Odell Public Library OUTREACH

APRIL 2025

Tiny Art was a tremendous success thanks to talented artists of all ages in our community! Over 330 mini masterpieces (4"x4") were displayed at Odell throughout the month of March. From toddlers to super-seniors, this show had it all! Many thanks to our volunteers, the Odell Staff, the Loft on Main and Thrivent. We also thank JaneAnn Ardapple & Marc Adami for their donation of 300 tiny easels to showcase these beauties! Did you miss the art at Odell? Now through April 26th, you can still view all of the mini masterpieces at the Loft on Main (112 E. Main St) downtown!



Bloomin' Lisa Boles



Umbreon Wish Star Aleister Salmons



On Top of the Barn Kelsie Lowery



Spectrum Sandy Zilz

SUMMER READING COMING SOON



Mark your calendars for Odell's 2025 Summer Reading Program: Level Up at Your Library! Play is just one of the ways we learn to relate to others, think in new ways, and foster friendships. Level Up @ Your Library is a free summer literacy program for kids PreK-8th grade based on game play of all kinds. Whether your reader loves card games, board games, video games or all of the above, we'll have plenty of programs and activities to keep your kids engaged and reading this summer. Summer Reading kicks off on Monday, June 16th with registration beginning May 1st! Contact Katie at krider.odell@gmail.com with any questions.







National Library Week, April 6–12, 2025, is a time to celebrate the many ways libraries bring people together, spark imagination, and support lifelong learning. At Odell, we strive to serve as hubs for learning, creativity, and connection, and to help people of all ages explore new ideas and opportunities. Whether you're a long-time patron or haven't visited us in a while, now is the perfect time to explore your local library. We'd love to have you here!



This National Library Week we're asking our readers "What draws YOU to the library?" Is it the free wifi, the play kitchen, a safe, friendly place to hang out? We'd love to hear what you LOVE about your library!

ODELL LIBRARY FRIENDS



Stay Safe. Stay Informed.

FRAUD AWARENESS INFORMATION SESSION

Thursday, April 29th | 6:30 PM Odell Public Library Program Room

Learn how to protect yourself and your loved ones from scams and fraudulent activity.

Randy Meier

Director, Seniors vs. Crime Anne West Retail Banking Officer, Citizens First Bank



This event is free and open to the public.

Curious how to become a Friend? The Odell Public Library Friends are patrons who support the library through fundraising, advocacy, and programming. Friends have no age requirement or financial commitment; they are simply a group of people who love and support the library! Does this sound like you? The Odell Public Library Friends are currently looking for members. All are welcome.

> Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 6th 1:00 p.m. Odell Program Room



The latest book orders can be found by scrolling to the bottom of Odell's <u>website</u> or stopping by the circulation desk. You can "Adopt-a-Book" for just \$15 to ensure the first read!



Puzzle Exchange

Take a puzzle or two for your personal use. When you're done, return them for others to enjoy!



Do you like to puzzle?

Odell now has a great selection of gently-used puzzles available! Patrons are invited to take or donate puzzles at our new "Puzzle Exchange" location in the Young Adult area in the southeast corner of the library. When donating or returning puzzles, please make sure all pieces are included and sealed in a ziploc baggie within the box. This helps us keep pieces contained and tidy. Have fun and puzzle on!

FEBRUARY 2025 | AROUND ODELL





1) Tiny Art 2025 was such fun! Odell displayed over 330 mini masterpieces created by all ages during the month of March. The exhibit will move to the Loft on Main in April. 2) Cool Cow by Macie Pell 3) Spring Cottage by Jean Zinnen 4) Emerald Tigress by Cierra Weets

PUTNAM & ZOO PASSES

Looking to explore locally? Check out Odell's Putnam Museum or Niabi Zoo pass and enjoy a day at this Quad Cities museum on us! Passes are available to adult Odell library card holders on a first-come, first-serve basis. Call us at 772-7323 to reserve your pass!

ALWAYS AVAILABLE

- Odell Play Kitchen & Puppet Theater
- Discovery Book Packs
- Leapfrog Readers
- Hot Spot checkouts
- Free library cards for kids
- Free wi-fi and public computers
- LEGO cart
- Coloring and activity pages
- Access to Ancestry.com
- Educate Station: K-5 Curriculum

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