



Congratulations to Marlene Geiger, Recipient of Make Your Mark on Cozad

In September, Marlene Geiger was named the 14th annual Make Your Mark on Cozad recipient. This award is given by the Cozad Library Foundation as a way to spotlight community members who are enthusiastic supporters of Cozad as a whole, the arts in general, and the Wilson Public Library specifically.

Perhaps the town best knows Marlene for her passionate support of the arts in Cozad, particularly the Robert Henri Museum. As president of that board, Marlene has been instrumental in forming the vision of how Cozad could draw upon its history as the childhood home of Robert Henri. This has led to Cozad becoming an international stop for fans of the artist with the new art gallery.

Marlene is an avid reader and supporter of the library’s programs, oftentimes reaching out to see how organizations of which she is a member can partner with the library.

For these things and more, Marlene was unanimously selected for the prestigious award at the Cozad Library Foundation’s last regular meeting in early April. Marlene Geiger definitely embodies the themes in The Dot of courage, collaboration, and creativity!

Central Plains Library System Presents Library Fall Crawl Now-November 2026

Numerous libraries across the state are participating in the second annual Library Fall Crawl now through the end of November. The Library Crawl encourages Nebraska residents to visit, attend programming, and explore libraries across the state. Booklets are available at the front desk.

Deadlines to Register to Vote in Nebraska:

To register to vote in Nebraska, you must be a United States citizen; live in the state of Nebraska; be at least 18 years of age on or before the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November; have not been convicted of a felony or if convicted, your civil rights have been restored; and have not been officially found to be mentally incompetent.

Individuals may register in person at the Dawson County Clerk’s Office (or county where you reside) or Election Commissioner’s Office prior to 6pm on the second Friday preceding an election (October 23).

The following are the October 16 deadlines to register to vote in Nebraska (do this at your county courthouse):

- Mail-in voter registrations must be mailed and postmarked on or before the third Friday preceding an election
- Registrations completed at the state Department of Motor Vehicles must be completed by the third Friday preceding an election
- Voter registrations delivered by personal messenger or personal agent must arrive on or before the third Friday preceding an election
- Individuals may register online at <https://sos.nebraska.gov/elections/registering-vote> prior to midnight on the third Friday preceding an election

To see the candidates, check here: https://sos.nebraska.gov/sites/default/files/doc/elections/2026/2026_Primary_Canvass_Book.pdf

Kim’s Book Club: Blessings by Anna Quindlen

Monday, October 19, 10am

Kim’s Book Club meets at the library on Monday, October 19, at 10am to discuss *Blessings* by Anna Quindlen. The November 16 selection, *The Aviator’s Wife* by Melanie Benjamin, will be available to pick up. New members are always welcome!



Writing Society

Tuesdays, October 6 & 20, 6pm

The Writing Society meets the first and third Tuesdays each month at 6pm at the library. We encourage writers of all levels and genres: come to write, connect, swap advice, get feedback, and revive motivation. Bring whatever you need to write with to the library, whether it’s pen and paper or a laptop. New members are always welcome!

Meadowlark Book Club: Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy by Karen Abbott

Tuesday, October 6, 1pm at Brew’d Awakening

Meadowlark Book Club discusses *Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy* by Karen Abbott on Tuesday, October 6, at Brew’d Awakening at 1pm. The November 3 selection, *The Pact* by Jodi Picoult, will be available to pick up at the meeting. New members are always welcome.

Books on Tap: The Wedding People by Alison Espach

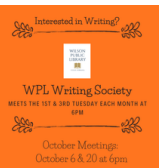
Wednesday, October 7, 7pm at Studio 6 Bistro

Books on Tap meets at Studio 6 Bistro on Wednesday, October 7, at 7pm to discuss *The Wedding People* by Alison Espach. Come early to enjoy dinner and drinks. We will also discuss choices for 2027. The November 4 selection, *In Cold Blood* by Truman Capote, will be available to pick up.

Crafternoon: Yarn Acorns

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 4pm

Fall is here and we’re making yarn acorns! Join us on Tuesday, October 20, at 4pm; register by Friday, October 16, as registration is limited since materials are provided. For ages 15+.



WILSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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: Association of Cozad Churches

Wednesday, October 7, 12pm

Robert Litzenberger, a member of the Cozad Association of Churches, will be here on Wednesday, October 7, at noon to chat with us about this organization and what they do for our community. This will be recorded and put on our YouTube channel if you are unable to attend.

Wing Walk

Saturday, October 10 10am

We partner with the Haymaker Creative District and Rhakenna’s Wings for Wing Walk on Saturday, October 10, at 10am. Afterward (around 11), join us in the library’s conference room for a special craft designing your own wings. What a great family event!

Cathy Pflaster leads the tour to a variety of Rhakenna’s Wings in the Creative District, telling the stories behind each set of wings. A special scavenger hunt is part of the tour.

The tour also includes visiting the S.W.A.N. (Sculpture Walk Across Nebraska) sculptures and hearing the stories behind those fixtures.

Wear comfortable shoes, bring a water bottle to hydrate and a camera for photo ops. This event happens rain or shine, so consider an umbrella or sunscreen, too. Check our Facebook page in case of terribly inclement weather.

While supplies last, participants will receive either a set of butterfly wings to wear during the walk or antennas.



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Armchair Travels: Alaska

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 5:30pm

Georgia Karel, formerly of Cozad, will be at the library on Tuesday, September 29, to talk about traveling around Alaska while she was working there. Georgia is a traveling radiology technologist and has been doing that for almost 9 years, which has taken her to a variety of places. Georgia is an avid wanderer outside of the United States, too!

Biodiversity for the Family: Watch the Groundswell Movie

Wednesday, October 21, 5:30pm

Groundswell is a breathtaking journey across five continents showing a global movement of practical and proven regenerative farming practices that build living soil, store vast amounts of carbon, eliminate harmful inputs, and produce healthier, more nutrient-dense food. And it’s quietly reversing three interconnected crises facing us all: climate change, species extinction, and soil loss.

This Golden Globe winning film shows how farmers, ranchers, scientists, change-makers and Indigenous leaders are using regenerative agriculture practices to restore the planet one acre at a time.

As the official impact campaign of the film, One Billion Acres is driving a global call to action toward 1 billion certified regenerative acres by 2030.

Wing Walk starts promptly at 10am, so please arrive at the library no later than 9:50am.

You may consider adding the Clio Your Guide to History app to your cell phone. This free app has numerous historical and artistic markers listed, not only for Cozad, but for places across the country.



Community Chat: An Opportunity to Interact with Joel Carlson, Cozad School Board Member

Wednesday, Sept. 30, 12pm

Joel Carlson, a member of the Cozad School Board, will be here on Wednesday, September 30, at noon to answer questions about what a school board does. This is an opportunity to hear about school finance and taxes; the Open Meetings Act with regard to public bodies; and other relevant questions the community may have about school boards. This will be recorded and put on our YouTube channel if you are unable to attend.

Armchair Travels: Berreckmans in Portugal & Spain

Tuesday, October 20, 5:30pm

Claude and Karen Berreckman recently visited Portugal and Spain along with members of the men’s basketball team from Hastings College. They’ll share the highs (and lows!) of their journeys on Tuesday, October 20, at 5:30. Plan to join us!

