

Odell Public Library OUTREACH



NOVEMBER 2025 BOOK & BAKE SUCCESS

The Odell Public Library Friends' Annual Book & Bake Sale was a tremendous success on Saturday, November 1st. Thanks to exceptionally generous donors and shoppers, the Friends raised \$3,224 for the library. Funds will be used to purchase outdoor seating for Odell and other library projects. This event would not be possible without the enthusiasm and dedication of our Library Friends and the bountiful baked goods and book donations from the community. Thank you all for making the sale a such a success and supporting your local library!

SALE CONTINUES



Odell Public Library Friends Judy, Maisie, and Anne sent shoppers home with homemade treats!



The program room was packed with shoppers of all ages on Saturday.



The baked goods may be gone, but there are still plenty of great books for sale at Odell. Come browse the after-sale and go home with a few great reads (or a whole box full!). All items are sold by donation. Proceeds benefit Odell.

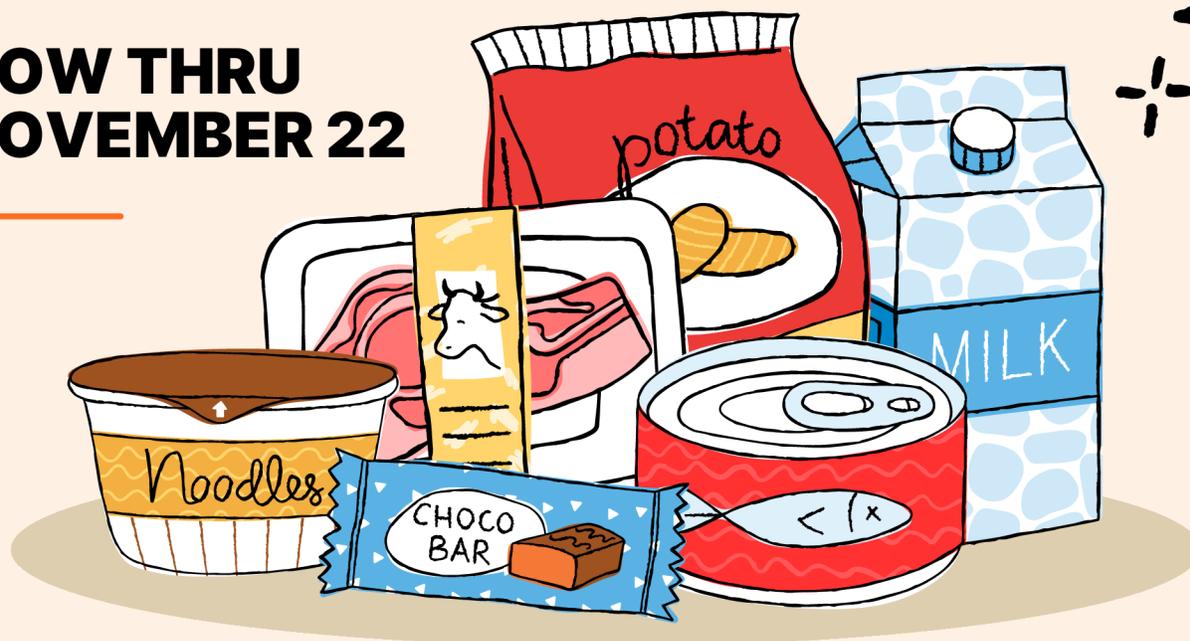


FOOD



FINES

**NOW THRU
NOVEMBER 22**



Help feed our community and clear any Odell library fines* by dropping off donations for the Morrison Food Party at Odell! Cash or food donations (non-expired, shelf-stable) are welcome as well as personal hygiene items. All donations will be delivered to the Pantry after 11/22.

*Only Odell fines can be waived, not those resulting from other libraries. Fine forgiveness does not apply to lost or damaged items.

