

Odell Public Library OUTREACH



FEBRUARY 2026

NATIONAL LIBRARY LOVERS' MONTH

In recognition of the many ways libraries serve and add value to communities, February has been declared National Library Lovers' Month! Odell strives to serve Morrison by providing learning spaces, digital access, programs, opportunities to gather, and so much more. This February, Families can enjoy Lego Club (2/7), Pokémon Club (2/14), and Storytimes (each Thursday @ 6:30) while adults can join us for life-long learning programs including Online Health Literacy (2/10 @ 6pm) and Chair Yoga & Meditation (2/24 @ 6:30pm). All programs are completely free and open to the public. In addition to checking out books and digital media, patrons often enjoy reading by the fireplace, utilizing tech services, and playing a wide variety of table top games. There is so much to love at Odell!




The Puzzle Exchange in Odell's Young Adult area has been popular this winter. Stop in take a puzzle or two to try.

DIGITAL RESOURCES

Winter is the perfect time to try out digital resources from Odell. Through the Libby and Palace apps, Odell patrons have access to thousands of e-books and audio books at the click of a button. Browse by title, genre, or age grouping to find just what you're looking for. From graphic novels to western romance, there's something for everyone in Odell's digital library. Prefer the print copy? Odell can borrow materials from over 140 Illinois libraries at no cost to you. There are so many ways to enjoy books. Keep reading, Morrison!

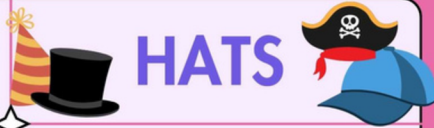





FEBRUARY 2026 | MONTHLY PROGRAMS



February Storytimes

6:30 - 7:00 PM

THURS 05		HATS
THURS 12		LOVE
THURS 19		WINTER SLEEP
THURS 26		CATS

Perfect for Preschoolers!  Stories, Songs, Rhymes, & Art

STORYTIME

Storytime is a 30-minute drop-in program each Thursday evening, designed for families with preschool through early elementary-aged kids (or anyone who still loves a good read-aloud!). Families will enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and a craft each week as they become familiar with the library and meet new storytime friends. Pajamas are always welcome. Come play and learn with us at Storytime!



1ST SATURDAYS

LEGO CLUB

10:30 – NOON

SEPTEMBER – MAY | NO NOVEMBER MEETING

ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY. COME PLAY AT ODELL!

LEGO CLUB

LEGO Club is the perfect chance for builders of all ages and abilities to create. Odell provides a wide variety of bricks including LEGO, Duplo, and MegaBlok. Patron creations are displayed in the library until the following club.



2ND SATURDAYS

POKEMON CLUB

10:00 – 11:30

SEPTEMBER – MAY

 ODELL
PUBLIC LIBRARY

POKEMON CLUB

Whether your Pokemon trainer plays the card game or just likes to collect, Pokemon Club brings fans together to play, trade, and share their Pokemon knowledge! Gotta catch 'em all!

Throw & Grows

February 14 at 1 pm



Get your hands dirty! Mix water, seed, clay, and soil together for a fun make and take to help pollinators. This activity is great fun for kids and adults alike.



Preregistration required.

All ages welcome.
Responsible adult must be present with youth 12 and under. Youth 12 and under free with parent registration.



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\$5 Supply Fee

Odell Public Library

307 S Madison St, Morrison, IL

If program cost is a barrier to your participation, please contact msedig@illinois.edu.



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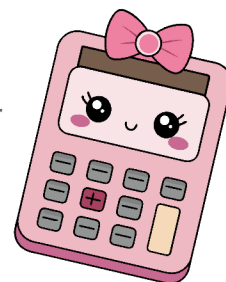


FEBRUARY TAKE & MAKES

Snag one of these adorable heart crafts next time you're in! Rather complete the project here? Ask for a glue stick at the front desk.

WHAT DID THE CALCULATOR SAY TO THE PENCIL?

Complete our
February Scavenger
Hunt to solve the
riddle and win a
small prize!



PFLAG SAUK VALLEY

February Book Chat


**Thursday, February 26, 2026
7:00 pm**

Zoom chat includes visit with author

From the tip of Florida's conservative panhandle to vibrant queer communities in California, and from Texas churches to mosques in Illinois, *American Teenager* gives readers a window into the lives of eight teens who, despite what some lawmakers might want us to believe, are truly just kids looking for a brighter future.

Books available at the following libraries:
Dixon, Sterling, Morrison, Rock Falls, Polo and Byron.
Event is free; registration required to receive Zoom link.

For more information: PFLAGsaukvalley@gmail.com



Pokémon enthusiasts showed off their collections at January's meeting.

