

Meadowlark Book Club: *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson
Ages 14+

Tues. August 5, 1pm
@ Brew'd Awakening

On Tuesday, August 5, Meadowlark Book Club discusses *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson at 1pm at Brew'd Awakening. We will also hand out our September 2 selection, *The Women* by Kristin Hannah. New members are always welcome at any of the book clubs!

Kim's Book Club *The River We Remember* by William Kent Krueger
Ages 14+

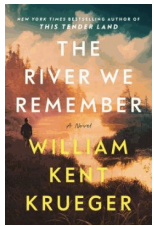
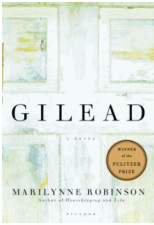
Monday, August 18, 10am

Kim's Book Club is back! On Monday, August 18, Kim's Book Club discusses *The River We Remember* by William Kent Krueger at 10am at the library. We will also hand out our September 15 selection, *Here One Moment* by Liane Moriarty. New members are always welcome at any of the book clubs!

Master the Art of Reading Summer Challenge

Now-August 31

Last call for our adult and teen summer reading challenge of 10 books! 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! Those entering grade 6 all the way to the age of 100+ can pick up a reading log at the front desk. Read 10 books from the library or the Libby/Sora apps and hand your sheet in by August 31 to be entered for a variety of prizes including Cozad Cashbucks, redeemable like a gift card at Chamber member businesses!



Books on Tap: *The Maid* by Nita Prose
Ages 14+

Wed., August 6, 7pm
@ The Meridian Tap House

Books on Tap will meet at the Meridian Tap House on Wednesday, the 6th, to discuss *The Maid* by Nita Prose, at 7pm. Come early to enjoy dinner and drinks. We will also have the September 3 selection, *The American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins, available.

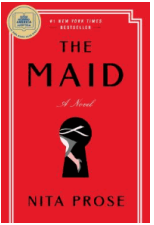
Crafternoon: Gratitude Watercolors
Ages 15+
Tuesday, August 19, 4pm

Join us on Tuesday, August 19, at 4pm to play with watercolors. Use them for place cards, prayer cards, mini art, or whatever! Please register by Friday, August 15, as registration is limited. For ages 15+.



Little Free Library in Cozad

The Cozad Library Foundation recently purchased a Little Free Library and the City of Cozad installed it on the North Side of Frenchy's Park. A Little Free Library provides book access seven days a week, 24 hours a day, and are freely accessible to all. The concept of a Little Free Library is that if you take a book, you leave a book. The library will check and fill with additional donated or discarded library titles as needed. Please help us monitor the little blue library and use it for good. If you notice it is empty or damaged, call the library as soon as possible. Thanks to the Library Foundation and the City of Cozad for making this happen!



Writing Society
Ages 14+

Tuesdays, August 5 & 19 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!



Ready to Make a Mess?

We're winding down our summer theme of Color Your World as well as gearing up to celebrate International Dot Day with a Messtival slated for Saturday, September 13, from 10am-noon at Muny Park's soccer fields! Designed to celebrate art and creativity, Messtival will be a free color explosion for the entire community. All planned activities are hands-on, messy, and joyful!

Our library has been celebrating International Dot Day for almost 15 years. Inspired by the book *The Dot* by Peter H Reynolds, our celebration encourages people to "just make a mark and see where it takes you."

So far, we have several businesses and organizations joining us with Chalk the Walk, balloon art, bubble painting, a foam pit, and more! More details will be published in our September newsletter, but we wanted to give you a heads-up on the craziness we have planned for Cozad!

If you want to get involved, give Laura Rody or Jennie Smith a call at the library at 308-784-2019.



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writing marathon

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 3:00-5:00PM AT THE MERIDIAN TAP HOUSE IN COZAD



Writing Marathon
Ages 14+

Saturday, July 26, 3pm @The Meridian Tap House

Love to write? The Writing Society hosts a writing marathon at the Meridian Tap House on Saturday, July 26, from 3-5pm. All genres welcome, come and go as you please, and bring your favorite writing instruments.

Celebrating 25 Years of the National Book Festival

Wilson Public Library is excited to participate in The Festival Near You, a statewide initiative celebrating the [2025 National Book Festival](#) by bringing Nebraska's *Great Reads from Great Places* children's book to communities throughout the state. This programming complements the 25th Annual National Book Festival in Washington, D.C. taking place this September 6, and offers Nebraskans a chance to engage with literature close to home.