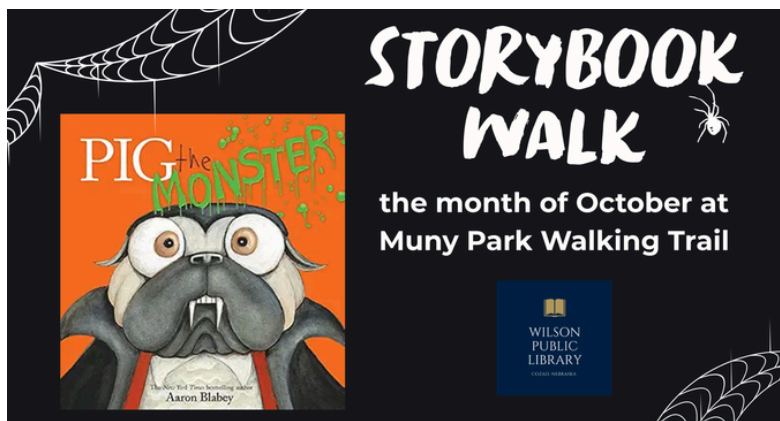
Meet the Mayoral Candidates

Tuesday, October 27, 5:30pm

Chadd Bice and Brian Woldt are the Cozad mayoral candidates on the ballot this year. Plan to come meet them at the library on Tuesday, October 27, at 5:30. Listen to what they have to say and ask questions so that you can make the best choice the following week at the polls.



THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, FOR FALL CLEANING.



Read the story *Pig the Monster* by Aaron Blabey, our October 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.



Block out some time for our Lego Brick-or-Treat Challenge on Friday, October 2 at 2pm (no school for CCS). Design something spooky with your friends! Lego and a snack provided. Children under 8 need to attend with a helper.



Celebrate Plush Animal Lovers Day in October by ensuring your beloved stuffy is in splendid condition! Drop in anytime between 3-5pm on Thursday, October 22 to give your stuffy a checkup. There will be stations setup for you to weigh, x-ray, bandage and more. Free toy stethoscope to take home (while supplies last). Age Pre-K and beyond. No registration required. *Note: This is for imaginative play only. We will not be physically repairing/sewing damaged stuffies.*



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 5-24.
4. All submissions must be in before 1pm on October 24.

All submissions will be on display from October 26-31 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 November 2. Please have your pumpkin picked up by November 3.

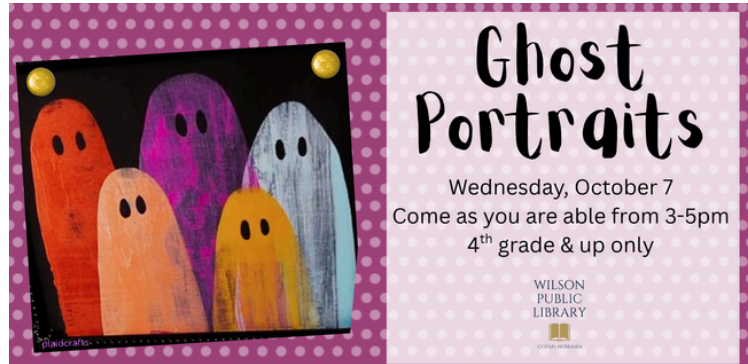
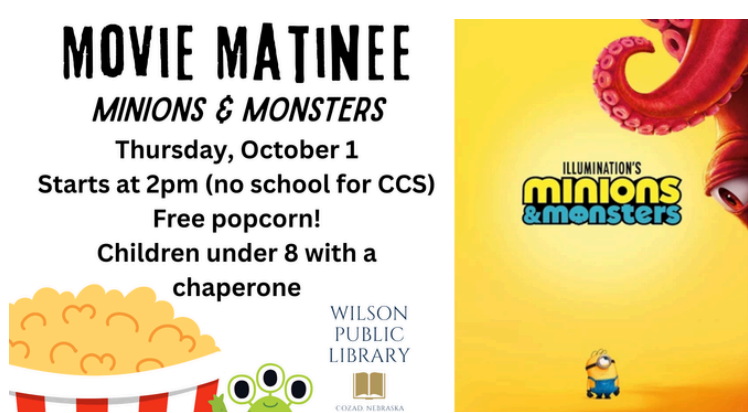
See the Forest Through the Trees

A Biodiversity Event:
Thursday, November 12
1:00-2:30pm
For 4th-8th graders

*Register by November 6.



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Join us on Wednesday, October 7, to make scrape-painted Ghost Portraits! Come as you are able from 3-5pm. 4th grade & up only with no registration required.



Make a paper plate witch on Thursday, October 15! Come as you are able from 3-5pm. All ages welcome with no registration required.



See front page for more information about the Wing Walk and craft.

