

TEEN Crafternoon: Diamond Art Bookmarks

Tuesday, July 28, 4pm

For ages 13-18 only, we are hosting a special crafternoon just for you on Tuesday, July 28, at 4pm. Register by Friday, July 24, as there are a limited number of Diamond Art Bookmarks to make.

Books on Tap: None of This Is True by Lisa Jewell

Wednesday, August 5 7pm at El Paraiso

Books on Tap meets on Wednesday, August 5, at 7pm to discuss None of This Is True by Lisa Jewell at El Paraiso. Come early to enjoy dinner and drinks. We will also have the September 2 selection, A Calamity of Souls by David Baldacci, available to pick up.

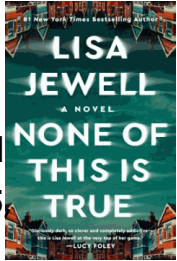
The Cozad Library Foundation: Who They Are and What They Do

We are so grateful to the Cozad Library Foundation for upgrading our screen in the conference room this summer. The Foundation also upgraded the entire room last year with a sound system and a new projector system.

Thanks, too, to the Cozad Library Foundation for providing charcuterie snacks from The Meridian Tap House for the recent public unveiling of our S.W.A.N. (Sculpture Walk Across Nebraska) sculpture Feather. It was delicious!

The Cozad Library Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization and donations from people like you help the Foundation make the Wilson Public Library better.

Current Cozad Library Foundation members include president Claire Bazata, vice president Patty Wolfe, treasurer Julie Linn, Erika Hanna, Dr. Jim Acker, Blanca Hernandez, Jann Kloepping, Kevin Gilbert, and Mike Marshall.



Interested in Writing?



WPL Writing Society

MEETS THE 1ST & 3RD TUESDAY EACH MONTH AT 6PM

August Meetings: August 4 & 18 at 6pm

Kim's Book Club: Theo of Golden by Allen Levi

Monday, August 17, 10am

Kim's Book Club returns to the library on Monday, August 17, at 10am. Theo of Golden, by Allen Levi, is the August 17 selection and the September selection, West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge, will be available to pick up. New members are always welcome!

2026 National Book Festival

The 2026 National Book Festival will be held in the nation's capital at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center on Saturday, August 22, 2026, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. (doors open at 8:30 a.m.). The event is free and open to the public, although tickets are required. A selection of programs will be livestreamed online, and videos of all programs will be available shortly after the festival. To find out more (the list of authors who will be attending is great!), check out their website at loc.gov/bookfest.

It's Time to Go



Meadowlark Book Club: The American Heiress by Daisy Goodwin

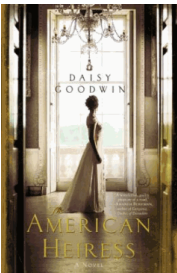
Tuesday, August 4, 1pm at Brew'd Awakening

On Tuesday, August 4, Meadowlark Book Club discusses The American Heiress by Daisy Goodwin at 1pm at Brew'd Awakening. Our September 1 selection, The Ship of Brides by Jojo Moyes, will be available to pick up at the meeting. New members are always welcome.

Crafternoon: Mandala Pumpkins

Tuesday, August 18, 4pm

We're gearing up for fall with our craft this month! Join us on Tuesday, August 18, at 4pm to make mandala pumpkins. Please register by Friday, August 14, as registration is limited since materials are provided. For ages 15+.



THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, FOR HAY DAYS.

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

Stay Up to Date with Library Happenings: Sign Up for Remind

We use the Remind app to keep parents updated on our Youth Programming. If you would like to receive messages from us via Remind, download the Remind app for free and enter @deef7a for the class code. The app is free in the App Stores (Google or Apple).

WILSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

AUGUST 2026

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: Catching Up with Library Director Laurie Yocom

Wednesday, August 12, 12pm

Laurie Yocom, the Director of the Wilson Public Library, will be here on Wednesday, August 12, at noon to chat with us about all things library! From getting the word out about what the library does to talking about the library's upcoming accreditation process and listening to what you might like the library to offer, plan to stop in to find out things you didn't know about our library! This will be recorded and put on our YouTube channel if you are unable to attend.



Armchair Travels: European Road Trips

Tuesday, August 18, 5:30pm

New CHS Biology teacher Isela Horwart will be here on Tuesday, August 18, at 5:30pm to talk about all of the European road trips she went on while studying abroad in Barcelona. The lineup is quite remarkable: Morocco, Amsterdam, Rome, Paris, Budapest...come hear more about her sojourns!. Join us Tuesday, August 18, at 5:30pm to find out more.



As we enter the dog days of summer, a gentle reminder not to leave books or dvds in cars. The hot temperatures can melt binding glue which causes books to fall apart and can also warp dvds.



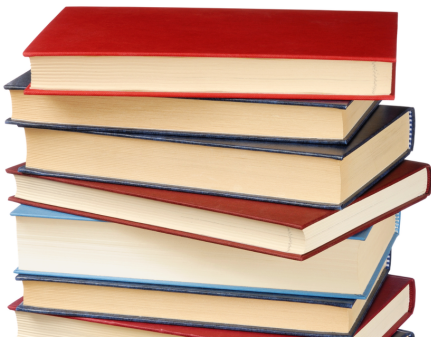
BOOK SALE 2026

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.