[The Nebraska Center for the Book](#) has selected a children's book to represent the state: *Ted Kooser: More Than a Local Wonder* by Carla Ketner, illustrated by Paula Wallace (University of Nebraska Press, 2023). This beautifully illustrated book introduces young readers to the life of U.S. Poet Laureate and Pulitzer Prize winner Ted Kooser, celebrating his Nebraska roots and the power of storytelling.

Our library hosts author Carla Ketner for a special presentation at the Cozad Elementary School with the 3-5 graders on Thursday, August 28, at 2pm. We also feature this picture book as our August StoryWalk at Muny Park to encourage readers of all ages to enjoy the story outdoors. The StoryWalk is available all month long and is free and open to the public.

The Nebraska Center for the Book coordinates The Festival Near You in partnership with the Library of Congress, offering Nebraskans a chance to connect with the National Book Festival through local events that reflect the state's unique literary culture. For more information about the National Book Festival and Nebraska's statewide programming, visit the Nebraska Center for the Book's official webpage at centerforthebook.nebraska.gov/programs/nationalbookfestival.html



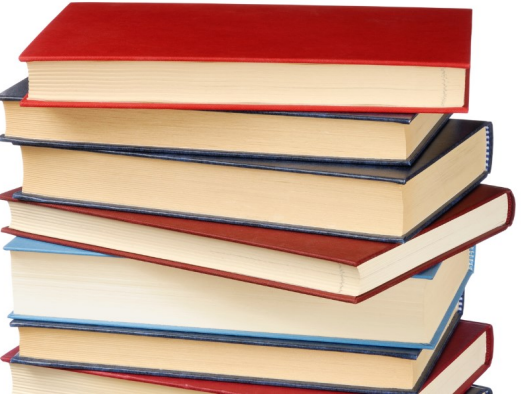
BOOK SALE
2025

Looking for your next favorite book? Come to the Cozad Library Foundation's annual book sale! Our event will feature hundreds of books for all ages and interests. Free will donation.

August 4-15, 2025

Wilson Public Library
910 Meridian Ave., Cozad

9am-5pm M-F,
til 1 on Saturday



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:
Paw Prints of Dawson County

Wednesday, August 20, 12pm

It's the Dog Days of Summer this August! Join Deb Leahy and other members of Paw Prints of Dawson County on Wednesday, August 20, at noon at the library to talk about what this important organization does and how you can help. They'll also talk about the Cat Cleanup Project—what it really is all about. Check our YouTube channel to watch it if you're unable to make it.



Armchair Travels: Australia, New Zealand, and the Women's World Cup

Tuesday, August 26, 5:30pm

On Tuesday, August 26, at 5:30 pm, join Roxanne Converse-Whiting at the library to hear about her 2023 trip to Australia and New Zealand, where she attended the Women's World Cup Tournament. Roxanne will share photos and answer questions about her adventure. You may know Roxanne from reading her weekly columns in the Cozad Local, so mark it on your calendar now.



Did you know we have cakepans to check out? We recently received a large donation of them and have upgraded the ones we have. Stop in and check them out!

OUTDOOR MOVIE

THURSDAY, JULY 24,
AT SUNDOWN

NORTH OF THE BUS
BARN ON THE EAST SIDE
OF THE COZAD MIDDLE
SCHOOL.
FREE! BRING YOUR OWN
SEATS & SNACKS.

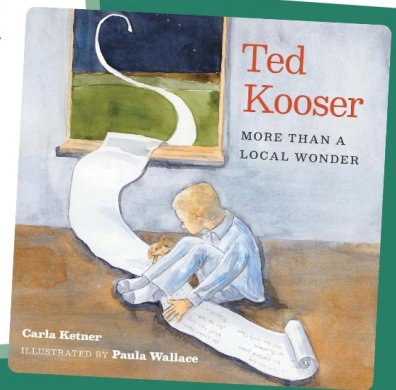


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THE FESTIVAL NEAR YOU! BOOK WALK

the month
of August
at Muny
Park
Walking
Trail



Read the story *Ted Kooser: More than a Local Wonder* by Carla Ketner, our August 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. Our August StoryWalk® is *Ted Kooser: More than a Local Wonder* by Carla Ketner, which is the 2025 Nebraska selection for the National Book Festival happening this fall.



