

Adventures in Babysitting Class

Ages 11+

Limited to first 15

Wednesday, June 17, 9am-3pm

Do we have an opportunity for Cozad youth on Wednesday, June 17! We're partnering with Nebraska Extension to host a one-day program from 9am-3pm for those 11 years and older to become certified in babysitting! The class is perfect for those looking to pursue a summer job as a babysitter or who babysit for families on an occasional basis. Covered topics include child development, child safety, nutrition, general care, and the actual business of babysitting. Students will create their own babysitting kit to take with them, too. Registration is required by calling us at 308-784-2019 or by stopping by the front desk beginning May 1. Class is limited to 15 persons aged 11 or older. Lunch is provided. The cost of the class is covered by Wilson Public Library.

S.W.A.N.

Be looking for information about the sculpture placement, ribbon cutting, and more at the Wilson Public Library on our social media pages this month. At press time, details were still in the air, so we decided not to print them in case they did not take flight. However, we're tickled that Cozad's Haymaker District has been selected as a host community for Sculpture Walk Across Nebraska and cannot wait to share more soon!

Thank you to the organizers, artists, and supporters who make this possible. We can't wait to welcome you to the Haymaker District, where history and imagination meet.



Writing Society Ages 14+

Tuesdays, June 2, 16 & July 7 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!

Books on Tap: The Stolen Life of Colette Marceau by Kristin Harmel Ages 14+

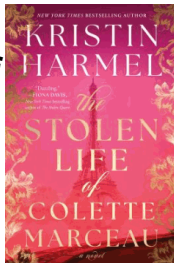
Wed., June 3, 7pm @The Elks Club

Books on Tap meets on Wednesday, June 3, to discuss *The Stolen Life of Colette Marceau* by Kristin Harmel at 7pm at The Elks Club. Come early to enjoy dinner and drinks. We will also have the July 1 selection, *The Marriage Lie* by Kimberly Belle, available to pick up.

Summer Reading Challenge: Plant a Seed, Read! Now—August 31

Plant a seed to read more this summer! Pick up a Book Tracker at the front desk to track your summer reading. Read 10 books and return your Tracker by August 31 to be eligible for a Grand Prize drawing for \$25 in Cozad Cashbucks. Drawing will be held September 1. For those WPL cardholders entering middle school thru age 120.

Choose fiction or nonfiction books you've never read before from the library. No double-dipping, please. A separate biodiversity challenge is available, too!



Meadowlark Book Club Discusses: The Lions of Fifth Avenue by Fiona Davis Ages 14+

Tues. June 2, 1pm @ Brew'd Awakening

On Tuesday, June 2, Meadowlark Book Club discusses *The Lions of Fifth Avenue* by Fiona Davis at 1pm at Brew'd Awakening. Our July 7 selection, *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters, will be available to pick up at the meeting. New members are always welcome.

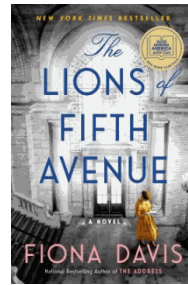
Crafternoon: Hydro-Dipped Stones Ages 15+ Tuesday, June 16, 4pm

Join us on Tuesday, June 16, at 4pm to hydro-dip stones! Please register by Friday, June 12, as registration is limited since materials are provided. For ages 15+.

WanderNebraska Happening Now!

WanderNebraska's 2026 year includes 254 Nebraska museums, libraries (like us!), parks, and other historical points of interest to visit.

The Nebraska State Historical Society Foundation has also introduced a new way to explore with the WanderNebraska app. This app brings WanderNebraska to your fingertips, making it easy to search and filter sites, map out site locations, get site-specific information and mark your visits. Download for free on Google Play or the Apple App Store and start planning this year's adventures!



WILSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

JUNE 2026 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: Messtival

Wednesday, June 3, 12pm

Wilson Public Library is so excited to present Messtival 2 coming to Munny Park on Saturday, June 20 from 10am-noon. Laura Rody, our assistant director, will be here to chat with the community about who is going to be offering messiness in all its glory and what you can expect for round two of Messtival. Can't make it to the chat? Check our YouTube channel afterwards to watch the recording.



Happening 10am-Noon Saturday, June 20

We're gearing up to celebrate Robert Henri's birthday with a Messtival slated for Saturday, June 20, from 10am-noon at Munny Park's soccer fields. Messtivals are festivals where you can unleash your creativity in messy crafts or dive into gooey activities that will leave you laughing and splattered! This year we have 11 different stations for artists of all ages and it's free do all of the stations.

Homestead Bank and the Cozad Library Foundation provide a foam pit, the Cozad Local has a SLOPstacle

One Book One Cozad Book Discussion

Wednesday, May 27, 10am

Join us on Wednesday, May 27, at 10am as we discuss the 2026 One Book One Cozad selection, *I Am a Man* by Joe Starita.

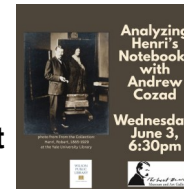
Analyzing Henri's Notebooks

A Night at the Robert Henri Art Gallery with Andrew Cozad

Wednesday, June 3, 6:30pm

Robert Henri was a meticulous chronicler of his own legacy. Join us at the new Robert Henri Art Gallery on Wednesday, June 3, at 6:30pm for a special presentation by Andrew Cozad, who takes an analytical deep dive into Henri's record books. Uncover the hidden history of Henri's prolific career, from the staggering scale and destruction of his creativity to resurrected masterpieces thought to be destroyed. Also included is the hunt for two stolen Henri pieces.

course, Waypoint Bank is bubble painting, Security First Bank is making water gun masterpieces, the Haymaker Creative District is creating with Hydro-chalk, the Cozad Community Leaders are painting with toys, MomCo of Dawson County is making rubberband snap art, ZieSTRONG is doing paint bombs, Dawson County Extension & 4-H is using "Anything But a Paintbrush," Revitalize & Thrive members are painting with feet, Wilson Public Library is creating marble masterpieces, and Gothenburg's Tropical Sno will be on hand selling sno-cones.



AI Learning Circle Saturday, May 30 10-11am

Curious about AI? Join our AI Learning Circle.

Artificial intelligence is everywhere now— but what does it actually mean for YOU? Whether you've never tried a chatbot or you're already experimenting on your own, our free AI Learning Circle is the perfect place to explore together.

We're meeting Saturday, May 30 at 10am to get hands-on time to experiment with real ways to use AI in your everyday work and personal life, and to discuss where AI falls short. Bring your fully charged smartphone, tablet, or laptop, and your curiosity. No experts—just curious people helping each other learn and apply this emerging tool.

Armchair Travels: Colombia Tuesday, June 30, 5:30pm

Marcie Kostrunek traveled to Colombia as a college student through the Rotary Exchange Program to study Spanish. She is now the Cozad High School Spanish teacher. Come find out about the Rotary Exchange Program and more about Colombia.



THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY & SATURDAY, JULY 3 & 4 TO CELEBRATE AMERICA'S 250TH.
The book drop is available 24/7/365 on the north side of the building and will be checked.
We apologize for any inconvenience.

Be sure to wear mess-ready clothes and shoes as staining is possible, and tuck in a towel to dry off for good measure.

Storybook Walk
WILSON PUBLIC LIBRARY
COZAD, NEBRASKA
the month of June at
Muny Park Walking Trail

THE BAD SEED
The #1 New York Times Bestselling Food Group Series
written by JORY JOHN • illustrated by PETE OSWALD

Read the story *The Bad Seed* by Jory John, our June 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.

PLANT A SEED, READ
iREAD iREADprogram.org

Summer Reading Extravaganza
May 1 - July 31 2026

- Read at least 1000 minutes this summer to attend our movie party at the Fox Theater on August 6 at 1pm.
- 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. This challenge is for PreK through 5th grade.

