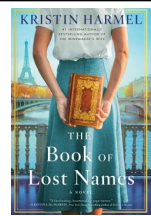


Books on Tap:

The Book of Lost Names by Kristin Harmel
Ages 14+



Wed., May 1, 7pm at the Elk's Lodge

On May 1 at 7pm, the Books on Tap Book Club meets at the Elk's Lodge to discuss *The Book of Lost Names* by Kristin Harmel. Please note the change in location. We'll also hand out our June discussion selection, *The Maid's Diary* by Loreth Anne White. The public is welcome. Feel free to come early and enjoy conversation and dinner!

A Language Learning Summer Challenge May-August Language Bingo



All Ages

Pick up a Mango Bingo sheet at the front desk beginning May 1. You have until August 31 to complete the challenge. Once you turn in your completed sheet, you are eligible to be entered into a drawing for \$25 in Cozad Cashbucks.

Mango is a free language learning app for those with a Wilson Public Library card, which are free with a driver's license and current address. Stop at the front desk to find out more about Mango. With over 70 languages available, you're sure to find at least one language to start learning.

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

Wilson Public Library is closed on Monday, May 27, in honor of Memorial Day. The book drops on the north side of the building are available 24/7/365 and will be checked.

Meadowlark Book Club Next Year in Havana by Chanel Cleeton



Ages 14+

Tues., May 7, 1pm
@Brew'd Awakening

In May, Meadowlark Book Club discusses *Next Year in Havana* by Chanel Cleeton on Tuesday May 7, at 1pm at Brew'd Awakening. We will also hand out our June book, *The 7 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle* by Stuart Turton. New members welcome!

Kim's Book Club

A friendly reminder that Kim's Book Club takes the summer off and will return in August!

Crafternoon Ages 10+

Tuesday, May 21, 4:00pm

They say coloring is good for the soul. Do your soul good and register by Friday, May 17, to join us for an hour of coloring some adventurous designs. For ages 10+.

Crane River Theater Page to Stage: Beauty & the Beast

Veterans Park in Cozad

Thursday, June 6, 1pm

Join us for a tale as old as time on Thursday, June 6, at 1pm at Veterans Park in Cozad. Using nationally-acclaimed actors from Crane River Theater's upcoming production of *Beauty and the Beast*, they quite literally transform the page into a stage in an interactive and engaging hour-long performance. Join Belle, the Beast, Lumiere, Cogsworth, and all your favorite characters as they read, perform, and interact with audience members. Bring your own chairs/blanket for seating. *Veterans Park is located at the corner of 9th and F Streets east of the library. If there is rain, we will move to the library.*

Writing Society

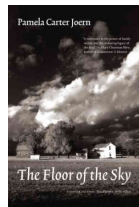
Ages 14+



Tuesdays, May 7 & 21, 6pm

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

One Book One Cozad 2024: The Floor of the Sky



In January, we launched our 10th One Book One Cozad program with the selection of *The Floor of the Sky* by Pamela Carter Joern. Decidedly written in a Willa Cather-esque style, it's a great choice after Cather's own *A Lost Lady* was the 2023 selection. However, instead of the prairies near Red Cloud, *The Floor of the Sky* is a contemporary novel set in the Nebraska Sandhills.

Published in 2006, Joern won several awards for the book: The Nebraska Book Award for Fiction and also the Alex Award from the Young Adult Library Service Association. In early 2023, a sequel, *Toby's Last Resort*, was published.

Planned events such as book discussions are scheduled throughout the year at the library beginning in February. A special set of books is set aside near the library's circulation desk for those wishing to read the book. Additionally, a special tab at www.wilsonpubliclibrary.org has information regarding upcoming events. Wilson Public Library encourages all area book clubs to thoughtfully consider adding *The Floor of the Sky* to their 2024 selection lists.

Edgerton Explorit Center will bring their portable planetarium to WPL on Thursday, May 30, from 1-4pm for an interactive tour of the night sky! See inside for how to register!

Voting is on May 14 from 8am-8pm
Remember your ID!

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Friday: 10:00AM – 5:00PM

Saturday: 10:00AM-1:00PM

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1,000 Hours Outside® Plant a Flower: Rescheduled!

Monday, April 29, 3:45-4:45pm

Rescheduled from March, join Heidi Revelo and her large collection of flower seeds on Monday, April 29, at 3:45 to plant your own flower and spend a little time outside!

1,000 Hours Outside® promotes spending more time in the outdoors and off devices. According to their website, "the entire purpose of 1000 Hours Outside® is to attempt to match nature time with screen time." Haven't signed up yet? Stop at the front desk to do so and get entered to win a book this month!

Becoming an Outdoors Family with Nebraska Game & Parks

All ages-registration required
Limited to 20 persons

Tuesday, May 28, 5:30pm

Christy Christiansen, an Outdoor Education Specialist with Nebraska Game & Parks, will be here on Tuesday, May 28, starting at 5:30pm to talk about becoming an outdoors family. Workshops are open to all types of families. Bring your grandchild, niece or nephew, or big brother or sister!