YOUTH SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Turn in your completed tracker by Thursday, July 31, to attend our summer swim party celebration on August 3 from 7-8:30pm and enjoy a sweet treat afterwards! Kids will also receive FREE admission to any one day at the Nebraska State Fair and a prize packet while there! This challenge is for Pre-K through 5th grade.



DOG MAN MOVIE PARTY

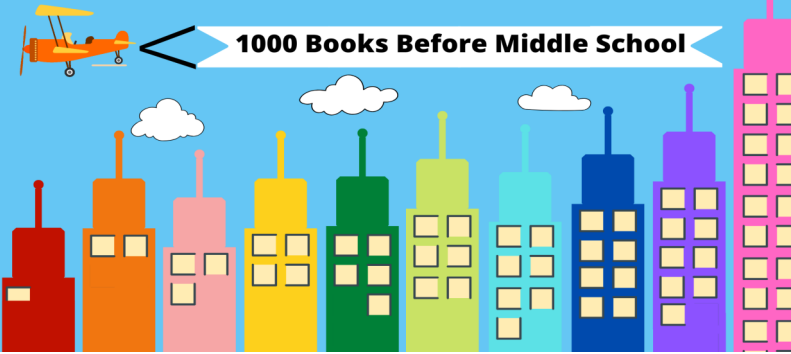
Thursday, August 21
Starts at 4pm
Free popcorn!

Children under 8 with a chaperone



The dog days of summer call for a movie party on Thursday, August 21 at 4pm! Watch the movie, enjoy Dog Man-related activities, and do a scavenger hunt to find all the Dog Man characters. Free popcorn! Children under 8 with a chaperone, please.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten



HAVE YOU SIGNED UP YET?

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Reading is one of the best ways to prepare your child for success at school and life. Register your child for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten at the front desk. The program is free and you will receive a special book bag with registration. Your child will have their picture posted on social media, with your permission, after every 100 books read. Once they reach 1000 and enter kindergarten, they will receive a certificate of completion and recognition.

1000 Books Before Middle School

This challenge is for those who have completed the kindergarten challenge or are already in elementary and want to be challenged. Sign up at the front desk OR with Mrs. Arnold at the Cozad Elementary School.

1000 Books Before Graduation

We dare you. If you're interested in this, talk to our Director at 308-784-2019! There's a college scholarship on the line if you complete this challenge prior to graduation from high school.

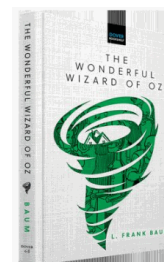
Need a new sheet? Feel free to print off one from the homepage of our website at wilsonpubliclibrary.org, or make your own!

Stuck in the Middle Book Club: *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum

4th-8th graders

Wednesday, August 20, 3:30pm

On Wednesday, August 20, the Stuck in the Middle Book Club discusses *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum at 3:30pm since there is no early-out that day for Cozad Community Schools. We will also hand out our September 17 selection, *The Mona Lisa Vanishes* by Nicholas Day. New members always welcome!



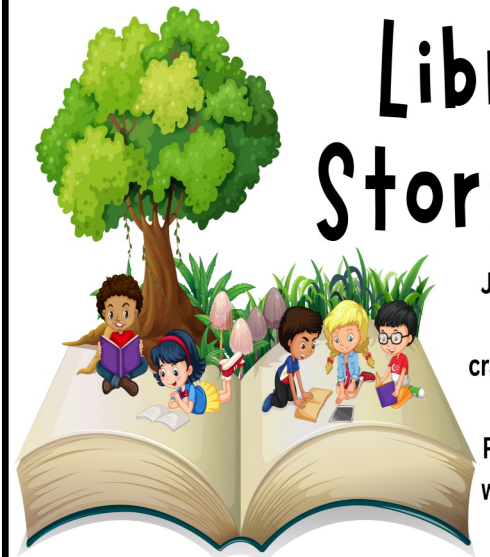
DOG MAN

CHARACTER SCAVENGER HUNT

August 1-29
Pick up a challenge at
the front desk.
Complete for a treat!



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!

Mark Your Calendars:



Coming September 13 from 10am-12pm

THE FESTIVAL NEAR YOU!

AUTHOR
Carla Ketner

Presenting to 3rd-5th
graders at Cozad Elementary
School Thursday, August 28, 2pm