July 27-August 7, 2026

Wilson Public Library
910 Meridian Ave., Cozad

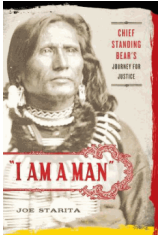
9am-5pm M-F,
til 1 on Saturday



One Book One Cozad: Special Viewing

Thursday, August 13, 5:30pm

Have you read our 2026 One Book One Cozad selection yet? Join us on Thursday, August 13, at 5:30pm to view Standing Bear's Footsteps. Created by NET Television, the documentary lasts about an hour.



Harvesting Summer Reading Challenges

Now - August 31

Last call for our adult and teen summer reading challenge of 10 books as well as our biodiversity challenge! Haven't started yet? Read 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!



Star Party For All Ages

Friday, August 7, 8:30pm

Wilson Public Library in Cozad again sponsors a Star Party, this year on Friday, August 7. Grab a glow-in-the-dark necklace at the west gate around 8:30pm at the Cozad High School football field, then use the track to walk to the north end where the Platte Valley Astronomical Observers will be (weather permitting) from dusk until at least 10pm with their large telescopes. Bring your own binoculars or telescopes, 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.



Wings: A Temporary Community Art Installation

Now Through August 14

Have you been to our Art Garden to check out Feather, our selection for the 2026-2027 Sculpture Walk Across Nebraska (S.W.A.N.)? Once you do, be sure to come inside, cool off, and check out our temporary art installation created by members of the Cozad community! Located in the windows in the young adult section, this colorful paper and paint display of created feathers makes a fantastic backdrop for photos.

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, FOR LABOR DAY.

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

Movie at the Fox Theater

Thursday, August 6 at 1pm
For youth summer reading achievers only!

Turn in your completed reading trackers no later than **August 3 to attend the Movie at the Fox Theater on Thursday, August 6, at 1pm.** Summer Reading Participants will receive a free kids pack (small drink, popcorn, & candy of choice) along with free admission. Children under 8 need to attend with a chaperone. If you are unable to attend the movie, stop by the front desk after August 6 and get an individual free movie pass to go when it's convenient for you. Pick up your pass by August 31. Winners will be announced for the 12 prize packs at the Fox Theater before the movie begins. We will also announce winners on our Facebook page. We will be showing the Super Mario Galaxy movie!

STORYBOOK WALK

the month of August
at Muny Park Walking Trail

Read the story The Tumbleweed Came Back by Carmela LaVigna Coyle, our August StoryWalk®. 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.

Sora

The student reading app

Read for Free with the Sora App

Cozad Community School System students have access to the Sora app to download and listen to audiobooks or read e-books on any device for free. This is an easy way for kids to access books since it is through the school.

Once signed up for a Sora account (only school email address and password are needed), they also have an opportunity to add Wilson Public Library's Nebraska Overdrive Libraries, which opens up even more reading opportunities without actually needing one of our library cards.

There are never any fines with Overdrive or Sora. Check at the front desk or with your teacher to learn more.

Button Making

Tuesday, August 11 from 3:00-5:00pm. Free and open to all ages. Come as you are able! No registration required.

Let's make some buttons on **Tuesday, August 11 from 3:00-5:00pm (come as you are able).** We will have 2 button makers here: the regular 2.25" button and the mini 1.5" button. Make pin back buttons, magnets, zipper pulls, mirrors and bookmarks (just in time for back to school)! We will have a variety of materials available for you to create the outside of your button or bring your own materials. Limited to 3 items per button size/person. Free and open to all. Children under 8 need to attend with an adult.

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.

REMEMBER TO TURN IN SUMMER READING CHALLENGES

Plant a Seed Read Challenge
for pre-K through 5th grade:
by August 3

Biodiversity Challenge
for grades 6 & up:
by August 31

Reading Takes Root Challenge
for grades 6 & up:
by August 31

Kids Crafternoon

Tuesday, August 25
Crafting from 3-5pm
Come as you are able
All ages welcome!

Join us to make bubble wrap painted apples Tuesday, August 25! Crafting is from 3-5pm (come as you are able). No registration required. All ages welcome with children under 8 with a helper.

LIBRARY STORYTIME

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

CATCH THE CRAYONS

Back to School Scavenger Hunt

Pick up a challenge at the front desk and find all 12 crayons for a treat!
Starts August 3 going all month long.

thebestideasforkids.com

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Join Second Lady Usha Vance in her 2026 Summer Reading Challenge and turn summer into an adventure between the pages of a book. Kids in grades K–8 can explore new worlds, discover favorite authors, and build a lifelong love of reading—together with families, schools, and libraries nationwide.

Scan the QR code to join the fun and get this year's free resources and reading log!

Wilson Public Library is teaming up with Second Lady Usha Vance's Summer Reading Challenge!
Kids in grades K–8 are encouraged to read 12 books this summer and grow their love of learning. 🌻📖

Here's how to join:
Download the tracker through the QR code listed above
Read 12 books
Email the completed tracker to www.whitehouse.gov/read/submit by September 4