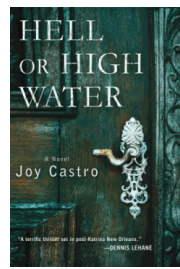


WILSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

APRIL 2026 EDITION

Meadowlark Book Club Discusses: *Hell or High Water* by Joy Castro

Ages 14+
Tues. April 7, 1pm @ Brew'd Awakening



On Tuesday, April 7, Meadowlark Book Club discusses *Hell or High Water* by Joy Castro at 1pm at Brew'd Awakening. Our May 5 selection, *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh, will be available to pick up at the meeting. New members are always welcome at any of the book clubs!

Kim's Book Club: *Things Don't Break on Their Own* by Sarah Easter Collins

Ages 14+

Monday, April 20, 10am

On Monday, April 20, Kim's Book Club discusses *Things Don't Break on Their Own* by Sarah Easter Collins at 10am at the library. This is our last book discussion before our summer break, so we'll also discuss book choices for next year.



National Library Week: Find Your Joy at the Library! April 20-25



What brings you joy? Whether it's cozying up with a new story, learning a new skill, gathering with community or something else, you can find your joy at the Wilson Public Library.

National Library Week is a time to celebrate the many ways libraries bring people together, spark imagination, and support lifelong learning. From books and digital resources to job assistance and creative programming, libraries are essential to thriving communities.

At Wilson Public Library, we invite everyone

Writing Society

Ages 14+

Tuesdays, April 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!

Crafternoon: Book Vases

Ages 15+

Tuesday, April 21, 4pm

Join us on Tuesday, April 21, at 4pm to make a book vase! Please register by Friday, April 17, as registration is limited since materials are provided. For ages 15+.



ryone to join the celebration! Whether you're a longtime patron, new to Cozad, or haven't visited in a while, now is the perfect time to explore all the library has to offer.

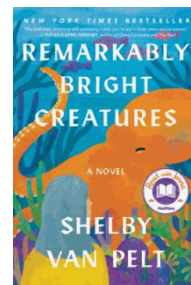
Our library provides free Wi-Fi; digital collections; fun and educational programs, access to local newspapers; faxing, printing, and copying services, and so much more, ensuring that everyone has access to resources that educate, inspire, and connect.

Whatever brings you joy, the library has something for everyone. Whether you're preparing for a career change, launching a business, raising a family, or embracing retirement, we are here to support your journey. Libraries serve as hubs for learning, creativity, and connection, helping people of all ages explore new ideas and opportunities.

Books on Tap: Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

Ages 14+

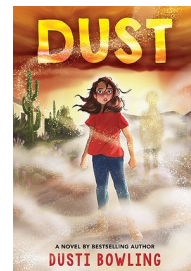
Wed., April 1, at The Frontier Frau at 7pm



Books on Tap will meet on Wednesday, April 1, to discuss *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt at 7pm at The Frontier Frau. Come early to enjoy dinner and drinks. We will also have the May 6 selection, *The Cuckoo's Calling* by Robert Galbraith, available to pick up.

Stuck in the Middle Book Club: *Dust* by Dusti Bowling

4th-8th graders
Wednesday, April 15, 2:30pm



On Wednesday, April 15, the Stuck in the Middle Book Club discusses *Dust* by Dusti Bowling at 2:30pm since there is an early-out that day for Cozad Community Schools. We will also discuss what we will read for summer! New members are always welcome!

Join us for special, joyful National Library Week events April 20-25:

- Participate in a special Spirit Week event and have your name go in for a drawing for Cozad Cash prizes and get a treat. See inside for list of days, programs, and what to wear!
- Take part in our Food for Fines (even if you don't have a fine; all donated items will benefit the Cozad Food Pantry).
- What's more joyful than Italy? Check out the front about our Armchair Travels program on April 22.

National Library Week is sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries of all types each April.

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

Food for Fines April 1-30

In honor of National Library Week this month, and knowing the community need for additional items, we again offer Food for Fines from April 1-30. Every canned food item brought in waives \$2.00 from a patron's prior fines unless the fine is for a damaged or lost item. Be sure to check expiration dates and we are unable to accept commodity items. All items will be donated to the Cozad Food Pantry.



