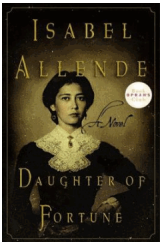


Meadowlark Book Club:
Daughter of Fortune by Isabel Allende
Ages 14+



Tues. December 2, 1pm @
Brew’d Awakening

On Tuesday, December 2, Meadowlark Book Club discusses *Daughter of Fortune* by Isabel Allende at 1pm at Brew’d Awakening. We will also hand out our January 6 selection, *The Whiskey Rebels* by David Liss.

Kim’s Book Club
Winter Garden by Kristin Hannah
Ages 14+



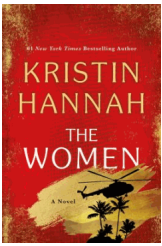
Monday, December 15, 10am

On Monday, December 15, Kim’s Book Club discusses *Winter Garden* by Kristin Hannah at 10am at the library. We will also hand out our January 19 selection, *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict or the book will be available at the front desk to pick up after.

People across Nebraska are encouraged to read the work set in Nebraska—and then talk about it with their friends and neighbors. *The Antidote: A Novel* (Knopf, 2025) by Karen Russell is the 2026 One Book One Nebraska selection.

Karen Russell’s *The Antidote* is a historical fiction novel during the dust bowl, set in a fictional town in rural Nebraska. A haunting Dust Bowl epic blending historical fiction with magical realism, it is set in 1930s Nebraska. The novel follows Antonina Rossi—known as “the Antidote,” a prairie witch who stores memories—and the Oletsky family as they endure the devastation of Black Sunday’s dust storm

Books on Tap:
The Women by Kristin Hannah
Ages 14+



Wed., December 3, 7pm
@ The Frontier Frau

Books on Tap will meet at the Frontier Frau on Wednesday, December 3, to discuss *The Women* by Kristin Hannah at 7pm. Come early to enjoy dinner and drinks. We will also have the January 7 selection, *The Memory Keeper’s Daughter* by Kim Edwards available. New members are always welcome at any of the book clubs!

Crafternoon:
Scrapbook Paper Pinecones
Ages 15+
Tuesday, December 16, 4pm



Join us on Tuesday, December 16, at 4pm to make scrapbook paper pinecones! Please register by Friday, December 12, as registration is limited since materials are provided. For ages 15+.

One Book One Nebraska 2026 Selection

The Antidote by Karen Russell

and the catastrophic flooding of the Republican River. Through interwoven narratives, Russell explores themes of memory, resilience, and survival amid environmental collapse, crafting a lyrical meditation on how communities confront trauma and corruption while clinging to hope.

Writing Society
Ages 14+



Tuesdays, December 2 & 16 & January 6 at 6pm

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!

Stuck in the Middle Book Club: *Home Away from Home* by Cynthia Lord
4th-8th graders



Wednesday, December 17, 2:30pm

On Wednesday, December 17, the Stuck in the Middle Book Club discusses *Home Away from Home* by Cynthia Lord at 2:30pm since there is an early-out that day for Cozad Community Schools. We will also hand out our January 21 selection, *Something Like Home* by Andres Beatriz Arango.

Karen Russell is the author of six books of fiction, including the *New York Times* bestseller *Swamplandia!*. She is a MacArthur Fellow, a Guggenheim Fellow, and a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. She has received the Shirley Jackson Award, the 2023 Bottari Lattes Grinzane Prize, and the 2024 Mary McCarthy Prize. *The Antidote* is a finalist for the National Book Award and a national bestseller. Born and raised in Miami, Florida, she lives in Portland, Oregon, with her husband, son, and daughter.

2026 marks the twenty-second year of the One Book One Nebraska reading program, sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book, Humanities Nebraska, and Nebraska Library Commission.

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www.wilsonpubliclibrary.org

Pony Express Christmas Card Re-Ride
Sat., Dec. 6, 12pm



Wilson Public Library again partners with the Pony Express to “brand” your Christmas cards with their logo. A container is available at the front desk for you to deposit your USPS stamped and addressed cards. Please **have your cards deposited no later than Friday, December 5, at 4:30pm.** The Pony Express will do a riding exhibition leaving Gothenburg Public Library at 10am on **Saturday, December 6** and will arrive in Cozad at approximately noon. The library does close at 1pm that day, but you can park outside and wait for the horses (and riders!) to arrive if they are late.

Angel Tree: All Month

The library again hosts Central Plains Home Health and Hospice’s Angel Tree during December. Honoring those who passed in this year, the tree will be up in the front area for the entire month.

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.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27: CLOSED
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28: CLOSED
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24: CLOSE AT NOON
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25: CLOSED
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31: CLOSE AT NOON
THURSDAY, JANUARY 1: CLOSED

Community Chat: Business Improvement District



Wednesday, December 10, 12pm

Join Mandy Swanson and other members of the Cozad’s Business Improvement District on Wednesday, December 10, at noon at the library to talk about B.I.D.; what it is and what they do. Check our YouTube channel to watch it

A British High Tea with What the Dickens Bakery



Monday, December 15, 5:30pm

We have something exciting brewing for you! In celebration of Jane Austen’s 250th birthday (or the anniversary of the Boston Tea Party—you choose), What the Dickens Bakery from Hastings, NE, joins us on Monday, December 15, for an authentic British High Tea at 5:30pm.

Make it a fun night out with friends, a holiday treat for a special someone, or a date night! Registration is a must at the front desk of the library, with a cost of \$20 per person due at that time. The library will cover remaining costs to the bakery. Registration is through December 11. The event is limited to 30 persons.

High Tea includes two half sandwiches, one savory, one dessert; two sweet bites; and tea, of course, with full crockery.

