

Read the story *Anywhere Artist* by Nikki Slade Robinson, our May 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.

### Writing Society Ages 14+

**Tuesdays, May 6 and 20 & June 3 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!

### Jeff Quinn Magic Show

**Wednesday, May 28, 3pm**

Award-winning magician, Jeff Quinn will be at the Wilson Public Library on Wednesday, May 28, at 3pm. He presents an incredible interactive magic show that's ideal for both children and adults. This show delivers 100% family-friendly humor and magic, all while promoting reading (of course). Free and open to all ages. No registration required.

**Crane River: The Little Mermaid  
Thursday, June 5, 1pm at Veterans Park**

### Meadowlark Book Club: *The Long March Home* by Tosca Lee and Marcus Brotherton Ages 14+

**Tues. May 6 1pm  
@ Brew'd Awakening**

On Tuesday, May 6, Meadowlark Book Club discusses *The Long March Home* by Tosca Lee and Marcus Brotherton at 1pm at Brew'd Awakening. This happens to be the One Book One Nebraska selection for 2025! We will also hand out our June 3 selection *The Chicken Sisters* by KJ Dell'Antonia. New members are always welcome at any of the book clubs!

### One Book One Cozad Discussion

**Wednesday, May 21, 4:30pm**

While most of us *think* that we know the beloved story, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, written by L. Frank Baum, what many of us truly remember is the story via 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*. Join us in reading this book as our 2025 One Book One Cozad selection! Our next discussion is Wednesday, May 21, at 4:30pm.

**THE LIBRARY  
WILL BE CLOSED  
MONDAY, MAY  
26, FOR  
MEMORIAL DAY**

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



### Books on Tap: *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhorn Ages 14+

**Wed., May 7, 7pm  
@ The Elks Club**

Books on Tap will meet at the Elks Club in May on Wednesday, the 7th, to discuss *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhorn, at 7pm. Come early to enjoy dinner and drinks. We will also have the June 4 selection, *Mary Jane* by Jessica Anya Blau, on hand to give out.

### Crafternoon: Decoupaged Flower Pots & Chip Clip

**Ages 15+  
Tuesday, May 20, 4pm**

Flower-time is upon us! Join us on Tuesday, May 20, at 4pm to create a decoupaged flower pot and chip clip. Please register by Friday, May 16, as there is limited seating. For ages 15+.

### Writing Marathon Ages 14+

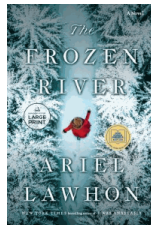
**Saturday, May 24, 3pm  
@The Meridian Tap House**

Love to write? The Writing Society hosts a writing marathon at the Meridian Tap House on Saturday, May 24, from 3-5pm. All genres welcome, come and go as you please, and bring your favorite writing instruments.

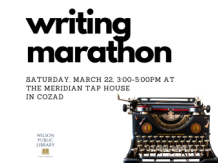
### Armchair Travels: The Nordic Countries

**Thursday, May 29 5:30pm**

On Thursday, May 29, at 5:30pm, join the Joel Carlson family as they share photos and stories from their fall Nordic adventure. Tour Norway, Denmark, and Sweden from a family perspective!



Tuesday, May 20, 4pm  
Register at the library by Friday, May 16.  
For ages 15 and up



Join the Joel Carlson family as they talk about their recent Nordic adventure.



# WILSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

May 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: Meridian Events

**Wednesday, May 14, 12pm**

Join Donna Robb and Tiffany Gailey of Meridian Events on Wednesday, May 14 at noon to talk about their new venture in Cozad and the impact it will make on our community. Check our YouTube channel to watch it if you're unable to make it.

### Community Event at Muny Park

**Saturday, May 17, 9am**

Disc Golf. Volleyball. Pet parade. A special story time. Be on the lookout for more information from the Cozad Chamber about lots of family-friendly events happening at Muny Park on Saturday, May 17, starting at 9am. **The library is having a pet parade on the south part of the walking trail starting at 10:30am.** See inside this newsletter for more information about the pet parade and how to register your small, large, or other pet!

### Wildlife Encounters

**Friday, May 23, 2pm  
TICKETED EVENT at Cozad Wellness Center**

Wildlife Encounters returns to the Cozad Community Wellness Center this year on Friday, May 23 at 2pm as part of our collaboration with a UNL biodiversity project. Sponsored by the Cozad Library Foundation, **tickets for**

### Master the Art of Reading Summer Challenge

**May 1-August 31**

Are you ready to master the art of reading this summer? Do we have a challenge for you! According to a survey by you.gov, in 2023 46% of American adults did not read a single book. A SINGLE BOOK. We know you can do better! But how much? Starting May 1, those entering grade 6 all the way through the age of 100+ can pick up a reading log at the front desk. Read at least 10 books from the library or the Libby or Sora app and hand your sheet in by August 31 to be entered for a variety of prizes. These include Cozad Cashbucks, redeemable like a gift card at Cozad Chamber member's businesses!

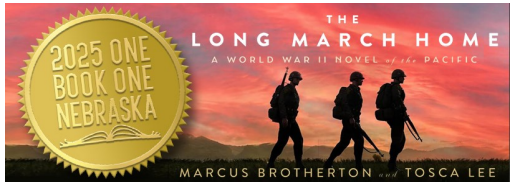
### Community Chat: The 100th Meridian Museum

**Wednesday, May 21, 12pm**

Things are getting so exciting in Cozad that we need two Community Chats this month! Join Mike Marshall from the 100th Meridian Museum on Wednesday, May 21 at noon to talk about what's happening at the museum this summer. Check our YouTube channel to watch it if you're unable to make it.

