



Odell Public Library

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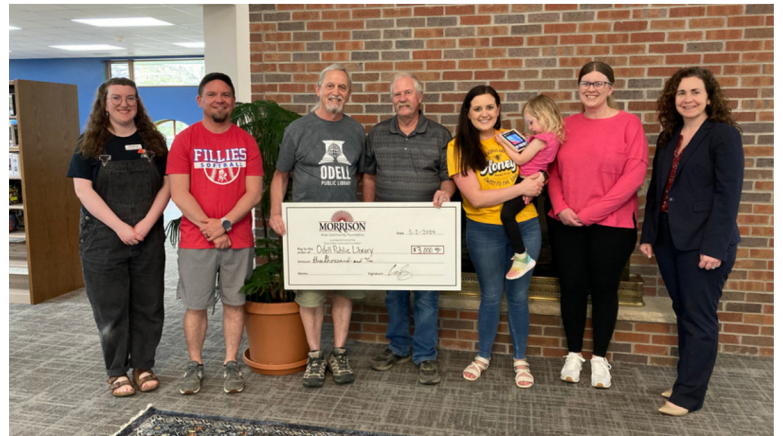
The Morrison Garden Club recently tidied up Odell's landscaping and it looks beautiful! Thank you to this wonderful group who serves our community in so many ways. Be sure to stop by their annual plant sale on Saturday, May 18th in the Community Room from 9am-1pm. Donations for the sale may be dropped off between 9am-7pm Friday night.



TBK Bank recently treated library staff to wonderful sugar cookies. Thank you for thinking of us!

MAY2024

It seems like the time of year when schedules fill with endless activities inside and out. At Odell, we are keeping busy with the Friends' flower pot auction, regular programs, and of course, gearing up for Summer Reading! We've also begun the process of updating our staff and patron computers. Thank you to the Morrison Area Community Foundation and a generous anonymous donor for getting this project underway. We have the best community!



The Morrison Area Community Foundation presented Odell Board President Marc Adami with a check for \$3,000 to assist with the purchase of new computers.

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Loescher continues working to replace air handlers and cooling units inside the building. 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. In the coming weeks, several of the larger units requiring a crane will be put into place.

May Happenings



Paint a Flower Pot

Kids are invited to paint a flower pot at Odell this coming Tuesday, May 7th between 3:30-5:30pm. Flower pots are a great way to welcome in the Spring Season (and make great Mother's Day gifts, too!).



The poster features a large orange flower pot with a red heart painted on it. A paintbrush with a red tip is shown painting the heart. The text "Paint a Pot for Kids!" is written in a playful, bubbly font. Below the pot, there is a QR code and a small arrow pointing to it with the text "TELL US YOU'RE COMING HERE!". At the bottom, it says "Sponsored by the Odell Public Library Friends & Thrivent Financial".

Paint a Pot for Kids!

Kids are invited to pop in and PAINT A POT at Odell on Tuesday, May 7th between 3:30-5:30pm. Free while supplies last.

TELL US YOU'RE COMING HERE!

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Paints, flower pot and saucer will be provided. Patrons are encouraged to wear clothing that can get messy!

Call to reserve your child's spot at 815-772-7323 or reply to the QR code above.

GROUP SPOTLIGHT



This group plays Pinochle at Odell every Monday at 1:00pm in the Program Room. They are always open to new players, whether you're new to the game or an old pro. Come enjoy an afternoon of cards and friendship.

SCAVENGER HUNTS



How do flowers whistle? 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!

DID YOU KNOW?

Your Odell Public Library card works at nearly 140 other Illinois libraries! If you have a valid Odell card, you can browse, check out, or return materials in Fulton, Rockford, Moline, and many more! View the [full list here](#).



ODELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

SUMMER READING CLUB

READ – RENEW – REPEAT

with a focus on conservation and caring for our earth

Summer Reading Club is a free program open to all area children preschool-aged through 8th grade. The library provides 5 weeks of activities and programs to help keep kids entertained, engaged, and learning all summer long!

Summer Reading Club will feature make-and-take activities as well as in-person programs, a StoryWalk, community art project, and more! Participants will receive reading logs for each of the 5 weeks of club as well as a BINGO board with fun family activities to try. New activity materials will be available for pickup each week at your leisure. We understand summer is a busy time for families so if you're on vacation or miss a week, that's okay!

Each reader will receive fun prizes and a ***FREE BOOK*** at the end of Summer Reading Club. Sign up today and have a blast all summer long!

Register Today!

Generously Sponsored by



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.

May Storytimes



6:30 - 7:00 PM

THURS 02	SING-A-LONG
THURS 09	BUGS & BUTTERFLIES
THURS 16	WATERMELON
THURS 23	TEDDY BEAR PICNIC BRING A STUFFED ANIMAL
THURS 30	NO STORYTIME SUMMER BREAK SIGN UP FOR SUMMER READING!

Perfect for Preschoolers!



Stories, Songs,
Rhymes, & Art

LEGO Club

First Saturday of the Month 10:30-Noon



May 4th
Final Club of
the Spring
Season!

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+



FLOWER POT AUCTION

The Odell Public Library Friends' Flower Pot auction is truly a sight to see! Nearly 50 pots, artistically designed and decorated by Morrison residents, are available for purchase. Many pots are hand-painted while other artists used fabric, leather, wallpaper, and even tree bark!

The community is invited to bid on these beautiful pots through Saturday, May 4th at 3:00pm. Winners will be notified Monday, May 6th. These flower pots are sure to enhance any plant or would make a terrific gift. All proceeds benefit Odell's children's programming, including our Summer Reading Club. Thanks to Friends and Thrivent Financial for sponsoring this festive fundraiser!



Flower pots above
designed by Theresa
Brandon, Marianne Biagi,
and Amy Shoemaker

Summer Reading – Just around the corner!

Summer Reading Club starts next month! This year's theme is "Read, Renew, Repeat" which focuses on conservation and taking care of the earth. To that end, Odell is seeking donations of empty milk jugs (rinsed and dry; with lids) and paper towel tubes/toilet paper tubes for upcoming projects.

Doing a little "spring cleaning"? Odell will gladly accept any children's or chapter books. Book donations make great Summer Reading prizes!



DONATION REQUEST

Around Odell



Look who's having fun at Odell!

Pictured above clockwise: Storytime kids Elliot and Brooks get ready to sing "Head, Shoulders, Knees...and Mustache!"; Connie Barr's program on the history and purpose of aprons was standing room only; Grandma Marie Popkin explores the science of symmetry in nature with twins Lincoln and Piper.

The latest book orders can be found by scrolling to the bottom of Odell's website or stopping by the circulation desk. A digital copy is [available 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



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