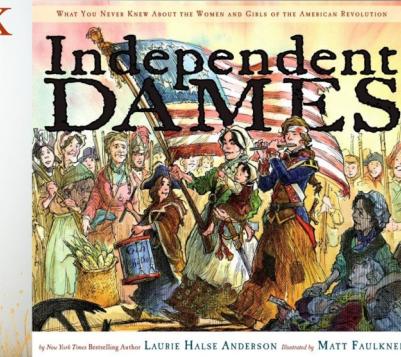
Library Storytime

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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Storybook Walk
the month of
February at Muny Park Walking Trail

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Read the story *Independent Dames* by Laurie Halse Anderson, our February StoryWalk®, while you walk around the Muny Park trail. Start at the green Muny Park sign and head north to read the story as you go along the trail (the pages are in numerical order). The StoryWalk® concept was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and was developed with the help of Rachel Senechal, Kellogg-Hubbard Library.

MOVIE MATINEE

THE SUPER MARIO BROS. MOVIE

Thursday, February 19
Starts at 2:30pm (early out CCS)
Free popcorn!
Children under 8 with a chaperone



Storytime with Sauce

Enjoy a story and meet Sauce, the certified therapy dog! Friday, February 27 at 11am



Join us for this Storytime event featuring Sauce, a certified therapy dog on Friday, February 27, at 11am. Sauce is registered with the Alliance of Therapy Dogs and is handled by Julie Freburg. Sauce loves to meet people of all ages and getting pets from his human friends is the best! He makes a lot of people smile!

The birding programs are part of an UNL biodiversity grant. We thank Central Plains Library System for sponsoring the February 20th class with Humanities Nebraska. This is made possible by the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, the State of Nebraska, and generous individuals, foundations, and businesses across Nebraska.

Bird Is the Word: Feathers and Verses Writing Workshop For 4th Through 8th Grades

Friday, February 20, 1:30pm
Registration required

Hey, 4th-8th graders! Join us February 20 at 1:30pm (no school for Cozad that day) to learn more about biodiversity—this quarter is focused on birds! Register for this free class now until February 19, at <https://forms.gle/T5Kz93V2c73HyrAd6> or scan the QR code below.

This Humanities Nebraska workshop is specifically created to incite the imagination and enhance the writing skills of young people. It combines photographic images and discussion of ten Nebraska birds, their songs, a couple of dances, small photographs of each bird for participants, and coloring-book pictures of the birds with a number of creative writing activities focused primarily on information and ideas emphasized—size, colors, sounds, action, etc. will be focused on. Writing activities emphasize the use of descriptive language and a variety of poetic devices. Students will share their work class and revise their efforts to create vivid images.

Bird Is the Word: Birds, Beaks & Beyond For 4th - 8th Grades

Friday, February 27, 1:15pm
Registration required

We have more birding going on for 4th-8th graders on Friday, February 27, from 1:15-3:15pm. We'll Zoom in with Nature's Educators out of Denver to meet some unique birds. Then, Sarah Fanning, a Dawson County Extension Educator, will lead hands-on activities including getting up close to bird skulls, bird egg and track replicas, parts of different birds, doing a beak study, and make a birdfeeder. Register by Thursday, February 19, at <https://forms.gle/T5Kz93V2c73HyrAd6> or scan the QR code below.

Bird Is the Word.

Humanities Nebraska & Central Plains Library System Presents Bill Clemente: Feathers & Verses Writing Workshop for 4th Through 8th Grades

Friday, February 20, 1:30pm
Registration Required & Limited

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Scan to Register for either or both workshops.