

Books on Tap:
The First Ladies by
Marie Benedict
Ages 14+

Wed., October 1, 7pm
@ The Elks Club

Books on Tap will meet at the Elk’s Club on Wednesday, October 1, to discuss *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict and to select books for 2026 at 7pm. Come early to enjoy dinner and drinks. We will also have the November 5 selection, *The Huntress* by Kate Quinn, available. New members are always welcome at any of the book clubs!



UPCOMING BOOK DISCUSSIONS

STUCK IN THE MIDDLE BOOK CLUB

2025-26

SEPT. 17

THE MONA LISA VANISHES

by Nicholas Day

THE FIREFLY SUMMER

by Morgan Matson ***MEET AT 3:30!

OCT. 15

THE PROBABILITY OF EVERYTHING

by Sarah Everett

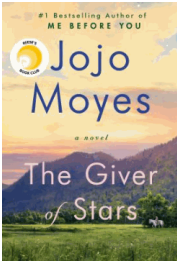
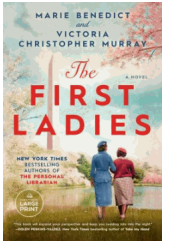
Can't find a good book??? Join Stuck in the Middle Book Club and get stuck with good friends! Friends! Books! & Conversations!

For 4-8th graders. Talk to your parents about joining, get the book from the front desk at the library, read away and then show up on the dates listed at 2:30pm unless otherwise noted!

Kim’s Book Club
The Giver of Stars
by Jojo Moyes
Ages 14+

Monday, October 20,
10am

On Monday, October 20, Kim’s Book Club discusses *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes at 10am at the library. We will also hand out our November 17 selection, *The Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline or the book will be available at the front desk to pick up after.



Meadowlark Book Club:
The River We Remember
William Kent Krueger
Ages 14+

Tues. October 7, 1pm @ Brew’d Awakening

On Tuesday, October 7, Meadowlark Book Club discusses *The River We Remember* by William Kent Krueger at 1pm at Brew’d Awakening. We will also be choosing our selections for 2026! Our November 4 selection, *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn will be available to pick up at the meeting.

Stuck in the Middle Book Club:
The Firefly Summer
by Morgan Matson
4th-8th graders

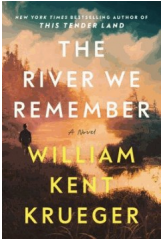
Wednesday, October 15, 3:30pm

On Wednesday, October 15, the Stuck in the Middle Book Club discusses *The Firefly Summer* by Morgan Matson at 3:30pm since there is no early-out that day for Cozad Community Schools. We will also hand out our November 19 selection, *The Probability of Everything* by Sarah Everett.

Crafternoon:
Scrapbook Paper Pumpkins

Ages 15+
Tuesday, October 21, 4pm

Join us on Tuesday, October 21 at 4pm to make scrapbook paper pumpkins! Please register by Friday, October 17, as registration is limited since materials are provided. For ages 15+.



Writing Society
Ages 14+

Tuesdays, October 7 & 21 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!

Crawl to a Library Near You!

Twenty-four libraries across the central part of Nebraska are participating in the first ever Library Fall Crawl from Tuesday, September 2 through Sunday, November 30. Wilson Public Library is on the list!

The Crawl is designed to encourage residents of central Nebraska to visit, attend programming, and explore libraries spanning 31 counties and 22 cities in the Central Plains Library System. Passports are available at our library beginning September 2.

Participants who visit a minimum of 5 libraries on the list and get the stickers will be eligible to win 1 of 3 prize baskets, including the newest Amazon Kindle model!



Trick or Treat at the Library:
Friday, October 31, 9am-5pm



WILSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

OCTOBER 2025 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:
Cattleman’s Ball

Wednesday, October 8, 12pm

Join Linda Benjamin and other members of the Cozad’s Cattleman’s Ball Committee on Wednesday, October 8, at noon at the library to talk about the Nebraska Cattleman’s Ball, which is coming to Cozad in 2026 and how you can help. Check our YouTube channel to watch it if you’re unable to make it.

