

We Need Your Help: Read A Latte This Winter

December 29-March 31

Did you know that we get rated on a variety of things, one being how many items are checked out? Currently we’re running behind where we were last year. So, we’re having a contest where we both win! Stop in the library anytime between December 29 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 Cashbucks or free drinks or cookies from Scooter’s Coffee! For ages 12 and up.

Books on Tap: *The Memory Keeper’s Daughter* by Kim Edwards Ages 14+

Wed., January 7, 7pm
@ Studio 6 Bistro

Books on Tap will meet at Studio 6 Bistro on Wednesday, January 7, to discuss *The Memory Keeper’s Daughter* by Kim Edwards at 7pm. Come early to enjoy dinner and drinks. We will also have the February 4 selection available, *Know My Name* by Chanel Miller.

Kim’s Book Club *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict Ages 14+

Monday, January 19,
10am

On Monday, January 19, Kim’s Book Club discusses *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict at 10am at the library. We will also hand out our February 16 selection, *The Maid* by Nita Prose or the book will be available at the front desk to pick up after. New members are always welcome at any of the book clubs!



Meadowlark Book Club: *The Whiskey Rebels* by David Liss Ages 14+

Tues. January 6, 1pm @ Brew’d Awakening

On Tuesday, January 6, Meadowlark Book Club discusses *The Whiskey Rebels* by David Liss at 1pm at Brew’d Awakening. We will also hand out our February 3 selection, *Starkweather* by Harry MacLean. New members are always welcome at any of the book clubs!

Crafternoon: Diamond Art Bookmarks Ages 15+ Tuesday, January 20, 4pm

Join us on Tuesday, January 20 to make diamond art bookmarks! Please register by Friday, January 16, as registration is limited since materials are provided. For ages 15+.



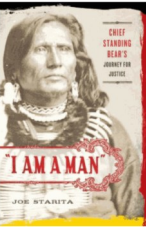
LANGUAGE IS
AN ADVENTURE

One Book One Cozad 2026: *I Am a Man: Chief Standing Bear’s Journey to Justice*

In January 2026, the Wilson Public Library in Cozad, NE, launches our twelfth One Book One Cozad program with the selection of *I Am a Man: Chief Standing Bear’s Journey for Justice* by Joe Starnita. This book was the 2012 One Book One Nebraska selection as well as the 2010 One Book One Lincoln choice.

147 years ago in May, Chief Standing Bear of the Ponca Tribe stood before a judge in Omaha. He successfully used *habeas corpus*, the only liberty included in the original wording of the Constitution, to gain access to that federal court. The Ponca Tribe, farmers and churchgoers who sent their children to school, had been rounded up by the United States government and forcibly moved to a reservation in Oklahoma two years earlier. Many lost their lives, including two of Standing Bear’s children. His son’s dying wish to be buried with his relatives prompted Standing Bear to set off on a 600-mile journey back to Nebraska. Ultimately, he was arrested by General George Crook. Crook, who had orders to send Standing Bear back to Indian Territory, worked behind the scenes to help publicize the case and became an unlikely ally.

Before the book ends, Standing Bear’s long journey home explores fundamental issues of citizenship, constitutional protection, cultural identity, and the nature of democracy—issues that continue to resonate loudly in twenty-first-century America. It is a story that questions 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.



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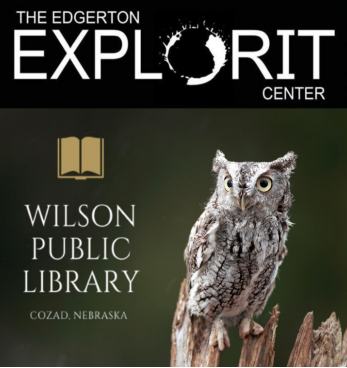
HOURS OF OPERATION:
Monday-Thursday: 9:00AM – 6:00PM
Friday: 9:00AM – 5:00PM
Saturday: 9:00AM-1:00PM
Where to Find Us: 910 Meridian Ave.
Cozad, NE 69130
308-784-2019
www.wilsonpubliclibrary.org

Can You Pass? All month long

In honor of America’s 250th anniversary of independence, we’re challenging our patrons to see how well you would do on a U.S. Citizenship test.

Did you know that as per the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (as of September 2025), there are a possible 125 questions that could be asked as part of the naturalization process? Of those, 20 are chosen to be asked by the examiner. A person must correctly answer at least 12 in English to pass. This is a verbal exam. In a 2018 national study conducted by the Institute for Citizens & Scholars, only 1 in 3 Americans were able to pass the test.

We’re changing it up a little for you! Stop by the front desk all month and ask for a test. We’ll let you write down your answers, but you still have to answer 12 correctly, with no phones or other reference materials.



Armchair Travels: The Applegates in Vietnam

Tuesday, January 6, 5:30pm

On Tuesday, January 6 at 5:30 pm, join Korlynn and Mallory Applegate at the library to hear about their recent trip to Vietnam with a friend of Korlynn’s who was born there. They will share photos and answer questions about their adventure.

Community Chat:

Dawson/Gosper County
CASA

Wednesday, January 14,
12pm

Join us on Wednesday, January 14, at noon at the library to talk about Dawson/Gosper County CASA: Court Appointed Special Advocates with Linda Shaw and volunteers and how you can help. Check our YouTube channel to watch it if you’re unable to make it.

Where Did You Get That?