Armchair Travels:
Where in the World is Beth Bergstrom?



Monday, December 1, 5:30pm

Before the Winter Wonderland Parade on Monday, December 1, join us at the library at 5:30pm to hear Beth (Geiger) Bergstrom talk about a sampling of a recent cruise around South America. Countries will include Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, and traveling around Cape Horn! Beth works in Washington, D.C. and has traveled extensively. You may know Beth’s mother, Val Geiger.

The Cozad Rotary’s Polar Express

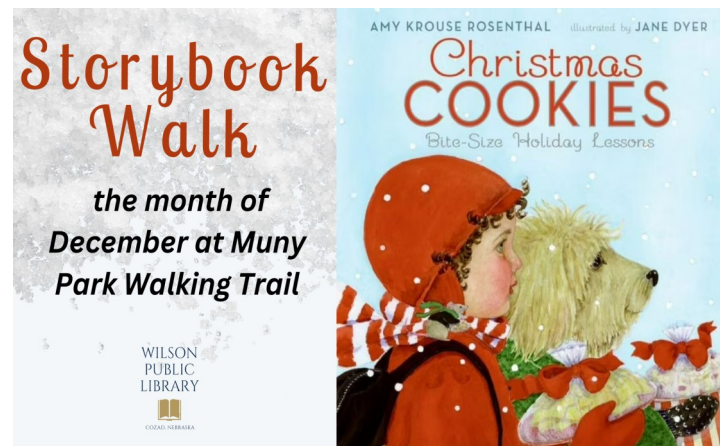


Monday, December 22, 5:30-8:30pm

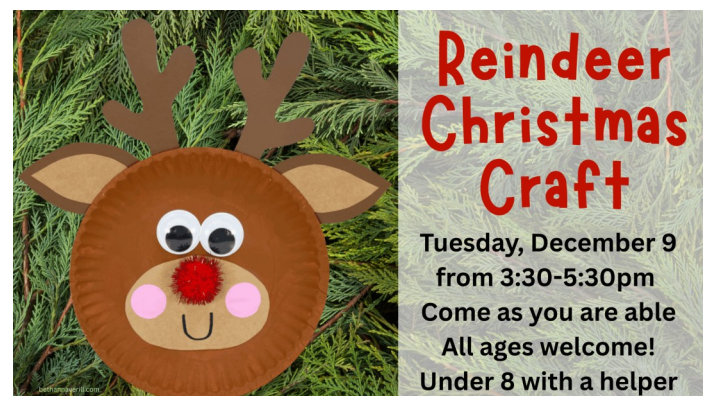
Cozad Rotary’s Polar Express is taking place this year again at the Wilson Public Library on Monday, December 22 from 5:30-8:00, leaving the station every 30 minutes. Tickets are \$8 and are available at the Cozad Chamber and at Berreckman & Bazata Law Office. Watch the Polar Express movie & enjoy snacks while you wait.

Please let us know ahead of time if you have any specific dietary restrictions or if you would like to be seated with someone specific.

What the Dickens is owned by Beth Funkey and Caroline Kemp. Caroline is from Britain and Beth is an Anglophile—lover of all British things.



Read the story *Christmas Cookies: Bite-Size Holiday Lessons* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal, our December 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 Senchal, Kellogg-Hubbard Library.



Do you want to make a homemade gift for someone special (or for yourself)? Join us to make DIY Tile Coasters on Wednesday, December 17 from 2-5pm (come as you are able). All materials provided. This program is for ages 10 & up only and is limited to 12 participants. Registration is required by Monday, December 15 by scanning the QR code above, or on our Facebook page under the event or by calling 308-784-2019.



Make merry and brighten someone's holiday with a homemade card or make those special gifts extra special with handmade gift tags! We offer two time slots to drop-in and craft: **Wednesday, December 3 from 2-5pm and Thursday, December 4, 3:30-5:30pm.** All materials (plus a little inspiration) will be provided. No registration is required. All ages welcome but children under 8 need to attend with a helper.



Join us for a very Lego Christmas Challenge on Monday, December 22 at 1pm. Design a sweet sleigh for Santa, or maybe even the tallest Christmas tree. Lego and snacks will be provided. Children under 8 need to attend with a helper.

Keep checking our Facebook Page for updates on when Santa will be at the library in December!



Stop in **Tuesday, December 23 from 3-5:30** to decorate cookies for Santa or to enjoy for yourself! Materials provided and all ages welcome. **Registration is required by Friday, December 19.** Scan the QR code, go to our Facebook page under the event or give us a call at 308-784-2019 to register.

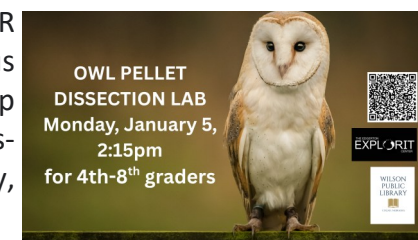


Biodiversity Events Continue in 2026 with Owl Pellet Dissection

The Wilson Public Library's Biodiversity events continue in 2026 with our focus shifting to birds! First up, Edgerton will be here on Monday, January 5, at 1pm (see right). Then, at 2:15, and geared to 4th-8th grade students, we move into a hands-on Owl Pellet Dissection Lab.

The Dissection Lab runs 30 minutes for registered students only and will feature facts about owl pellets, how owls eat and digest food, and how they expel waste. Everyone in the class will be able to dissect some owl poop! It might sound gross, but this is a fan-favorite lab with lots of learning attached.

Class size for the Owl Pellet Dissection Lab is limited, so register early via the QR code to the right, call us at 308-784-2019, or stop at the front desk. Registration closes on Friday, January 2.



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!



BINGO

at the Library

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