Star Party Re-scheduled

Friday, October 24, 6:30pm

Let’s try this one more time. We have rescheduled our postponed September Star Party from last month to Friday, October 24. Come and grab a glow-in-the-dark necklace at the west gate around 6:30pm at the Cozad High School football field, then use the track to walk to the north end where the Platte Valley Astronomical Observers, a group of amateur astronomers, will be from dusk until 10pm with their large telescopes.

Bring your own telescopes or binoculars, or bring a device with a free stargazing app downloaded. The amateur astronomers will be glad to help you with any device and point out interesting objects in the sky, from planets to nebulae to a number of constellations. In case of inclement weather, check the library’s Facebook page.



THE LIBRARY
WILL BE CLOSED
ON MONDAY,
OCTOBER 13 FOR
FALL CLEANING.

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

THE LIBRARY
WILL BE CLOSED
ON WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 22 FOR
STAFF TRAINING.

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

Community Chat:
Medicare

Friday, October 17, 12pm

Let’s discuss Medicare! Dranoel Fleharty and Miranda Pickinpaugh with Cozad Community Health System will be here to chat on Friday, October 17, at noon at the library. Check our YouTube channel to watch it if you’re unable to make it.

Armchair Travels:
The Trusdales
Abroad

Tuesday, October 21, 5:30pm

On Tuesday, October 21, at 5:30 pm, join Scott and Roz Trusdale at the library to hear about their recent trip to Ireland. They will share photos and answer questions about their adventure.

Daughters of the American Revolution
Art Contests:
Celebrating 250 Years of Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness:
Happy Birthday, America! 1776-2026

Monday, October 20, 9:30-11:30am

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution created the Junior American Citizens (JAC) Committee to promote good citizenship and appreciation of American heritage and history among every school-age child in the United States. The Bonneville Chapter of DAR in Lexington would love for Dawson County kids to get involved, so we’re having a special “create” day at the library on Monday, October 20, from 9:30-11:30am for kids grades 1-12 to create a



Banned Books Week
October 6-11

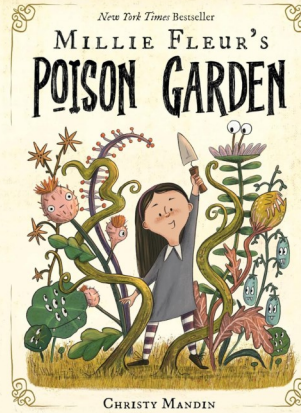
The American Library Association and Banned Books Week Coalition are pleased to announce the theme for Banned Books Week 2025: “Censorship Is So 1984. Read for Your Rights.” Banned Books Week will take place October 6 – 11. Current efforts to ban books and information held in schools, libraries, archives, and bookstores are a truth close to fiction– namely, the depiction of extreme censorship by an oppressive regime in George Orwell’s cautionary and prescient tale *1984*. The Banned Books Week 2025 theme reminds us that the right to read belongs to all of us, that censorship has no place in contemporary society, and that we must defend our rights.

poster, stamp design, photo essay, banner, digital art, poem, short story, graphic novel/comic, or a community service project. All projects to be judged must be completed and returned to the library along with a JAC Entry Form by Friday, November 21, at noon. For more information, please talk to the director, Laurie Yocom.



Storybook Walk

the month of October at Muny Park Walking Trail



Read the story *Millie Fleur's Poison Garden* by Christy Mandin, our October 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.

