



Odell Public Library

ODELL OUTREACH

Books on Display

March is Women's History Month and Miss Victoria has curated an excellent selection of books on some powerful, intelligent, trail-blazing figures!



Or stop by our Young Adult cart and pick up a green title in honor of St. Patrick's Day or venture into the Children's area for Easter picks! There's so much to choose from this month at Odell!



MARCH 2024

Postcards and Leprechauns and Nature Kids, oh my! March is full of fun opportunities at your local library. Join us for a fascinating presentation on the history of picture postcards on the 19th or drop in anytime to complete our leprechaun scavenger hunt. Our youngest patrons will also have the chance to learn about pinecones and trees this month! Add these to our regularly scheduled programs and there really is something for everyone. Read on for all the details!



Odell's display case is filled with fanciful and occasionally cheeky picture postcards from the early 1900s, courtesy of Glenn and Barb Peterson.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Odell will be under construction starting in mid-March to replace air handlers and cooling units. Part of this process involves removing the old equipment from the ceiling in several locations around the library, which may cause temporary closures in those areas. We'll keep you up to date on our progress on Facebook!

Regular Programs



SAME DAY, NEW TIME!

Our Thursday
Storytimes are now

6:30 - 7:00 pm



Updated November 2023

STORYTIME

The preschool set will love learning songs, sharing stories, and crafting with librarians Miss Katie & Miss Amy at Odell! This is a free, drop-in program every Thursday evening.

March Storytimes



6:30 - 7:00 PM

THURS
07

FISH



THURS
14

**ALL THINGS
GREEN**

THURS
21



EGGS

THURS
28

**NO STORYTIME
SPRING BREAK**

Perfect for Preschoolers!



Stories, Songs,
Rhymes, & Art

LEGO Club

First Saturday of the Month 10:30-Noon

March



3rd Saturdays @ Odell

Pokémon Club



10:00-11:30

Odell Program Room

Play the card game, trade with friends, and meet up with other Pokémon fans!

All ages.



MAGIC
THE GATHERING

12:00 - 3:00 PM

Odell Program Room

Bring your decks and play/trade with other MTG enthusiasts. Ages 10+



POSTCARD PROGRAM

On Tuesday, March 19, 2024, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM, Odell Public Library and Illinois Humanities invite you to attend "The Happy Invention: History and Significance of Picture Postcards" at the library, 307 S. Madison St., Morrison, IL. As founding curator of the Curt Teich Postcard Archives, now at the Newberry Library in Chicago, Katherine Hamilton-Smith brings a fascinating piece of cultural history to life: the invention of the American picture postcard, right here in Illinois! This free event is presented as part of the Illinois Humanities Road Scholars Speakers Bureau. Registration is requested, but not required. Sign up at Odell or call 815-772-7323 to reserve your seat!

ODELL PUBLIC LIBRARY & FRIENDS PRESENT

THE HAPPY INVENTION

The History & Significance of Picture Postcards



**TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024
6:30 - 7:30 PM**

**ODELL PUBLIC LIBRARY
307 S. MADISON ST. | MORRISON, IL**



Katherine Hamilton-Smith is founding curator of the world's largest public collection of postcards, the Teich Archives in Chicago. She presents a look at the documentary power and significance of picture postcards. Featuring train stations and street scenes, cartoons and advertisements, holidays and social history, postcards were indeed a happy invention.

This free event is presented as part of the Illinois Humanities Road Scholars Speakers Bureau.



**Reservations requested,
but not required.
815-772-7323**



ODELL PUBLIC LIBRARY FRIENDS



Our smallest library friends are loving the new dress up station provided by the Odell Public Library Friends!

The Odell Public Library Friends are staying busy this Spring planning programs! Mark your calendars for the following great events at Odell:

- Tuesday, March 19th - 6:30-7:30
 - The Happy Invention: Picture Postcards
- Tuesday, April 23rd - 6:30 - 7:30
 - Aprons with Connie Barr

**Next Friends' Meeting:
Tuesday, April 2nd @
1:00pm**

March Happenings

February Flashback

Odell hosted our first-ever Early Childhood Education Fair in February with our partners at Birth to Five Illinois and the Regional Office of Education. The event brought in nearly 20 families who left with resources (and goodies!) from a dozen local agencies.

Odell would like to thank the following agencies for supporting the event and providing activities for the kids while parents collected valuable information: Head Start, Parents as Teachers, Healthy Families, 4C's, ROE #47, Sonshine Academy, Katelyn Rodriguez (Pediatric SLP), Birth to Illinois, Morrison Food Pantry, and the Department of Child & Family Services.



Pictured above: Katie Rodriguez, Pediatric Speech Language Pathologist, engages little visitors with colorful play stations!

NATURE KIDS

Calling all Nature Kids! Does your little one love learning about the great outdoors? Join Miss Katie & Miss Mary as we investigate different nature topics each session. We'll share stories, do experiments, and step out into nature (so dress for the weather!). Attend one or all -- just let us know you're coming so we have enough materials prepared. Register by calling 815-772-7323. A parent/ guardian is required to attend with the child.



NATURE KIDS
at Odell Public Library

Fun, interactive programs for youth ages 3-6. Come explore environmental education topics through stories, activities, crafts, and outdoor exploration. Attend one or all! A parent/guardian is required to attend each session.

SELECT SATURDAYS

Mar 9	Pine Cone Magic
Apr 13	Catch a Rainbow
Apr 27	Caterpillar to Butterfly

 Odell Public Library
10:30 am - Noon

Free Program
Registration is Required:
Call 815-772-7323





Scavenger Hunts

What was St. Patrick's favorite kind of music? You'll have to complete this month's scavenger hunt to find out! Special thanks to the Odell Public Library Friends for sponsoring our scavenger hunt prizes!

Around Odell



Look who's having fun at Odell!

Pictured above clockwise: Miss Amy poses with her adorable elephant craft before Thursday's Storytime; This mama/daughter pair share a little love after attending Odell's first Early Childhood Resource Fair; Miss Charlotte dialed her creativity way up for this impressive beach build at March's LEGO Club.

The latest book orders can be found by scrolling to the bottom of Odell's website or stopping by the circulation desk.

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