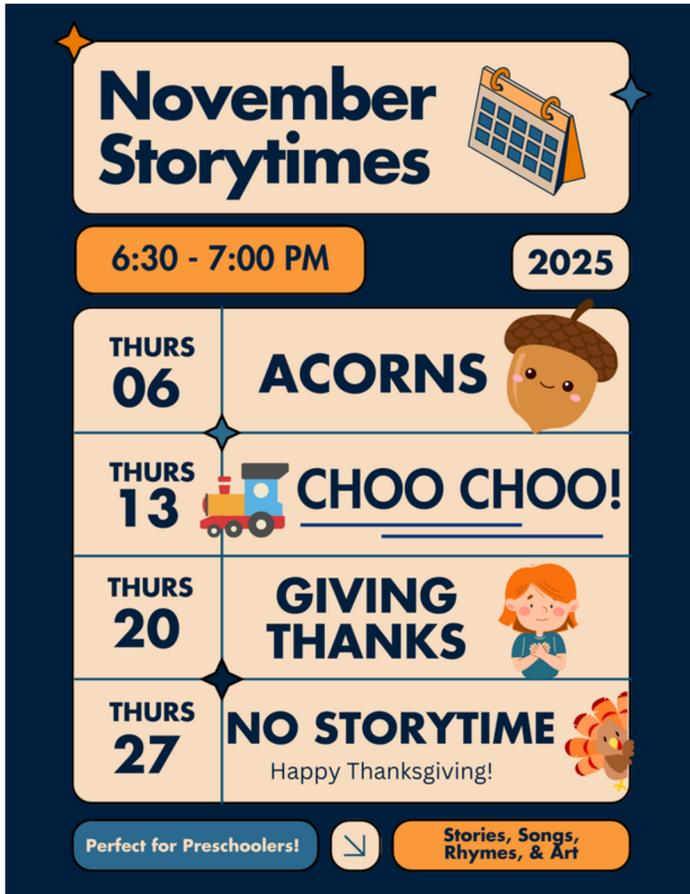
REQUESTED ITEMS

- ▶ Cash Donations
- ▶ Soap, Shampoo, & Deodorant
- ▶ Laundry & Dish Detergent
smaller sized bottles preferred
- ▶ Kleenex



Odell Public Library
307 S. Madison St. | Morrison, IL

NOVEMBER 2025 | MONTHLY PROGRAMS



November Storytimes

6:30 - 7:00 PM 2025

THURS 06	ACORNS
THURS 13	CHOO CHOO!
THURS 20	GIVING THANKS
THURS 27	NO STORYTIME Happy Thanksgiving!

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!

NO NOVEMBER 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

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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!

NOVEMBER 2025 PLANT MAKEOVER



Odell would like to thank Susan & Joel Horn for taking time to prune up Odell's many lush potted plants. Susan regularly cares for our little indoor jungle and the plants have never looked better! We have so many fantastic volunteers behind the scenes. Thank you for all you do!

SCAVENGER HUNTS

Monthly scavenger hunts are a fan favorite at Odell! Each month, our young patrons explore the library, looking for picture clues to solve that month's riddle. When all of the clues are found, hunters bring the completed riddle to the front desk for a small prize or treat. Not only are these scavenger hunts fun, but they get kids and families comfortable with all the nooks and crannies at Odell. Check out our scavenger hunt on your next visit to find out which dinosaur was a noisy sleeper!



BOOK UPDATES



Miss Victoria (pictured left) worked diligently all month to get backordered books onto the shelves! Due to the unexpected closure of our book distributor, Baker & Taylor, there were many delays in delivery and ultimately, our orders were canceled. Thankfully, we were able to secure titles elsewhere and Victoria now has all those beautiful new books processed and ready to check out! Thank you for your patience. Happy reading!

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 Tuesdays
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Odell Program Room
[Let the front desk know if you need a copy of the month's book]

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

MICROGREENS

The Microgreens Workshops, led by Joyce Lewis (below) of the Ogle County Health Department, were a tremendous success. Thanks to a grant secured from the CDC, each participant received a passive hydroponics kit to grow microgreens at home. Odell will continue to grow microgreens over the next year to share with the community. More information to come.



The grant aims to educate communities on the health benefits of growing and using microgreens. A $\frac{3}{4}$ cup serving of microgreens has the equivalent nutritional value of $2\frac{1}{2}$ cups of raw veggies, the daily recommended amount. Pictured above are participants from the October 18th & 28th workshops.

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!

NO DECEMBER MTG
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Next Meeting:
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6TH
1:00 P.M.
ODELL PROGRAM ROOM
ALL ARE WELCOME!

ODELL
Public Library
— friends —

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) It was a full house at the 10/28 Microgreens Workshop. 2) We loved seeing trick-or-treaters of all ages at Odell on Friday 3) The Sibley family cozied up with some good books this Fall 4) I spy some Pokemon at Odell! Don't forget to stop by our "Pokemon Club" on 2nd Saturdays at 10am!

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