- Categories for all ages
- Submission drop-off October 1 –16
- Voting is October 20–27 (online or in person)
- Prizes for winners
- No carved or poked pumpkins




BOOK CHARACTER PUMPKIN DECORATING

CONTEST RULES

1. Your entry must be a pumpkin or gourd decorated as a book character, but the rest of your decorations (paint, glue, fabric, etc.) are up to your imagination.
 2. No carved pumpkins. Pumpkins that have been carved , poked or hollowed out will not be accepted.
 3. Submission **drop-off is October 1-16.**
 4. All submissions **must be in by 6pm on October 16.**
- All submissions will be on **display from October 20-27 for public viewing and voting.** Winners receive Cozad Cashbucks. Categories for prizes are: 0-PreK, K-2nd, 3rd -5th, 6th-12th, adult, plus an additional grand prize winner. **Winners will be announced on October 28. Please have your pumpkin picked up by October 31.**



CEMETERRARIUMS



Wednesday, October 1
from 2-5pm
Come as you are able!
Registration required.
Limited to 15 participants.
Ages 10+ only
Scan to register or call
308-784-2019





Five Little Pumpkins Scavenger Hunt

Through the month of October, pick up a challenge at the front desk. Complete for a treat!




Lego Brick-or-Treat Challenge

Friday, October 3 at 1:30pm
No school for CCS
Legos and snacks provided.



Join us for a Lego Brick-or-Treat Challenge on Friday, October 3 at 1:30pm (no school for CCS). Design a spooky house, corn maze or maybe even a monster! Legos and snacks will be provided. Children under 8 need to attend with a helper.



Egg Carton Crafts

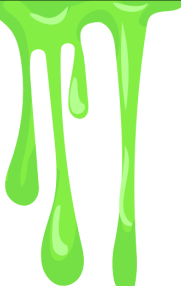
Tuesday, October 7
from 3-6pm
Come as you are able.
All ages welcome.
No registration required.
Children under 8 with a helper.

MOVIE MATINEE

Thursday, October 23
Starts at 4pm
Free popcorn!
Children under 8 with a chaperone



THE EDGERTON EXPLORIT CENTER



SLIME LAB

Tuesday, October 28 at 4pm. Mixing, measuring, and following instructions are foundational parts of chemistry. Students can start to learn these skills (and have some ‘gross’ fun) by making slime. Kindergarten & up.



Glitter Blood Lab

Tuesday, October 28 at 5pm. Blood, our bodies’ life force is a very interesting fluid. In this lab, we will dissect and discuss the different parts and kinds of blood. For those who are squeamish, no real blood will be spilled in the making of this lab, we will use glitter instead. 3rd grade and up.



Registration required by Friday, October 24. Scan QR code or call 308-784-2019 to register.



We’re all a little batty.

The library is a zoo.
A Biodiversity Event for 4th-8th graders



Monday, October 20
1-4pm



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!

Friday, October 24 @ 11am - Sheltering Hands will be here to read a story and paint purple pumpkins afterwards.

Friday, October 31 @ 11am - Wear your costume for a not so spooky storytime and enjoy a treat afterwards.



Spook Night

Downtown Cozad Monday, October 27

Pick up treat bags from sponsor Cozad Chamber of Commerce (121 W 9th Street) and stop by the Wilson Public Library from 5-7pm for a treat!



STOP BY IN YOUR HALLOWEEN COSTUME OCTOBER 31, FROM 9-5PM FOR A TREAT AT THE FRONT DESK!

Biodiversity Events Continue This Fall

The Wilson Public Library’s Biodiversity events continue with Life Is a Zoo: We're all a little batty. Geared to 4th-8th grade students, this session will happen on Monday, October 20 from 1-4pm (Cozad does not have school that day). There will be a variety of hands-on activities centered around biodiversity, including a zoom-in from the Henry Doorly Zoo! There's no cost, and snacks will be served halfway through the event.

In collaboration with a UNL Biodiversity Grant, Sarah Fanning, a Dawson County Extension Educator, leads the classes. Sarah is a botanist, has worked as a paleontologist, park ranger, and a middle school science teacher. Class size is limited, so register early via the QR code to the left, call us at 308-784-2019, or stop at the front desk. Registration closes on Wednesday, October 15.