

# Odell Public Library OUTREACH



## JULY 2023

Have you popped in to Odell lately? If so, you've probably experienced the hustle and bustle (and noise!) of Summer Reading Club! Over 200 readers have been scavenger hunting, clay crafting, bird house building, and of course, **READING** at the library these last few weeks. We are excited to show you some of the activities that have been happening at Odell and share future events!

## SUMMER READING



Victoria & Gideon show off some of their summer creations.

Summer Reading continues this month as we wrap up 5 weeks of programming and opportunities to play, learn, and grow.

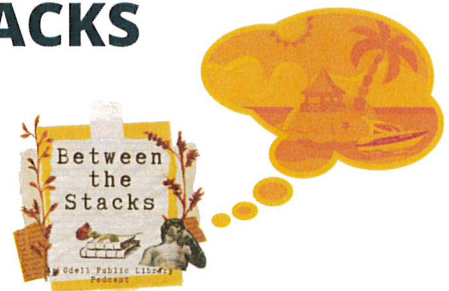
Didn't get your kiddo signed up? There are still so many fun ways to enjoy reading and your local library this summer! Take a stroll along our **Story Walk at Kelly Park** or stop in and try out our **Big Foot scavenger hunt** at Odell! Young ones have loved playing in our camping area, play kitchen, and light table station, available during any of our open hours!

## SUMMER READING... FOR GROWN UPS

Adult readers are invited to enter their names into Odell's July Summer Reading drawing! Grown-ups will receive one entry per book read this month. One lucky winner will be gifted a limited-edition Odell tote! Entry forms are available at the front desk. Happy Reading!



## BETWEEN THE STACKS

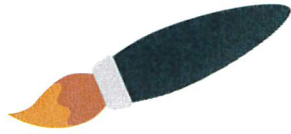


Between the Stacks is on a little Summer Vacation! Get caught up on past episodes [here](#) or wherever you find your podcasts.



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## COLORING CONTEST



The winners of the Morrison Garden Club coloring contest are shown below. Thank you to all the fabulous artists who helped brighten our building this summer!



Ages 9-10  
**Leela E.**

Ages 6-8  
**Charlotte H.**



Ages 3-5  
**Violet Benson**

## SCAVENGER HUNT

Big Foot is bringing Big Fun to Odell this month. Find all 25 Big Foot cutouts hiding in the library to solve the riddle and win a prize. One hunt per person, please. Open to all.



## STORY WALK

Odell's Summer Story Walk is on display and ready to read at Kelly Park! The idea behind story walks is to get families reading in the outdoors and exercising, too! This summer's book is the children's classic: "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" by Michael Rosen and Helen Oxenbury. Kids will love chanting along with the familiar phrasing, "Can't go over it. Can't go under it. Oh, no! We've got to go through it!" Encourage young ones to stomp, stumble, and squash along with the characters as they find their way to the deep, dark cave. When you're finished walking,

check out one of Morrison's Free Little Libraries under the pavilion. Odell thanks Morrison Parks for sharing the trail with us and Morrison Schools for assisting with lamination. See you on the trail!





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## CAMP ODELL HIGHLIGHTS



1) Northern Illinois Raptor Rehab & Education brought live birds of prey including owls and falcons to a large group of readers in June 2) Lily plays with clay in the program room 3) Stuffed animals took over Odell for a campout July 6-7th 4) Ronan & Elliot love play-camping at Odell! 5) The Phelps kids worked to identify animal pelts at a nature program with the U of I Extension 6) The Selburg family takes a break from activities to share stories.



## CAMP SKILLS

Local Girl Scout Troop #1504, led by Hillary Blevins, shared camping tips with readers this week. Kids read stories in tents, created edible camp fires, and learned how to better protect and respect nature. Thank you, Scouts!



## TOTES FOR SALE!

Have you seen our limited edition Odell totes featuring the library's new logo? These high-quality totes were printed locally and feature a wipeable inner liner, gusseted bottom, and outer side pocket. This is the perfect bag for toting library books or just about anything else! Bags are just \$15 with all proceeds benefitting Odell's Summer Reading Program. Totes were made possible with funding from Thrivent Financial and the Odell Public Library Friends. Special thanks to Amanda Cook for Odell's logo design. Only 10 remaining. Get yours today!

The latest book orders can be found by scrolling to the bottom of Odell's [website](#) or stopping by the circulation desk. The June book order can be found [here](#).

## 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](#)