**this free event may be picked up at the library beginning May 1. You must have a ticket to enter the event this year.**

In this 40-minute program, animal adaptations, history, geography, and cool facts about each animal will be discussed in an exciting, interactive, and educational format. Kids and



### 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, *The Long March Home*, and how co-author Marcus Brotherton and she 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 if you're interested) or buy a book from the author at the event.

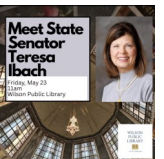
### Senator Ibach at the Library

**Friday, May 23, 11am**

Wilson Public Library hosts our State Senator, Teresa Ibach, for a meet & greet on Friday, May 23, at 11am. The public is encouraged to attend. Senator Ibach will appear at the Lexington Public Library at 1pm on the same day if you are unable to attend in Cozad.

adults will be inspired to pick up a book and read about each of these amazing creatures.

This event is appropriate for pre-K and up. Those under 8 should be accompanied by an adult. The Cozad Community Wellness Center is located at 210 E. 16<sup>th</sup> Street.





# 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).

## Pets on Parade

at Muny Park Walking Trail  
on Saturday, May 17 starting  
at 10:30am sharp! Scan QR  
code to register.





Put your Pets on Parade Saturday, May 17 at 10:30am on the Muny Park Walking Trail. Categories: Large & small dogs, cat, stuffed animal, other large & small animals, and best costume (other large animals need to be able to walk around the walking track, so please consider if a pet is \*too\* large). Prizes will be awarded to winners and costumes are encouraged but not required. This event will start promptly at 10:30am. Register online [OR](#) at Muny Park Walking Trail from 9:30-10:15am. Pet owners are responsible and liable for the actions of their pets.

## A SPECIAL Library Event

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT IN A FUN ENVIRONMENT!

Activities:  
Interactive Book Reading & Fun Craft Project

Wednesday June 4 10am  
@Wilson Public Library




## WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS

Live animals on Friday,  
May 23 from 2-3pm at the  
Community Wellness Center.  
This is a ticketed event. Pick  
up free tickets at the  
Wilson Public Library!




Sponsored by the Cozad Library Foundation through a Biodiversity Grant courtesy of UNL and the National Science Foundation.

We're bringing Wildlife Encounters to the Cozad Community Wellness Center on Friday, May 23, at 2pm (last day of school for CCS with an early out). Join us for an exciting, interactive, and educational program with 6 live animals. Learn about animal adaptations, history, geography, and cool facts about each animal. Participants will explore how animals bring color, life, and diversity to our planet. **This is a ticketed event. Free tickets can be picked up at the Wilson Public Library through May 22.**

## Magician Jeff Quinn

at Wilson Public Library  
Wednesday, May 28  
Starts at 3pm  
Free & open to all ages!



## Crane River Theater

Veterans Park  
Thursday, June 5  
from 1-2pm.  
Free & open to all!



Sponsored by the Wilson Public 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!




## SUMMER KICKOFF

Pop in for a free bag of popcorn  
Tuesday, May 27, from 9-6pm &  
sign up for our summer reading  
challenge & check out our  
summer programs. Enter to win  
\$80 toward an individual or  
family pass to the Cozad  
Swimming Pool!



## READING COLORS Your WORLD.

YOUTH SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Sign up at the front desk starting May 27!  
PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> grade




Brighten your summer with our Reading Colors Your World Summer Reading Challenge! Which team will you be? Red, yellow, green? Pick up a tracker and find out starting May 27 at the front desk. Keep your reading skills vibrant by attending our read-in at the library on Tuesday, June 24, from 1:30-2:30 to earn double your minutes for reading at the library. Turn in your completed tracker by Thursday, July 31, to attend summer swim party celebration on August 3. This challenge is for Pre-K through 5th grade.

## ARTrageous Adventures

The Day the Crayons Quit

June 10 for K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade  
June 13 for 3rd-5<sup>th</sup> grade  
10-11am

Splatter

July 8 for K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade  
July 11 for 3rd-5<sup>th</sup> grade  
10-11am







Each ARTrageous Adventure will have an interactive page to stage version of these two stories. June 10 & 13—discover the many ways to do art with crayons. July 8 & 11—do some color mixing teamwork with the primaries to create some masterpieces. All sessions are from 10-11am (check the right session for your age bracket) Register for one or both colorful adventures. Scan the QR code or call us at 308-784-2019 to register by May 30! *Afterzone kids will attend at different times and will not need to register.*

## LIVING ON THE EDGE

For those entering grades 6-9.  
Registration required by May 23 through QR Code,  
calling 308-784-2019, or at library's front desk.

Summer Science Cafe  
Wilson Public Library  
Mondays in June: 10-11:30am  
Learn more about biodiversity  
with hands-on activities.

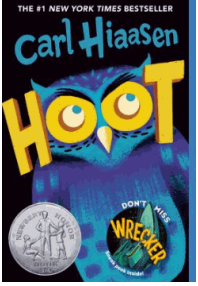
Embrace the call of nature and  
stand as a guardian of biodiversity.  
Join us every Monday in June at the  
library to learn about the richness  
and beauty of life on Earth with  
hands-on activities through our  
Biodiversity Preservation  
Campaign. For those entering 6-9  
grades.

Register by  
May 23!

## Stuck in the Middle Book Club: Hoot by Carl Hiaasen

4th-8th graders  
Wednesday, May 21, 3:30pm

On Wednesday, the Stuck in the Middle Book Club discusses *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen at 3:30pm. We will also hand out our June 18 selection, *Lemons*, by Melissa Savage. New members are always welcome!



## 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  
+308-784-2019