



ODELL OUTREACH

April 2023



ODELL MAKEOVER

"FUND OUR FLOOR" COMES TO FRUITION

So much has been happening behind the scenes at Odell. Since our 3-week closure began, over 8,000 square feet of flooring was removed, concrete was sanded and patched, shelving containing more than 30,000 items was shuttled in and out of work zones, and finally -- new luxury vinyl tiles and carpet planks were installed. This week, a determined group of staff, board members, and volunteers have dedicated countless hours putting your favorite local library back together! We are so grateful for every ounce of support along the way and can't wait for you to enjoy the new space! Odell will reopen to the public Monday, April 10th.

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UNDER CONSTRUCTION



Above: Odell looking empty and open after the first round of shelf moving March 21st. Top right: Workers tear up the building's original carpet from 1995. Bottom Right: After scraping, sanding, and patching, luxury vinyl tile was installed in the youth areas.

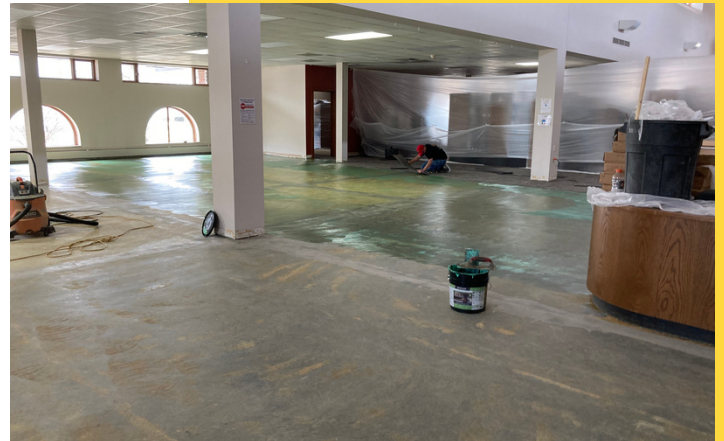


PROGRESS PROGRESS PROGRESS



Top left: Elliot Rider tests the coziness of the new flooring in the Young Adult area. Left: Movers slide low shelving into position. Taller stacks required specially designed gear. Above: Tear up of the Junior area begins.

FINISHING UP



1995



2023



Top left: Tear-up, sanding, and patching in Northeast corner. Plastic sheeting was hung to mitigate dust from sanding. Top right: Workers begin gluing down carpet planks. Mid left: pallets of carpet tiles await installation. Mid right: Finished carpet in the Northeast corner. Bottom left: close up of the old (original) and new carpeting. Bottom right: movers pack up their equipment April 4th.



You're Invited!

OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2023

1:00 - 4:00 PM

- Library Tours
- Refreshments
- Activities
- Prizes

307 S. Madison St. | Morrison, IL

Ribbon Cutting 1:00 pm



HELP NEEDED!

The Morrison Garden Club is looking for able-bodied volunteers to help spread mulch at Odell on Saturday, April 22nd. Work will start around 9am and continue until finished. Bring a shovel, garden rake, and work gloves. No experience needed. Sauk Valley Impact Program volunteers welcome! Snacks and water provided.

APRIL 2023 PROGRAMS

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

- **Storytime will resume 4/13** and continue each 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 (5/6/23) from 10:30-noon. Lego, Duplo, and MegaBlok provided. Bring your imagination!
- **Pokémon Club & Magic the Gathering are postponed this month due to staffing issues but will resume Saturday, May 20th** from 10:00-11:30 (Pokémon) and 12:00-3:00 (Magic). Play, trade, and more!

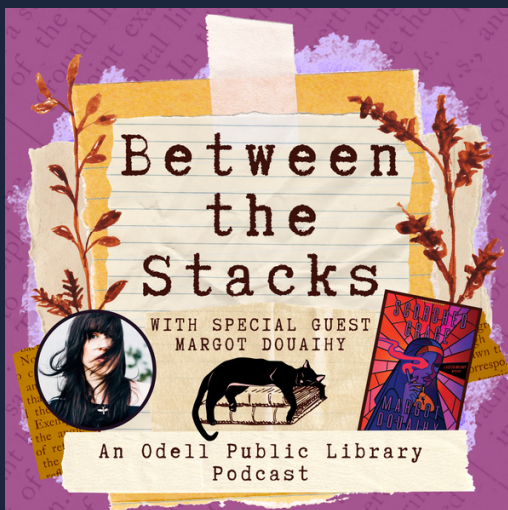
LOOKING AHEAD



Registration information for Odell's Summer Reading Program, sponsored by the United Way of Whiteside County, will be shared early next month. Get your young readers excited for "Camp Odell" during the months of June & July! This free program will include in-person and take home activities. SRC is open to kids preschool-aged through 8th grade and is *such* a fun way to keep kids reading over the summer!

Between the Stacks Season 3, Episode 9

A Conversation with Margot Douaihy, Renowned Author of Scorched Grace!



Host Victoria Horn is joined in conversation with Margot Douaihy, author of the 2023 lyrical crime novel *Scorched Grace*! *Scorched Grace* is the inaugural title published under Gillian Flynn Books and the first in Douaihy's Sister Holiday Mystery series. Margot and Victoria discuss the importance of humanizing crime fiction and writing from the margins. Victoria also reads "Sacrament," the original poem she wrote for Margot. Listen to Odell's podcast [here](#) or wherever you find your podcasts.

THANK YOU!



Volunteers Sarah, Melissa, & Lorna work to re-shelve children's materials

Teresa, Scout, & Victoria pose for a pic during a shelf shift



ODELL
PUBLIC LIBRARY

*Featuring Odell's beautiful
Prairie-style architecture*

Morrison native **Amanda (Olson) Cook** recently created a logo for Odell and we absolutely love it! Thank you for your time and talents, Amanda!

USER SPOTLIGHT

"The Knitters" meet every Thursday evening beginning around 5:30 pm in the Genealogy Room. This group of ladies visit and work on a variety of projects including knitting, crochet, embroidery, quilting, and more! The group is free and open to new folks. Simply bring along a project and get to work! Want to learn? Leader Lynn Finnicum would love to share a variety of skills. If you love to socialize and make things, this group is for you!

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

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