PATRON-LED PROGRAMS

Fall 2025



PINOCHLE

Every Monday
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Odell Program Room

SCRABBLE

Every Wednesday
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Odell Program Room



CHESS



Every 2nd, 3rd, 4th Monday
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
3rd & 4th Thursdays 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Odell Program Room

CRAFTERS



Every Thursday
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Genealogy Room
Bring a project and socialize

BOOK CLUB

2nd Thursday
2:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Odell Program Room
[Let the front desk know if you need
a copy of the month's book]



FEBRUARY BOOK: THE SEVEN HUSBANDS OF EVELYN HUGO

All programs are free and open to the public. Beginners welcome. Please note that these programs are not run by Odell Public Library, though we are happy to host and pass on any questions. Come together at your local library!

THE ODELL PUBLIC LIBRARY FRIENDS PRESENT

Partnering for Health

Chair Yoga & Mindfulness

with Becky West



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026

6:30 PM

ODELL PROGRAM ROOM



PARTNERING FOR HEALTH **CHAIR YOGA & MINDFULNESS**

Research shows that Contemplative Practices such as meditation and mindful movement are positive for greater health and well-being. Join us for an introduction to mindfulness meditation and a mindful movement practice known as chair-based yoga on Tuesday, February 24th at 6:30pm. We will learn about and have a short experience with both mindfulness meditation and compassion meditation. If you have never tried meditation, no worries – we are all beginners! Hints on how to get started with a personal practice and how to enhance your experience going forward will be provided. The chair-based yoga practice will be a very gentle introduction to the mindful movement where we focus on linking or yoking (yoga) body, breath and mind. Please wear comfy clothes that allow you to move freely.

Program facilitator Becky West has 40+ years of experience as a public health nurse and family nurse practitioner. She is a certified Hatha yoga instructor and experienced in facilitating the Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) program which is taught in hospital and university settings worldwide. In addition, Becky has led a community-based mindfulness meditation group in Morrison since 2013 (Tuesday mornings) and a community-based yoga group (currently M/W/F at City of Morrison Community Room) for almost 10 years.

ODELL LIBRARY FRIENDS

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. Email the Friends at odell.friends@gmail.com with any questions or join them at their next meeting!

Next Meeting:

TUESDAY, MARCH 3RD
1:00 P.M.
ODELL PROGRAM ROOM
ALL ARE WELCOME!



MICROGREENS

Odell is currently growing:

- Broccoli
- Kale
- Brussels Sprouts **NEW!**
- Radish

Pop them in salads, smoothies, soups, and more for an extra dose of nutrition, especially during the winter months!



FREE

Self-Serve MICROGREEN SAMPLES

Help yourself to samples of our fresh microgreens ♡ Check the mini fridge by the front door!

Excellent source of nutrients!



Grown & harvested at Odell Public Library with support from the Ogle County Health Department



Great in Salads, Smoothies, soups & more!

Improving ONLINE HEALTH LITERACY

A Digit-ILL Training



ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH, FROM 6PM-7PM, AT ODELL PUBLIC LIBRARY, MORRISON, IL. TOTALLY FREE. LIMITED SPOTS. IN PERSON TRAINING.

Introduction to Online Health Literacy
-Definition and importance of online health literacy
-Digital platforms and health information

Christopher Carpenter


Navigating Online Health Resources
-Trusted websites and databases
-Online support groups

Theodore Avtgis


Personal Health Records
-How to fill your own PHR
-The importance of PHR

Daniela Corrent

Empowering Decision-Making and Health Communication
-Discussing online health information with healthcare providers
-Encouraging critical thinking and patient advocacy

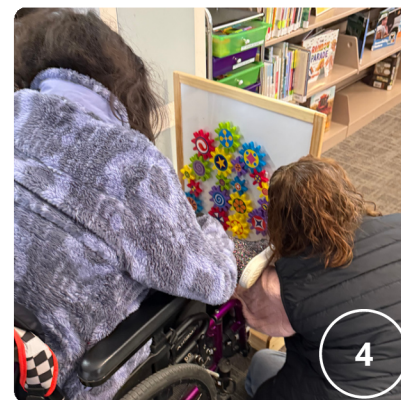
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 ILLINOIS BROADBAND LAB

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH
6:00 PM | ODELL PROGRAM ROOM**

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



1) Storytime kids created some bright & beautiful "I Like Me!" artwork this month 2) Elliot was eager to try out Odell's new lounge in the children's area. This cozy reading nook was donated in loving memory of Phil Renkes. 3) It's always a great night when Princess Drew joins us for storytime! 4) Some of our Life Skills visitors enjoyed new magnetic gears donated by the family of Phil Renkes.

MUSEUM & ZOO PASSES

Looking to explore locally? Check out Odell's **Putnam Museum**, **Sawmill Museum**, or **Niabi Zoo** passes and enjoy a day exploring 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