Pick up a reading tracker now at the front desk and start earning tickets/trading cards. There is a grand prize drawing for all completed reading trackers. Turn reading trackers in no later than August 3.

***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!**

Read-in at the Library
WILSON PUBLIC LIBRARY
COZAD, NEBRASKA

June 4 & July 7 from 1-2pm
For those who are participating in our Youth Summer Reading Challenge. Check in with Ms. Jennie when you arrive.

WILSON PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS
SCIENCE CAFE: PLANT A SEED
EVERY MONDAY IN JUNE FOR 4TH-8TH GRADES
10AM - 11:30AM

JUNE 1:
WHAT'S A FLOWER?: Dissect flowers, learn what messages flowers can communicate, make a flower tote.

JUNE 8:
FLOWER IDENTIFICATION: Learn how to use plant field guides, take part in an interactive story, press flowers, and create flower trading cards

JUNE 15:
FOSSIL BIODIVERSITY & TREE COOKIES: Hands-on fun!

JUNE 22:
PHOTOSYNTHESIS LAB: & EAT THE RAINBOW PRESENTATION (cooking involved!)

JUNE 29:
LEGO FLOWERS: If you attend at least 3 of the 4 sessions above, you can attend a special Lego Flower Event with your very own Lego set to keep on June 29.

REGISTER AT FRONT DESK OR SCAN QR CODE ABOVE BY MAY 28 OR UNTIL FILLED. CLASS SIZE LIMITED TO 30.

SUMMER ART CAMP 2026

For students entering grades 1-12 + Adults

Each class will create unique projects using a variety of mediums and learn about different artists. A snack and drink will be provided daily. Be prepared to get messy.

- Monday, July 20 1st grade
- Tuesday, July 21 2-3 grades
- Wednesday, July 22 4-5 grades
- Thursday, July 23 6-8 grades
- Friday, July 24 9th grade & up

Each class starts at the library at 1pm and ends at 3pm. Jami Stortenbecker, an art teacher at Gothenburg Public Schools, will teach all sessions.

Register at the front desk of the library starting Thursday, May 21. Each section is limited to 25 students due to size of room. Registration ends July 1 or when classes fill. There is a \$5 nonrefundable cover charge per child to help offset cost of art supplies.

Register Now

Paper Cactus Plants
Wed. June 3 with crafting from 2-4pm 4th grade & up only
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CHARLIE (THE NOISEGUY) Kind of a Dragon Show
Thursday, June 11 at 2pm
Free and open to all ages!
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It's Charlie, the Noiseguy! Hear noisy tales, see comical cartoons and learn to read with impressive onomatopoeia! Kind of A Dragon show has plenty of dinosaur sounds and cartoons. Charlie teaches the whole family how to imitate various dinosaur calls. Do your kids love making noise? Charlie uses amazing, realistic vocal imitations during his literacy programs, that will inspire them to become roaring readers. This program is free and open to all ages!

Movie Matinee
Thursday, June 18 Starts at 2:00pm Free popcorn! Children under 8 with a chaperone

Lego Tree Fort Challenge
Thursday, June 25 Starts at 2pm All ages!

Rainbow Fish
Monday, June 29 Crafting from 2-4pm Come as you are able All ages!

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!

A Seedy Adventure Summer Learning Workshop
Pick one of the 2 time slots available:
Tuesday, June 9 from 10-11am
Wednesday, June 10 from 3-4pm

- interactive stories
- make a bean/seed mosaic
- sunflower stamping
- plant seeds to take home

This program is for those entering 1st - 5th grade. No registration is required.

Wilson Public Library's MESS Festival
Watergun masterpiece
Marble Painting Toy painting
Foam pit "Anything but the paint brush"
Bubble art
Sno-cones
Feet painting Rubberband snap art
Hydro-chalk creations
Paint bombs "Slopstacle" course

Saturday, June 20
10:00 AM to 12 Noon
while supplies last
Muny Park, Cozad

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