

Odell Public Library OUTREACH



JANUARY 2026

A YEAR FOR THE (E)BOOKS

Freezing temps or winter winds got you down? It's okay to stay under the covers! Odell patrons have access to thousands of e-books and audio books, all available from the comfort of your home. All you need to get started is the device of your choice - iPad, Kindle, tablet, computer - and a valid Odell library card. Then download the Libby or Palace app and get started today!



Libby.

The library reading app

1

Download

The Libby app is available for iOs and Android devices, Amazon Fire tablets, and Windows, Mac, and Chromebooks.

2

Sign In

In Libby, follow the prompts to find your library and sign in with a valid library card.

3

Browse & Borrow

Find something to borrow:

- Tap Search to find a specific title, author, series, etc.
- Tap Library to browse your library's catalog. You'll find helpful filters, catalog guides, campaigns, and curated lists created by your library.

4

READ (or Listen)

• Your loans appear on your Shelf. Tap "Loans" to read or manage your titles. Tap "Holds" to see your place in line and manage your holds. Tap "Timeline" to see your Libby activity. Tap "Notices" to see in-app notifications for loans and holds.



The
Palace
Project



1

Download

The Palace Project app is available in both the Apple App Store for iOS phones and tablets and the Google Play Store for Android phones and tablets.

2

Connect

Open thePalace app, tap "Find Your Library," and type or scroll to find your library's name to access their collection of ebooks and audiobooks.

3

Browse

Browse titles by selecting any of the headings to view additional or related titles. Search a specific title by selecting the magnifying glass in the upper right corner of the screen.

4

Borrow

Select the desired title and click "Get." If your book is unavailable, click "Reserve" to place a hold. You will be prompted to sign in with your library barcode number and password/PIN.

5

READ (or Listen)

Once your book has been downloaded, click "Read" or "Listen" and enjoy! Borrowed titles can be easily accessed by selecting "My Books" at the bottom of the screen.

DECEMBER 2025 | MONTHLY PROGRAMS



January Storytimes

Cozy up at the library! → **6:30 - 7:00 PM**

THURS 01	WINTER BREAK NO STORYTIME
THURS 08	 I LIKE ME!
THURS 15	SNOW
THURS 22	 COZY BLANKIE
THURS 29	DANCE!

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

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!



WHERE ARE ALL THE NEW RELEASES?

We continue to experience delays in acquiring new materials due to the unexpected closure of our longtime book distributor, Baker & Taylor.

We ask for your continued patience during our transition to a new book distributor. We are happy to assist you with locating items within our collection & requesting interlibrary loans for those you are unable to locate at Odell!



BECAUSE NICE MATTERS

On Thursday, November 18th, the Morrison Area Chamber surprised Miss Katie at Odell Public Library with their December "Because Nice Matters Award!" Katie was nominated for her exceptional customer service at the Odell Public Library. "She knows every child by name, understands their interests, and makes every family feel welcomed and valued. From recommending the perfect book to creating an unforgettable summer reading program, Katie's kindness truly makes a difference." Morrison is lucky to have you, Miss Katie!



JANUARY TAKE & MAKES

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

WHAT DOES A GINGERBREAD KID PUT ON HIS BED?

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



Thank You

Thank you to every patron who wished us well, brought in treats, or made a donation this holiday season. We feel so lucky to be part of this amazing community!

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]



JANUARY BOOK: THE LIBRARY BOOK BY SUSAN ORLEAN

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!

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, JANUARY 6TH

1:00 P.M.

ODELL PROGRAM ROOM

ALL ARE WELCOME!



IMPROVING ONLINE HEALTH LITERACY



This free, in-person program aims to increase online health literacy for all ages. The hour-long session, led by Western Illinois University faculty, will describe the role of digital health records as well as common challenges and barriers for patients. Participants will learn to recognize trusted websites and databases and how to complete their own personal health records. This is a great opportunity to build health communication skills and better advocate for yourself and loved ones through any medical journey.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

6:00 PM | ODELL PROGRAM ROOM

MICROGREENS

Odell is currently growing:

- Broccoli
- Kale
- Kohlrabi
- Radish

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



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



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!

Winter Sowing Workshop



January 17 @ 1:00 pm
Odell Public Library

Did you know you can plant your seeds, outside, in the middle of winter to get a head start on spring?

Learn an alternate way to start seeds using up-cycled milk jugs, soil, and temperate climate seeds. Pick from our seed selection of cool weather crops, or bring your own, to plant. Participants will take home their own planted milk jug seedling incubator.

Preregistration required.

All ages welcome.

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



go.illinois.edu/SnowSeeds

\$5 Supply Fee

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307 S Madison St, Morrison, IL

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



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1) We had lots of families visit Odell after Christmas. The Lego cart is always a popular spot to hang out! 2) Caught reading! Mr. Elliot is a big fan of the InvestiGator series. 3) This little learner can't wait to take home the "Bugs" backpack that weighs just about as much as she does! 4) We had a merry band of elves at our last storytime of the season. Hope all of our families had a wonderful holiday break!

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

