

Odell Public Library OUTREACH



SUMMER READING WRAP-UP

Summer is such a busy season at Odell! This year, more than 200 young learners participated in Odell's "Level Up at Your Library" Summer Reading Program. Throughout June & July, Odell provided weekly art and science projects, set up a StoryWalk, hosted educators from local zoos and aquariums, played games, issued reading challenges, enjoyed movie matinees, had the best stuffed animal sleepover, and so much more! We loved seeing families bring so much energy into the library and check out so many great books! Thank you to all of our wonderful sponsors, including the United Way of Whiteside County, Morrison Rotary, Morrison CGH, Morrison McDonald's, and all of our wonderful staff and volunteers. We truly appreciate this support that allows us to share the joy of learning with so many kids in our community! Thank you!



ODELL WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR



Odell is pleased to welcome Christina Snyder as Odell Public Library Director. Christina grew up in Freeport, IL and currently resides in Rock Falls with her husband and three boys. She is a graduate of North Central College in Naperville and brings along many skills from her years in banking and retail management. When she's not at the library, Christina enjoys reading, baking, hiking, and knitting/crocheting. Taking day trip adventures with her boys is a favorite treat. Please join us in welcoming Christina to the community!

SEPTEMBER 2025 | MONTHLY PROGRAMS



September Storytimes

6:30 - 7:00 PM 2025

THURS 04	CHICKA CHICKA BOOM BOOM
THURS 11	1...2...3...
THURS 18	MIX IT UP!
THURS 25	PATTERN PLAY

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!

SEPTEMBER 2025

FUN PASSES



There's so much more than books available at your local library! Did you know Odell's adult library card holders can check out zoo and museum passes? As part of our library's mission to encourage life-long learning, Odell has passes to the following local attractions:

- Niabi Zoo (Coal Valley, IL)
- The Putnam Museum (Davenport, IA)
- [NEW!] The Sawmill Museum (Clinton, IA)

Each pass grants entry and parking fees (if applicable). The passes are available on a first come, first served basis and may be checked out for one week. Enjoy exploring the area on Odell!

PUZZLE RACE SUCCESS

Odell's first Puzzle Race delighted patrons of all ages! Eight teams of 4 competed to complete identical 500-pc puzzles in under 2 hours. Our first place team, Puzzle Passion, finished in just 1hr 16min while our last came in at 2hrs 10min. First or last, every team had a blast!



MONARCH SEASON

If you stopped by Odell this summer, there's a good chance you saw nature at work! Kids and grown-ups alike love to watch our monarch caterpillars hatch, grow, and finally emerge as butterflies. Our display opens up conversations about lifecycles, butterfly habitats, and nature conservancy. We love sharing these amazing creatures with you!



ODELL LIBRARY FRIENDS



MICROGREENS

Odell is partnering with the Ogle County Health Department to offer free classes on growing microgreens. Why microgreens? Microgreens pack a powerful nutritional punch, with a single serving providing proteins, fiber, and a variety of vitamins and minerals. They're great in salads, soups, and smoothies and are easy to get growing! Watch for class dates this October!

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.

ODELL
Public Library
— friends —

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, September 9th
1:00 p.m.
Odell Program Room
ALL ARE WELCOME!

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!



LOVE 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!

MAY 2025 | AROUND ODELL



1) The family that reads together leads together! The Stralow family did a great job reading all summer! 2) Kid Librarians Amelia Mills (left) and Addie Hook (right) collect books for a display 3) Keaton shows off his personalized puzzle piece 4) Elise built a beautiful house at September Lego Club

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