Participants will learn to make campfire starters, build a fire, and use pie irons to make individual pizzas. Ingredients used will be bread, spreadable margarine, pizza sauce, pepperoni, and shredded mozzarella cheese. There are no food substitutions, so please take your health into account before registering.

Registration is required and this will be

HOW CHOCOLATE TWICE CONQUERED THE AMERICAN CONTINENT: A DELICIOUSLY HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

Saturday, April 27 @ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
at the Wilson Public Library

Speaker: Jose Francisco Garcia

Sponsored by the Cozad Area Chamber of Commerce & Cozad Tourism



Summer Reading Adventure Ages 12+

May 1—August 31

Challenge yourself to read more this summer! Pick up a Book Tracker at the front desk to track your summer reading. Complete at least 8 out of 12 categories and return your Tracker by August 31 to be eligible for a Grand Prize drawing for \$25 in Cozad Cashbucks. Drawing will be held September 1. For those WPL cardholders entering middle school thru age 120.

Choose fiction or nonfiction books you've never read before from the library. There is a category for Middle School-High School and for Adults. No double-dipping, please.

Armchair Travels: It's a Ball Andrea Neill Randecker

Thursday, May 23, 5:30pm

Cozadian Andrea Neill Randecker joins us Thursday, May 23, at 5:30pm for another armchair trip. Andrea and her husband recently returned from Austria, where they took part in the 2024 Ball Season. Don't know what that is? Come find out! Andrea will also talk about other locales they have visited.

limited to 20 persons. You may register by calling 308-784-2019, at <https://forms.gle/6zPwugsCoNnPD9Ae8> or in person at the front desk.

Writing Marathon

Ages 14+

Saturdays, April 27 & May 25,
3-5pm at the Meridian Tap House

Love to write? The Writing Society hosts a writing marathon on Saturday, April 27, from 3-5pm at the Meridian Tap House. In May, there is also a marathon on the 25th, same time, same place! All genres welcome, come and go as you please, and bring your favorite writing instruments.

Community Chats

Jordan Starman & Chamber
Summer events

Wed., May 8, 12pm

The library sets up monthly public "Community Chats" with a special guest talking about what they're involved with in Cozad. In May, Jordan Starman will be visiting about the re-vamp of the Cozad Chamber's golf tournament and the Parking Lot Party. Check our YouTube channel to watch if you're unable to make it.

CASA Coming to Cozad

Come & learn from CASA about the difference you could make one child's life!

When: May 9th
Time: 6:00PM-8:00PM
Where: Wilson Public Library

We will have a panel of various individuals that can shed important light on the CASA program & becoming a volunteer.

Thank you to Meridian Tap House for the donation of food for our event!

For any questions please contact Savannah at 308-324-7364

We can't wait to meet you there!

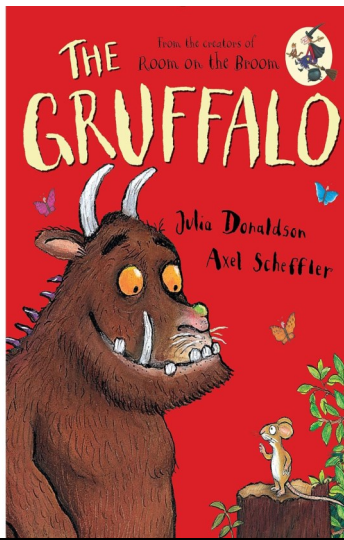
CHANGE A CHILD'S STORY. | CASA FOR CHILDREN

CASA: How You Can Help Thursday, May 9, 6pm

Savannah Peden will lead a panel about what CASA is, what they do, and how you can help! Join us on Thursday, May 9, at 6pm to learn how to change a child's story in Dawson County.

Storybook Walk

at Munny Park Walking Trail starting May 1 & going all month long



Go on a StoryWalk® around the trail at Munny Park, through the month of May, to read the story *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson. 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.

Edgerton Explorit Center

Portable Planetarium

Thursday, May 30
Four Shows: 1:00, 1:45, 2:30 & 3:15
Registration required

Edgerton Explorit Center will bring their portable planetarium to WPL on Thursday, May 30 for an interactive tour of the night sky! This inflatable dome and projection system not only shows you the night sky as it appears from Earth but can travel throughout the Solar System as well. It can even recreate a view of the sky from the Moon and show you the magic of an eclipse. These 30-minute interactive tours will be led by Deb Miller (Educator/Mad Scientist) from the Edgerton Explorit Center. **Four shows will be offered: 1:00, 1:45, 2:30, 3:15, with each capped at 25 people. Registration is required beginning May 1** by calling 308-784-2019 or stopping by the front desk. Registration will close when full. Free and open to all ages. Unfortunately, the planetarium is not wheelchair accessible and participants need to be able to sit on the floor.