Severe Weather Presentation National Weather Service Presents

Wednesday, April 15, 6:30pm



The National Weather Service out of Hastings joins us on Wednesday, April 15, at 6:30pm for their annual Dawson County severe weather presentation. Enter through the north doors, as the main library closes at 6pm that evening.

Armchair Travels: Italy & La Dolce Vita

On Wednesday, April 22, at 5:30 pm, Roxanne Converse-Whiting will share about her trip to Italy last summer. Roxanne has shared with us before; we can't wait to hear about this adventure and *la dolce vita*!



Closed for Spring Cleaning Monday, March 30 and Closed for Good Friday, Friday, April 3

Community Chat: State Senator Teresa Ibach

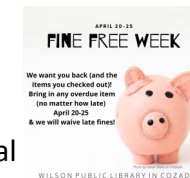
Wednesday, April 8, 12pm

Join us as we welcome State Senator Teresa Ibach on Wednesday, April 8, for our Community Chat at noon. Due to projected numbers, we will not be recording the program, so put it on your calendar to attend!



Fine Free Week April 20-25

April 20-25 is National Library Week, which means it's also FINE FREE WEEK! Bring items (no matter how overdue!) back and we'll waive late fines! Unfortunately, fines for damaged & lost items cannot be waived.

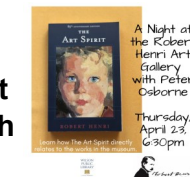


The Art Spirit

A Night at the Robert Henri Art Gallery with Peter Osborne

Thursday, April 23, 6:30pm

Join us at the Robert Henri Art Gallery on Thursday, April 23, at 6:30pm as Peter Osborne explores *The Art Spirit*. This quintessential gathering of Robert Henri's teachings by one of his students, Margery Ryerson, has influenced generations of artists. See how this book directly relates to the Gallery's collection.



Armchair Travels: Get Lei'd

Tuesday, March 31, 5:30pm

You are invited to travel to Hawaii with us via our Armchair Travels! On Tuesday, March 31, at 5:30 pm, Laurie Yocom will share about her family's recent trip to Oahu. Plan to attend!



What Happened to the Signers of the Declaration of Independence? Marge Bader Presents

Thursday, April 9, 6pm

On Thursday, April 9, at 6pm, we continue our America 250 celebration with a presentation by D.A.R. member Marge Bader. D.A.R. stands for Daughters of the American Revolution, and members can trace their ancestry back to this important time in our country's history.



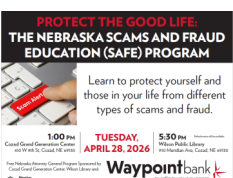
Marge's presentation will focus on what happened to the signers of the Declaration of Independence after they penned their names indelibly into our history by signing that notorious, treasonous, and glorious piece of parchment.

Identity Fraud & Scams: What You Need to Know

Tuesday, April 28, 5:30pm

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The NE Attorney General's Office joins us on Tuesday, April 28, at 5:30pm for Protect the Good Life, a program dedicated to educating citizens about deceptive and fraudulent business practices. Thanks to co-sponsor WayPoint Bank for snacks!



STORYBOOK WALK

the month of April at
Muny Park Walking Trail






Celebrate National Pet Day on April 11th and take your dog (or cat) to Muny Park to read the story *Best in Show* by David Elliott our April 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.

Movie Matinee

ZOOPIA 2

Wednesday, April 1
Starts at 2:30pm (early out CCS)
Free popcorn!
Children under 8 with a chaperone

Lego Park Challenge

Tuesday, April 7
Starts at 4pm
Lego and snacks provided
Children under 8 with a helper




Join us for a Lego Park Challenge on **Tuesday, April 7 at 4pm**. Design a playground or a theme park! Lego and snacks will be provided. Children under 8 need to attend with a helper.

Mark Your Calendars!

Here are some of our upcoming summer events with more details to come in our May newsletter and Facebook page!

- May 21 from 9-6pm - Summer Kickoff at the library
 - May 29 @ 11am—Special Storytime with Hammy, the real live turtle from the book *Hammy's Backyard Adventures*
 - Every Monday in June from 10-11:30—Science Café/4th grade & up
 - June 11 @ 2pm—Charlie (The Noiseguy)
 - Williams Kind of a Dragon Show
 - June 20 from 10-12pm—Messtival at Muny Park
 - July 9 @ 1pm—Crane River Theater at Veterans Park
 - July 13 @ 1pm—Stomp Chomp Roar/Dinosaur Ranger Anthony Show
 - July 20-23 1-3pm—Art Camp/1st-8th grade
 - Every Friday @ 11am—Library Storytime (closed 7/3)
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May Day Baskets

Friday, May 1 from 3:30-4:30pm
No registration required
All ages welcome
Limited to one per person while supplies last.