A Night at the Robert Henri
Art Gallery with Peter Os-
borne

Wednesday, January 21, 6:30pm

Join us at the Robert Henri Art Gallery on Wednesday, January 21, at 6:30pm as Peter Osborne explores the journey of the museum’s collection of paintings, sketches, and prints. Learn the museum’s acquisition process, implementation of loans, and acceptance of donations. Be sure to come to hear the fascinating stories of how many of the works came to Cozad.

Edgerton will be at the library Monday, January 5, at 1pm for their Raptorology program. They will be bringing a Screech Owl, a Bald Eagle and a Swainson’s Hawk! Free & open to all ages.



Tiny Art Show Calling Artists

Pick up canvas starting
Jan. 2

Ages 10-14, 15-18, 19+

Put your huge talent on display by participating in our Tiny Art Show! A tiny art show is a community art showcase of miniature art. Register at the front desk starting January 2, 2026 and pick up a tiny canvas there. Participants will have 4” x 4” to create a mini masterpiece while supplies last.

You must create your piece on the canvas and can use any medium you wish. Content must meet community standards (no hate speech, obscenities, violence, etc.) and this theme to inspire the artwork: *The Threads That Connect Us*.

That is Library of Congress’s theme for America’s 250th birthday and it ties in so well with Cozad’s role as an art community. Let’s see what you can do with it!

Return your mini masterpiece to the library by Saturday, January 31, to be a part of the Tiny Art Show. The exhibit will be displayed through the end of February. “People’s Choice” awards will be given in each age category. Participants may pick up entries in March.



WPL WRITING SOCIETY
January 6, 20 & February 3 @ 6pm
WILSON PUBLIC LIBRARY IN COZAD, NE
A meeting of the minds for aspiring writers to write, to share, and to network.
Meet the 1st & 3d Tuesdays monthly

Crafting Cafe

Friday, December 26
from 1-3pm (come as
you are able).
Ms. Jennie is cleaning
out her craft drawers!
Come see what you
can create. All ages!




at the Library

**Friday, January 2 from 2-3pm! Popcorn
provided and prizes awarded to winners.
Free and open to all ages!**

Movie Matinee




The Bad Guys 2

Monday, December 29
Starts at 2pm
Free popcorn!
Children under 8 with a
chaperone



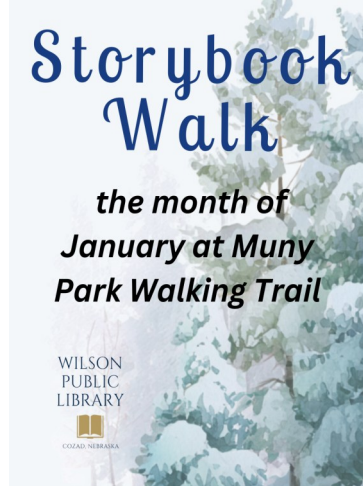
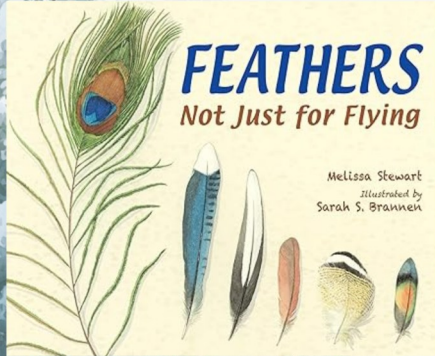
OWL PELLET DISSECTION LAB

Monday, January 5,
2:15pm
for 4th-8th graders

Storybook Walk

the month of
**January at Muny
Park Walking Trail**

Read the story *Feathers: Not Just For Flying* by Melissa Stewart, our January 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.

SNOWMAN CUPS



Wed., January 14
Crafting from 3-5pm.
Come as you are able.
All ages welcome!
Children under 8 with
a helper.

Crafternoon: Photo Frames

Thursday, January 29
Crafting from 3-5pm
Come as you are able
Ages 10+




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!



Coloring & Cocoa

Monday, January 19
from 3-5pm
All ages welcome!



Movie Matinee

Lilo & Stitch

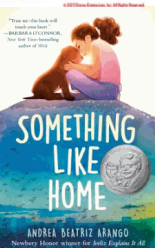
Thursday, January 22
Starts at 4pm
Free popcorn!
Children under 8 with a
chaperone




Stuck in the Middle Book Club: *Something Like Home* by Andres Beatriz Arango 4th-8th graders

Wednesday, January 21, 2:30pm

On Wednesday, January 21, the Stuck in the Middle Book Club discusses *Something Like Home* by Andres Beatriz Arango at 2:30pm since there is an early-out that day for Cozad Community Schools. We will also hand out our February 18 selection, *Medusa* by Katherine Marsh.



THE EDGERTON EXPLORIT CENTER



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LIBRARY
COZAD, NEBRASKA

Edgerton will be at
the library Monday,
January 5, at 1pm
for their
Raptorology
program. They will
be bringing a
Screech Owl, a Bald
Eagle and a
Swainson's Hawk!
Free & open to
all ages.

Everyone is invited to join Edgerton on Monday, January 5, at 1pm for their Science of Raptors Program. This program gives you a rare and unique opportunity to view birds of prey through a true educational experience. The session allows you to get up close with the Center's Screech Owl, Bald Eagle, and Swainson's Hawk. You will learn the fun and fascinating facts of these amazing creatures including identification of raptors, their natural habitat and habits associated with their surroundings.



Little Free Library®

Take a Book. Share a Book.

LOCATED AT FRENCHY'S PARK ON THE NORTH SIDE.

REMIND!

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