

# Odell Public Library OUTREACH



## FRIENDS ANNUAL BOOK & BAKE SALE

As we head into fall, *now* is the best time to stock up on cozy, gently-used books at the Odell Public Library Friends' Annual Book & Bake Sale. The event boasts a bevy of books in every genre, as well as fresh-baked treats. All items are available by donation, with proceeds supporting new outdoor seating at Odell.


In order to make this sale a success, the Friends are requesting donations of gently-used books. All donated materials should be clean and in very good condition.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept old textbooks, encyclopedia sets, or VHS tapes. Donations may be dropped off to Odell during open hours. Thank you for your support!

Have a baker in the house? The Friends are also seeking donations of fresh-baked goods. See below for more details.

ODELL PUBLIC LIBRARY FRIENDS

# BOOK & BAKE SALE




- Fiction
- Nonfiction
- Children's & more!

Great reads and tasty treats sold by donation!

**11.01.25**  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Funds raised will support new outdoor seating at Odell.



## CALLING ALL BAKERS!



Deliver items to Odell Public Library  
(307 S. Madison St.) on Saturday,  
November 1<sup>st</sup> between 8:30-9:30 am.

Can you help the library with our bake sale? The Friends are seeking donations of fresh-baked goods for the November 1<sup>st</sup> Book & Bake Sale. Donations of cakes, cupcakes, cookies, bars, breads, muffins, or pies. We cannot accept cheesecakes, meringues, or anything requiring refrigeration. Please label any common allergens such as nuts, berries, etc. Items should be packaged as you intend them to be sold. Please use disposable packaging.

# OCTOBER 2025 | MONTHLY PROGRAMS



**October Storytimes**

6:30 - 7:00 PM 2025

THURS 02	 <b>APPLES</b>
THURS 09	<b>AUTUMN</b> 
THURS 16	 <b>DAYS OF THE WEEK</b>
THURS 23	<b>PUMPKINS</b> 
THURS 30	 <b>DRESS-UP</b>

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

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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!



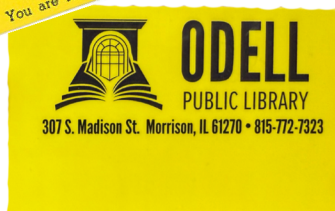
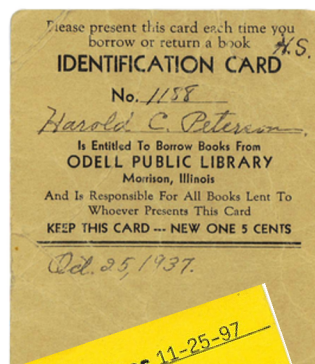
# OCTOBER 2025 ANIMAL HOSPITAL



Odell's sensory bin has been transformed into an Animal Hospital. Stop in with your young ones and practice giving check-ups and caring for "Jack" and "Jill" in the animal clinic. Pretend play supports cognitive, social, and emotional development. Come play with us!

# LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

September was National Library Card Sign-up Month. Check out a little bit of Odell card history below!



Odell recently received a library card dating back to 1937! This single-side paper card cost \$0.05 to replace if lost. The yellow card from the 1990's is still made of paper, but a typewriter was used to fill in patron information. Library card numbers were still just 4 digits long. Today's card keeps that vibrant yellow, but is made of plastic and now barcoded with a 14-digit login. These magic cards give patrons access to books, computers, museum passes, online materials, and more!

## Professional Development



Four staff members were recently able to attend 'PUG Days,' an annual PrairieCat event dedicated to library networking, continuing education, and professional development. Odell staff joined over 250 fellow Illinois library workers in sessions on programming, book repair, cataloguing, mental health, collection development, readers' advisory, and so much more. This event always provides such valuable information and connections. We can't wait to share some of our new skills and ideas!

# 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 Wednesday** 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
**3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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 play at your local library!



# ODELL LIBRARY FRIENDS



## MICROGREENS WORKSHOPS

FREE step-by-step workshops on how to grow and use microgreens. Participants will receive a free microgreens grow kit valued at \$100!

### TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN

✓ **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18**  
**10:00 AM - NOON**

OR

✓ **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28**  
**6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

### REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Phone Number:  
**815-772-7323**

**LIMITED TO 15 PARTICIPANTS**



## MICROGREENS

Why in the world would you want to grow microgreens? Well, the health benefits are many and with these free library workshops, it couldn't be easier!

Microgreens are simply young vegetable or herb plants that are grown from seed and harvested before they mature. They are used in dishes for flavor, texture, and to boost nutrients. In fact, just  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup of microgreens is equal to 2.5 cups of raw vegetables, which is the daily recommended serving. These small, but mighty greens can be easily added to soups and smoothies as well as toppings for salads and sandwiches.

Registered participants will leave the workshops with a complete microgreens kit, including tray, growing medium, seeds, and grow light, valued at \$100. Spots are filling up quickly. Call Odell to register today! 815-772-7323

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](mailto:odell.friends@gmail.com) with any questions or join them at their next meeting!

**Next Meeting:**  
**Tuesday, October 7th**  
**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) Miss Katie took Storytime outside on a perfect evening. Our new bubble machine was a BIG hit! 2) Miss Amaya learned about shapes and patterns and built so many dinosaurs! 3) Chicka Chicka Boom Boom trees with family 4) Miss Lizzie gave her shark 4 big, sharp teeth at Counting Storytime.

## 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

