

The library will be closed Thursday, April 30 and Monday, May 26.

## 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, potential artist's reception, 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 vision possible. We can't wait to welcome you to the Haymaker District, where history and imagination meet.



## Writing Society Ages 14+

Tuesdays, May 5, 19 & June 2 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 Cuckoo's Calling by Robert Galbraith

Ages 14+  
Wed., May 6, at Studio 6 Bistro at 7pm

Books on Tap meets on Wednesday, May 6, to discuss *The Cuckoo's Calling* by Robert Galbraith at 7pm at Studio 6 Bistro. Come early to enjoy dinner and drinks. We will also have the June 3 selection, *The Stolen Life of Colette Marceau* by Kristin Harmel, available to pick up.

## WanderNebraska

Starts May 1

In May, WanderNebraska kicks off its 5th anniversary! This 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

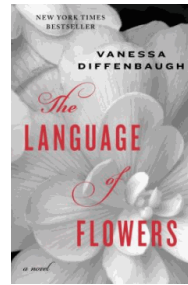


## Meadowlark Book Club Discusses: The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

Ages 14+

Tues. May 5 1pm @ Brew'd Awakening

On Tuesday, May 5, Meadowlark Book Club discusses *The Language of Flowers* by Vanessa Diffenbaugh at 1pm at Brew'd Awakening. Our June 2 selection, *The Lions of 5th Avenue* by Fiona Davis, will be available to pick up at the meeting. New members are always welcome.



## Crafternoon: Chenille Stem Flowers

Ages 15+  
Tuesday, May 19, 4pm

Join us on Tuesday, May 19, at 4pm to make chenille stem flowers! Please register by Friday, May 15, as registration is limited since materials are provided. For ages 15+.



## 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.

visits.

Download for free on Google Play or the Apple App Store and start planning this year's adventures!



# WILSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

MAY 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

## AI Learning Circle Saturdays in May 2, 9, 16 & 30 10-11am

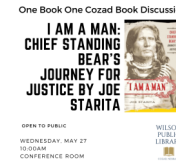
Curious about AI? Join our AI Learning Circle. Artificial intelligence is everywhere now— but what does it actually mean for YOU? Whether you've never tried a chatbot or you're already experimenting on your own, our free AI Learning Circle is the perfect place to explore together.

We're meeting Saturdays in May (2, 9, 16 & 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.

## 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.



## Community Help Needed Mulching Library

Saturday, May 9, 9am-1pm

We have 120 bags of mulch heading our way and we would love your help spreading it if you are willing. Volunteers needed 9am-1pm; bring a rake and gardening gloves. If raining, we'll try again on Sunday, May 10.

## Identity Fraud & Scams: What You Need to Know

Tuesday, April 28, 5:30pm

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!



## Community Chat: Cattleman's Ball

Wednesday, May 6, 12pm

Join us as we welcome members of the Cattleman's Ball on Wednesday, May 6, at noon, to update plans for the upcoming June 5-6 extravaganza happening in Cozad! If you are unable to attend, we will record the chat and upload to our YouTube channel.



## Primary Elections: VOTE!

Tuesday, May 12, 8am-8pm

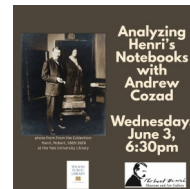
Don't forget to vote! East Ward primary elections are in the conference room at the library on Tuesday, May 12, from 8am-8pm. West Ward votes at the City Office during the same time frame.

## 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



Summer Reading Challenge: Plant a Seed, Read!  
May 1-August 31



Plant a seed to read more this summer! Pick up a Book Tracker at the front desk to track your summer reading. Complete at least 8 out of 12 categories 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. There is a category for Middle School-High School and for Adults. No double-dipping, please.

## Armchair Travels: Where in the World Have You Been?

Armchair Travels is taking the month of May off to book our summer and fall travelers. Have you been somewhere special that you'd like to share? Call us at 308-784-2019 and we'll get you scheduled!

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.

**Storybook Walk**

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**HOW DINOSAURS WENT EXTINCT**  
A Safety Guide

Written by AME DYCKMAN  
Illustrated by JENNIFER HARNEY

the month of May at  
Muny Park Walking Trail

Read the story *How Dinosaurs Went Extinct: A Safety Guide* by Ame Dyckman, our May 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.

## 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!**

## MINI Pinatas

Monday, May 4  
 Crafting starts at 4pm  
 4<sup>th</sup> grade & up only

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**PLANT A SEED, READ**  
iREAD iREADprogram.org

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 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.

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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!**

**SUMMER KICKOFF**

Pop in for a free bag of popcorn Thursday, May 21, from 9-6pm (last day of school for CCS) & sign up for our summer reading challenge & check out our summer programs.

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**Dinosaur Noodle Art**

Thursday, May 28 from 3-5pm  
 Come as you are able!  
 All ages welcome!

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HOW DINOSAURS WENT EXTINCT  
A Safety Guide

Brachiosaurus

## A Seedy Adventure

Pick one of the 2 time slots available:  
 Tuesday, June 9 at 10-11am  
 Wednesday, June 10 at 3-4pm

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

This program is for those entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade & up..  
 No registration is required

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## Mark Your Calendars!

- May 21 all day—Summer Kickoff
  - June 4 @ 1pm—Read-in at library
  - June 9 @ 10am or June 10 @3pm—A Seedy Adventure
  - June 11 @ 2pm—Charlie (The Noiseguy) Williams Kind of a Dragon Show
  - June 20 from 10am-12pm—Messtival at Muny Park
  - July 7 @ 1pm—Read-in at library
  - July 9 @ 1pm—Crane River Theater at Veterans Park
  - July 13 @ 1pm—Stomp Chomp Roar/Dinosaur Ranger Anthony Show
  - July 17 @ sundown—Outdoor Movie Lilo & Stitch in practice field east of Cozad Middle School
  - July 20-23 1-3pm—Art Camp/1st-12th grade+
  - Every Friday @ 11am—Library Storytime (closed 7/3)
- \*\*If your child is attending summer Afterzone on June 8-12 and July 13-17 they will attend special Afterzone events at the library those days.**

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**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!

**Storytime with Hammy**

Friday, May 29 at 11am  
 All ages welcome!

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Join us for a special storytime on Friday, May 29, at 11am. Hear the story *Hammy's Backyard Adventure* written and read by Jordanne Rathe. Afterwards, meet the real life Hammy, the red-footed tortoise! All ages welcome!

WILSON PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

**SCIENCE CAFE: PLANT A SEED**  
 EVERY MONDAY IN JUNE FOR 4TH-8<sup>TH</sup> 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.

Register Now