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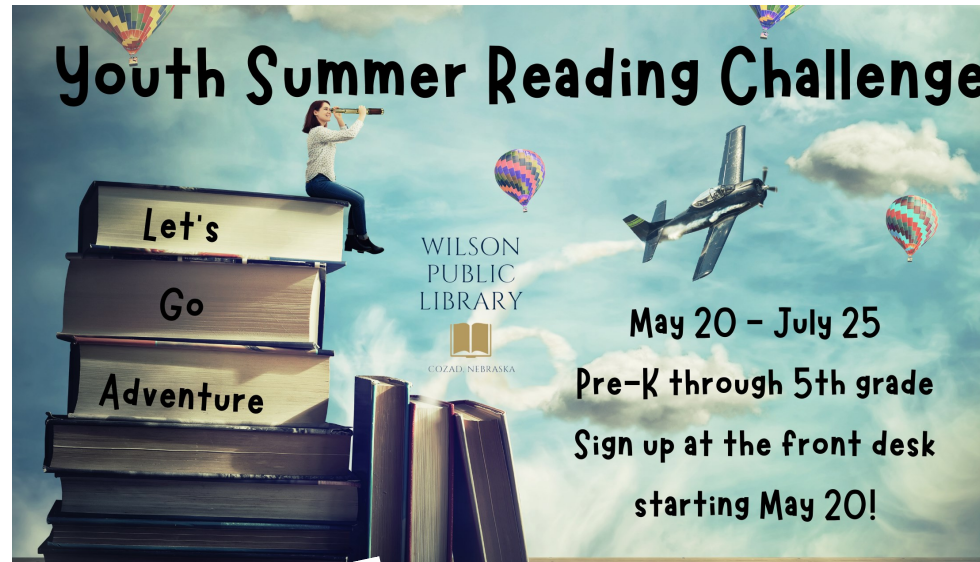
Wednesday, May 1 @ 2:30
Free popcorn!
Children under 8 need to attend with a chaperone.

Upcoming events!

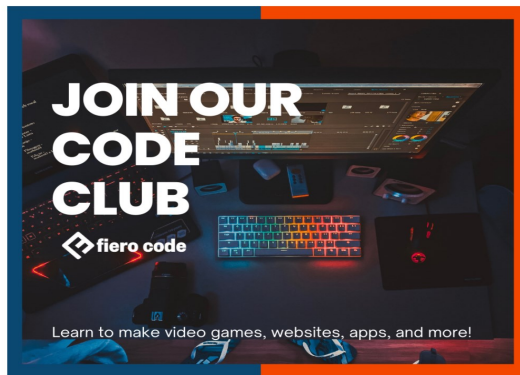
- June 6 at 1:00pm—Crane River Theater Page to Stage: Beauty & the Beast at Veterans Park
- June 18 at 2:30pm—Wildlife Encounters at the Community Wellness Center (live animals)
- July 13 at 10am — Summerween at Veterans Park/all ages
- July 28 from 7-8:30pm—Swim Party for youth summer reading challenge achievers (tentative)



Your summer learning adventure awaits at the Wilson Public Library! Join us as we embark on venturous stories, crafts, and activities throughout the summer. **Those entering Kindergarten through 2nd grade adventures will be Wednesdays: May 22, June 12 and July 10 from 1:30-2:30. Those entering 3rd through 5th grade sessions will be on Thursdays: May 23, June 13 and July 11 from 1:30-2:30. Register for one, some, or all adventures by Monday, May 20.** To register, call us at 308-784-2019, click the link on our Facebook page under the event, or at www.wilsonpubliclibrary.org. If your child is attending summer Afterzone at Cozad Community Schools, they are automatically registered for the June & July adventures. You will need to register them for the May adventure.



Our Youth Summer Reading Challenge begins Monday, May 20 and goes through Thursday, July 25. Stop by the front desk starting May 20 to pick up a reading map. Fill in 1 rectangle for every 20 minutes read and fill in 3 rectangles for every library program attended. Turn in completed map no later than Thursday, July 25 to attend our end of summer swim party on July 28. This challenge is for Pre-K through 5th grade.

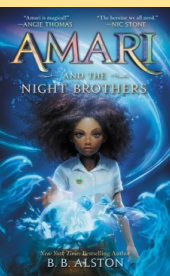


Accepting new members! For grades 4 and up. We meet on the following Tuesdays: May 7, 14, 28, June 4 from 3:45-4:45pm

Before joining us, parents are required to register at <https://goo.gl/forms/HUAQK865e5JKE1Eh1> and fill out permission forms. Permission forms only need to be filled out once per person. Computers are provided, although students may bring their own.

Stuck in the Middle Book Club

Amari and the Night Brothers by B.B. Alston
4th-8th grades



Wednesday, May 15, 2:30pm; pick up books now!

The Stuck in the Middle Book Club will discuss *Amari and the Night Brothers* by B.B. Alston at the library on Wednesday, May 15, at 2:30pm. This book club is for those in 4-8 grades. Books are available now at the front desk! This is our last scheduled book club for the school year. We'll discuss next year's selections at the book club meeting!



Stay up to date on our library programs. Download the free Remind app and enter @deef7a for the class code. Be the first to receive text messages about programs, registration links or schedule changes.



LIBRARY STORYTIME

Join us to play, read a story and do a craft/activity on Fridays from 11:00-11:30am. Primarily for ages 3-6 with an adult. Drop in anytime!

