

# Odell Public Library OUTREACH



## FEBRUARY 2025

Odell is hitting the ground running this February with so many wonderful opportunities to learn, explore, and play! From Travel to Science to Tiny Art, it's all right here at your local library. Stop in and see us this February. We'd LOVE to have you! Read on to learn more...

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**AARP**

**FOUNDATION  
TAX-AIDE**

AT ODELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

**MORRISON APPOINTMENTS  
ARE FILLING UP FAST!**

Call 815-772-7323 to add your name  
to the AARP contact list.

An AARP tax preparer will call you at  
a later date to set up an appointment.

This service is **free** to anyone, with a focus  
on **taxpayers over 50 with a low to  
moderate income**. You **do not** need to  
be an AARP member.



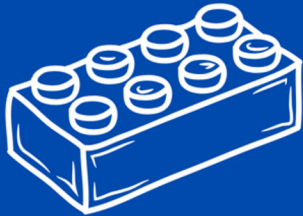
## TAX SEASON ALREADY?

Odell's phones have been ringing off the hook with tax assistance requests. Please don't wait to add your name to the list as appointments fill up quickly. When calling Odell, be prepared to provide the following: your full name, the city you live in, and a phone number. Odell sends this information to the AARP who will call you to set up an appointment.

# FEBRUARY 2025 PROGRAMS

## LEGO Club

10:30 - 12:00



1st Saturday of  
the month

All ages welcome  
Come build at Odell!

3rd Saturdays @ Odell

## Pokémon Club



10 - 11:30 A.M.  
Odell Program Room  
Play the card game, trade  
with friends, and meet up  
with other Pokémon fans!  
All ages.



**MAGIC**  
THE GATHERING

12 - 3 P.M.  
Odell Program Room  
Bring your decks and  
play/trade with other MTG  
enthusiasts. Ages 10+



## February Storytimes



6:30 - 7:00 PM

THURS  
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LOVE

THURS  
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NO STORYTIME  
ABSOLUTE SCIENCE  
IS HERE 5-7 PM!



THURS  
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SHARING

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VROOM!

Perfect for Preschoolers!



Stories, Songs,  
Rhymes, & Art

*Storytime  
fun!*



## TINY ART | TAKE TWO



Odell, along with our partners at the **Loft on Main** and **Thrivent Financial** are sponsoring our second Tiny Art Program! Artists of all ages and abilities are invited to pick up a Tiny Art Kit, containing a 4"x4" canvas, acrylic paints, brush, and instructions beginning Monday, February 10th. Tiny masterpieces should be returned to Odell by Saturday, March 1st to be displayed in the Tiny Art Show running March 3rd-29th. A selection of artwork will then be showcased uptown at the Loft on Main throughout April. Our inaugural Tiny Art Show took place in Spring 2022 and featured over 350 artworks. This free project is for anyone in the community. We believe that EVERYONE IS AN ARTIST. Not a painter? All mediums and materials welcome -- just keep it tiny! Follow Odell's social media for more updates!

# Beginning Monday, February 10th!



**Create your own tiny masterpiece** with this free tiny art kit! Inside you'll find a 4"x4" canvas, acrylic paints, and a brush. Feel free to use other mediums or materials, but make sure to keep your art tiny! Any theme or subject can be explored; we just ask that all submissions are family-friendly. This activity is open to EVERYONE. No matter the skill level, creating art is great for the mind and soul!

**Return artwork to Odell Public Library  
by Friday, March 7, 2025**

**Your art will be featured at Odell in a Tiny Art Show** throughout the month of March. A portion of Tiny Art will then move to Morrison's own art gallery: the Loft on Main! This program is proudly sponsored by Odell Public Library and the Loft on Main, with special financial support from Thrivent financial. Use your creativity and make some art!

## TIPS FOR CREATING A MASTERPIECE

- **Prepare a place to work.** Make sure there is plenty of light. Organize your materials.
- **Create a concept.** What are you going to create? What are you trying to express?
- **Sketch your design** using a sharp pencil.
- **Check your composition.** While art has no rules, there are some principles that can make your masterpiece a little more pleasing. Is your composition balanced? What/where is your focal point? Is there movement? Unity?
- **Think about color.** Remember, there are 3 primary colors (red, blue, yellow). Combinations of primary colors produce secondary colors (orange, green, violet). Adding white brightens; black deepens the shade. Have fun experimenting!
- **Enjoy!** Stay determined. Be patient. Keep creating!



## ODELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

307 S. Madison St./Morrison, IL

### HOURS:

Monday	10:00 AM—6:00 PM
Tuesday	2:00 PM—8:00 PM
Wednesday	10:00 AM—6:00 PM
Thursday	2:00 PM—8:00 PM
Friday	2:00 PM—5:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM—3:00 PM

## THE LOFT ON MAIN

112 E. Main St./Morrison, IL

### HOURS:

Thursday	10:00 AM—2:00 PM
Friday	10:00 AM—4:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM—4:00 PM



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THE LOFT ON MAIN

# SPECIAL CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

## FEBRUARY 2025



# Early Childhood Resource Fair

Odell's 2nd Annual Early Childhood Resource Fair, in partnership with the Regional Office of Education and Birth to Five Illinois, will take place in the Community Room at Odell Public Library on Saturday, February 8th from 9am-noon. This is such a fun and informative morning for Morrison parents, caregivers, and children!

