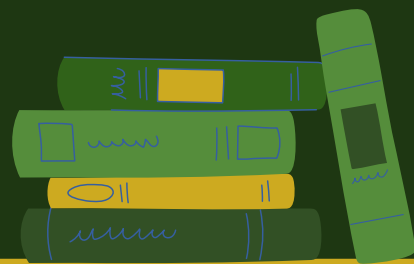


Odell Public Library OUTREACH



March 2023

Prepare to be FLOORED this month at Odell! We are so very excited that the library's new flooring will be installed beginning Monday, March 20th, with a projected 3-week closure. Be sure to like Odell's Facebook page to see updates throughout the installation! You can find more information and plenty of tips to survive Odell's carpet closure on page 2 of this newsletter. Thank you for your patience and support as your library receives a little makeover!



Samples of the new flooring are pictured above. Boss One Carpet of Dixon, IL will begin installation mid-March.

CARPET PREVIEW

Enjoy a sneak peek of Odell's new flooring! The front 3/4 of the library will boast variegated carpet planks while the rear 1/4 will feature luxury vinyl tile (LVT) in the shade mousse, with pops of rouge and cobalt. There's so much to look forward to at Odell! See page 2 for more details.

BETWEEN THE STACKS

On this month's episode of "Between the Stacks," host Victoria Horn discusses the wide variety of books she read in February 2023, from bedtime stories and YA graphic novels to Ashley C. Ford's powerful memoir *Somebody's Daughter* and Toni Morrison's *Recitatif*. On segment V's Verses, Victoria recommends unconventional love poems and reads her original poem, "A Lifetime," written for two friends on their wedding day. [Listen here](#) or wherever you find your podcasts.

USER SPOTLIGHT

One of the newest groups to utilize Odell's conference room is the



Pinochle Players! This group meets Mondays at 1:00 p.m. and is free and open to anyone who enjoys playing the card game Pinochle!

Odell Public Library: Flooring Closure

Monday, March 20th - Sunday, April 9th



Before Closure

- Stock up on materials! Better too much than not enough.
- Make sure your library card is current - including the sticker on the back of your card - so that you can use other member libraries during the closure (more info below). You always have access to e-book/audio book holdings through the Libby App.
- Beginning March 5th, all due dates will be extended through April 17th (one week beyond our expected reopen date).
- Last holds through Inter-Library Loan must be placed by Monday, March 12th.

During Closure

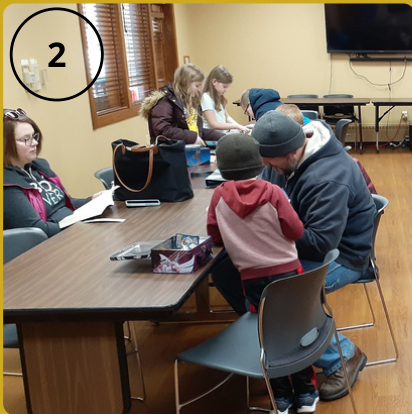
- Your Odell Public Library card can be used at a number of surrounding libraries, including Erie, Prophetstown, Fulton, Moline, and Rock Island. For a full list of PrairieCat member libraries, visit prairiecat.info/libraries.
- Books may be returned to Odell's outside book drop or to any area library. Due dates have been extended through April 17th.
- Follow Odell Public Library on Facebook for installation updates and announcements.
- Questions? Email us at ask.odell.library@gmail.com or call 815-772-7323.

Save the Date!

Come explore your updated library on Sunday, April 30th from 1:00-4:00 PM.
Enjoy refreshments, games, crafts, and give-aways to celebrate the
completion of the Fund Our Floor project!

March 2023

AROUND ODELL



1) Odell staff model their new "Between the Stacks" t-shirts; the shirts were a wonderful surprise from Podcast Host Victoria Horn's family! 2) Fun at Pokémon Club 3) LEGO building duo 4) Two friends from Early Learning Academy enjoyed a tour, craft, and Storytime at Odell this February

ODELL FRIENDS

The Odell Public Library Friends will meet to discuss the upcoming Open House and other business on **Tuesday, March 14th at 1:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held in Odell's Program Room and is open to the public.

FREE SMOKE ALARMS

The American Red Cross and Morrison Fire Department are installing FREE smoke alarms in Morrison on Saturday, March 25th from 9am-3pm. To sign up for your free smoke alarm installation, visit <https://tinyurl.com/MorrisonILSmokeAlarms> or call 815-963-8471 ext. 7.

March 2023 PROGRAMS

Programs are free, drop-in activities offered to all ages and take place in Odell's Program Room unless otherwise noted.

- **Storytime** takes place every Thursday evening from 7:00-7:30pm in the children's area. Bring your young ones for stories, songs, and rhymes!
- **LEGO Club** takes place the first Saturday of the month (3/4/23) from 10:30-noon. Lego, Duplo, and MegaBlok provided. Bring your imagination!
- **Pokemon Club** will meet Saturday, March 18th from 10-11:30. Come /learn play the card game, trade, and more! All ages. Club will meet in the Community Rm this month.
- **Magic the Gathering** will meet Saturday, January 21st from 12:00-3:00pm. Open play. Ages 10-adult. Magic will meet in the Community Room this month.

AARP TAX HELP

Interested in receiving AARP assistance in preparing your taxes? Call Odell to start the process today. Be prepared to provide Odell staff with your name, town, and phone number. An AARP representative will then call you to schedule an appointment. At this time, AARP plans to begin assistance on Wednesday, February 1st and continue through April 12th. Everyone must have an appointment this year. Tax assistance will take place in the Community Room adjacent to Odell Public Library.

SENIOR CENTER

A representative from the Whiteside County Senior Center will be at Odell Tuesday, March 7th from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. They are able to assist the license sticker discounts, respite funds, Medicare and Medicaid programs, Social Security extra help, and much more. You must have an appointment.

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

MUSEUM PASS

Looking to explore locally? Check out Odell's Putnam pass and enjoy a day at this Quad Cities museum on us! Passes are available to 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