Join us on **Friday, May 1, from 3:30-4:30pm** to make May Day baskets! Since we are making these on May Day, you can immediately deliver them afterwards to someone special's doorstep! Materials provided. No registration required but limited to one per person while supplies last. All ages welcome (under 8 with a helper). **Note: If you are attending storytime at the library that day, we will be making May Day baskets for our activity!**

PLANT A SEED, READ

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Wilson Public Library

Summer Reading Extravaganza
May 1 - July 31 2026



Plant a seed and read this summer with our Youth Summer Reading Extravaganza!

- Read at least 1000 minutes this summer to attend our movie party at the Fox Theater on August 6.
- Score incentive trading cards for every 200 minutes read and for attending read-ins at the library.
- Earn tickets for books checked out and summer library programs attended to go towards prize drawings.

Pick up a reading tracker starting May 1 at the front desk and start earning tickets/trading cards. There will be a grand prize drawing for all completed reading trackers. Turn reading trackers in no later than August 3. This challenge is for PreK through 5th grade.

**Mark your calendars for library read-ins on June 4 & July 7 from 1-2pm. If you can't make it to the read-ins but still want to earn the trading card, talk to Ms. Jennie and read at the library on a different day. Also, if you are unable to attend the movie party on August 6, let us know and you can get an individual free movie pass to go when it's convenient for you! Trading card characters are from the Jory John food group book series—collect all 8!*

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!




No storytime Friday, April 3!



If you read at least 4 Golden Sower nominees per category, stop in between 3:30-5 April 6-April 9 to vote for your favorite! Stop by Ms. Laurie's office to vote.



Can't remember if you did or not? You still have time to read! Ask Ms. Jennie where the nominees are located.

On April 9, we'll also unveil the 2026-2027 nominees. Last year, 51,407 Nebraska students voted on one of the country's only state awards picked by children!

Bird Is the Word: Winging It For 4th - 8th Grades

Monday, April 6, 10:30am-12pm
Registration required by April 2



We will have the last of our library bird biodiversity events on Monday, April 6, for 4th-8th grades. There's no school that day for Cozad, and we're having it from 10:30am-noon. We'll learn how to use field guides and binoculars, learn what a bird bowl is, listen and learn bird lyrics, make a bird call, and check out some birds in the park. Then, Sarah Fanning, a Dawson County Extension Educator, will lead a hands-on event making bird trading cards. Finally, we'll paint watercolor feathers. Be sure to register here: <https://forms.gle/DLjHG9gXcWxS7PP07> by 5pm on Thursday, April 2.

Movie Matinee

Monday, April 6 @ 1:30pm
No school for Cozad that day!
Enjoy a free movie & popcorn.
Children under 8 need to attend with a chaperone.




LIBRARY SPIRIT WEEK

FIND YOUR JOY!

Celebrate National Library Week with us!



APRIL 20 PJ Monday

Pop in wearing your pj's & checkout a book for a free bag of popcorn! Join us for a pajama movie matinee at 4pm.

APRIL 21 Tutu Tuesday

Twirl in wearing your best tutus! Make a tutu for your water bottle from 3-5pm.

APRIL 22 Winging it on Wednesday

Twin with a friend like butterfly wings! Wing it and check out a disguised book. Make a flying butterfly or bird craft from 3-5pm. Grab a photo with our peacock wings located in the library alley way.

APRIL 23 Thursday Glow Up

Wear your gnarliest neon to the library! Glow painting from 3-5pm.

APRIL 24 Just Ducky Disco Friday

Wear your sparkliest attire! Disco Duck Dance Party Storytime at 11am. Sandy will be here during storytime giving out balloon animals to attendees! Participate in a duck scavenger hunt in the library all day and make disco ball art from 3:30-4:30pm!

Participate by attending a program, dressing accordingly and/or checking out books. Participant names go into a drawing for several Cozad Cash prizes. Check in at the front desk with your spirited attire for a treat. Check out our Facebook page for daily event details. All ages can participate.