Kids will enjoy games and activities at each station while parents collect information on area preschool programs, healthcare and childcare options, food assistance, and so much more! This free, drop-in program is open to all families! And, of course, Odell's learning kitchen and puppet theater will be open for play all day. Come in from the cold and enjoy a morning at Odell!



**Saturday, February 8, 2025**  
**9:00am – 12:00pm**

**307 S Madison St**  
**Morrison, IL**

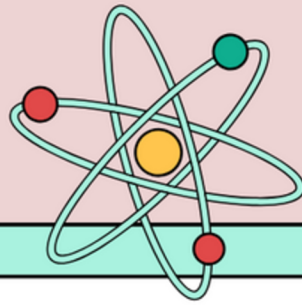


Odell Public Library, in collaboration with Birth to Five Illinois: Region 47 and the Regional Office of Education #47, invites you to join us for a morning of kid-friendly activities and the opportunity to learn about local programs and resources!



## LOCAL PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

- Morrison Early Learning Program (Northside School)
- Sunshine Academy
- Birth to Five Illinois
- April House
- Regional Office of Education #47
- Parents as Teachers
- 4C's Childcare & Referral
- Healthy Families Illinois
- NAMI Sauk Valley
- United Way of Whiteside County
- Autism Center of Sauk Valley
- Head Start / TCOC
- Odell Public Library



LOVE SCIENCE?

# ABSOLUTE SCIENCE!

is coming to Odell Public Library!

FEBRUARY 13TH

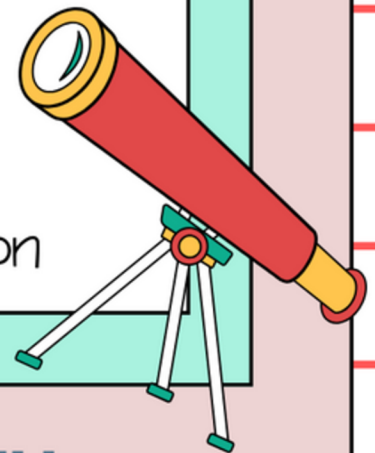
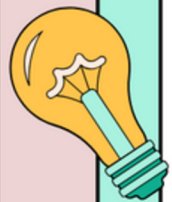
Hands-on Science Stations

5:00 – 7:00 PM

\*Engineering \*Magnets \*& MORE!

\*HyphoGizmo \*Simple Machines

\*Tuning Forks \*Rock Identification



This free event is  
generously sponsored by:

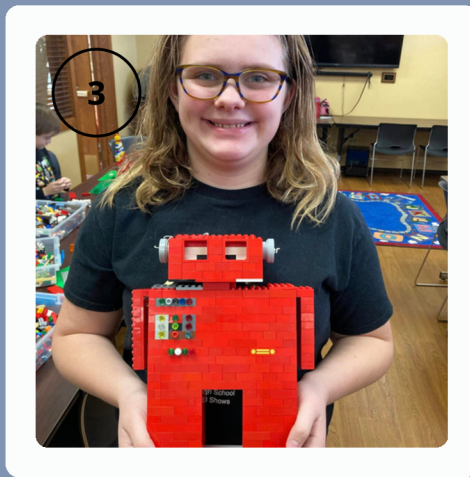


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Public Library  
*friends*



# FEBRUARY 2025 | AROUND ODELL



1) Igloo storytime with Miss Katie was so COOL! 2) Miss Willow created a gorgeous mitten after reading Jan Brett's classic tale of a missing mitten 3) Cora proudly displays a JUMBO red robot at January's LEGO Club 4) The Engelkens ladies completed our cherry-themed community puzzle in January! The library is the perfect place to read, color, and puzzle while Lydia's big sis in at dance class.



## IMPACT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Odell offers a variety of volunteer opportunities for students enrolled in Sauk Valley Community College's Impact Program. Opportunities are posted on the Impact calendar or students are invited to contact Odell for additional programs. Thank you, volunteers!

**Upcoming Opportunity**

**Thursday, February 13, 2025**

**Assist with Absolute Science Program**

Contact Katie at [kriders.odell@gmail.com](mailto:kriders.odell@gmail.com) for more info.

# ODELL LIBRARY FRIENDS

## Vienna Travelogue



ODELL PUBLIC  
LIBRARY FRIENDS

### VIENNA IN PHOTOS

*with Connie Koehn*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025

6:30 PM

ODELL PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAM ROOM | MORRISON, IL



Enjoy the history, beauty, and charm of Vienna through the photography and narrative of Connie Koehn. No reservations necessary. There is no charge, though donations are always welcome.

# THANK YOU

To all who donated  
replacements for

# 31

of our most well-loved  
Mo Willems books...

THANK  
YOU  
VERY  
MUCH!!!



There are few things in life better than a box of new books! Thank you to our wonderful supporters for replacing our beloved Elephant & Piggie, Pigeon, Knuffle Bunny, and Unlimited Squirrel stories. They (& you!) are just the best!

The latest book orders can be found by scrolling to the bottom of Odell's [website](#) or stopping by the circulation desk. You can "Adopt-a-Book" for just \$15 to ensure the first read!

## 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
- Educate Station: K-5 Curriculum



NEW!

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