

Odell Public Library OUTREACH

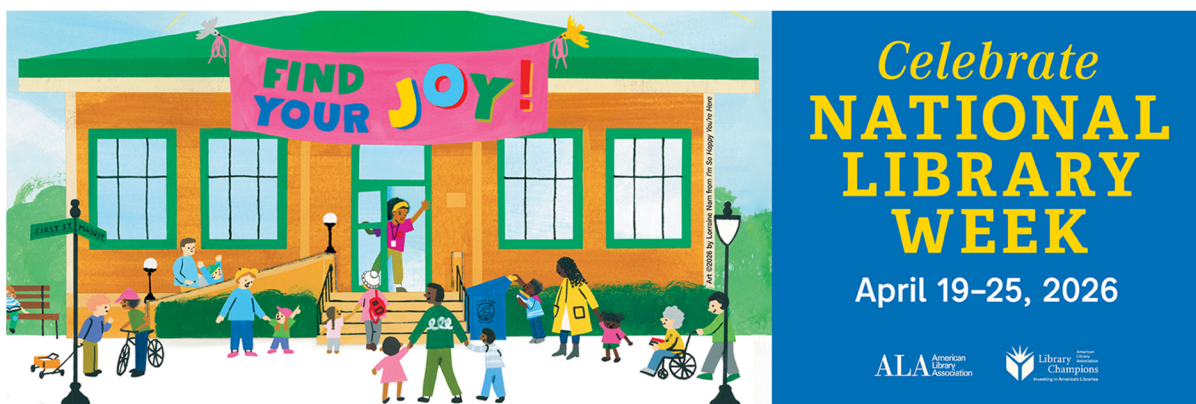


APRIL 2026

CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

What brings you joy? Whether it's cozying up with a new story, learning a new skill, gathering with community or something else, you can find your joy at the Odell Public Library. National Library Week, April 19–25, 2026, is a time to celebrate the many ways libraries bring people together, spark imagination, and support lifelong learning. From books and digital resources to job assistance and creative programming, libraries are essential to thriving communities.

At Odell Public Library, we invite everyone to join the celebration! Whether you're a longtime patron, a new neighbor, or haven't visited in a while, now is the perfect time to explore all the library has to offer. Our library provides free Wi-Fi, print and digital collections, play space, clubs, life-long learning programs and more, ensuring that everyone has access to resources that educate, inspire, and connect.



As part of our National Library Week celebration, Odell invites all ages to participate in Spring Bingo. Pick up a Bingo board at the front desk or [download your own](#).

Complete five reading challenges in a row for a 'Bingo' and a chance to win Odell swag and a \$25 gift card to Peanut Butter & Deli in downtown Morrison. Don't hibernate on this fun – Bingo boards are due April 24th. One entry per person, please.

First celebrated in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries of all types across the country each April. Libraries serve as hubs for learning, creativity, and connection, helping people of all ages explore new ideas and opportunities. Whatever brings you joy, the library has something for everyone.



Early Childhood Resource Fair

Saturday, April 18, 2026
10:00am – 12:00pm

307 S Madison St
Morrison, IL



Join us for a morning of kid-friendly activities, optional screenings for children birth to age five, and the opportunity to learn about local programs and resources!

FUN FOR OUR LITTLEST LEARNERS

Area families with little ones are invited for a morning of play and learning in the community room at Odell Public Library! It's a great way to get out of the house AND pick up some top literacy tips from our area agencies. Each booth will provide a fun, hands-on activity for the kids and helpful information for the grown-ups. Kids ages 0-5 can even participate in an optional screener. This is a free, drop-in program so no need to register. It's also a great time to get your little a library card and explore Odell's resources! Grab a friend and come explore what Morrison has to offer your young learner!



TIME TO START PLANTING

Many thanks to the Illinois Master Gardeners, Extension Office, and Morrison Garden Club for sponsoring the Seed Library at Odell! Stop in and select from a wide-variety of vegetable seeds to get your garden started! Available while supplies last.

HOW MUCH DOES A RAINBOW WEIGH?



Complete our monthly Scavenger Hunt to solve the riddle and win a small prize! Thanks to the Odell Public Library Friends for sponsoring our goodies!

FEBRUARY 2026 | MONTHLY PROGRAMS

April Storytimes 

6:30 - 7:00 PM

THURS 02	NO STORYTIME SPRING BREAK
THURS 09	THIS LITTLE PIGGY 
THURS 16	 PAJAMAS
THURS 23	ANTS 
THURS 30	 WEATHER

Perfect for Preschoolers!  Stories, Songs, Rhymes, & Art

STORYTIME

Storytime is a 30-minute drop-in program each Thursday evening, designed for families with preschool through early elementary-aged kids (or anyone who still loves a good read-aloud!). Families will enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and a craft each week as they become familiar with the library and meet new storytime friends. Pajamas are always welcome. Come play and learn with us at Storytime!

1ST SATURDAYS

LEGO CLUB

10:30 – NOON

SEPTEMBER – MAY | NO NOVEMBER MEETING



ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY. COME PLAY AT ODELL!

LEGO CLUB

LEGO Club is the perfect chance for builders of all ages and abilities to create. Odell provides a wide variety of bricks including LEGO, Duplo, and MegaBlok. Patron creations are displayed in the library until the following club.



2ND SATURDAYS

POKEMON CLUB

10:00 – 11:30

SEPTEMBER – MAY



POKEMON CLUB

Whether your Pokemon trainer plays the card game or just likes to collect, Pokemon Club brings fans together to play, trade, and share their Pokemon knowledge! Gotta catch 'em all!

ODELL LIBRARY FRIENDS

BECOME A FRIEND!

The Odell Public Library Friends are patrons who support the library through fundraising, advocacy, and programming. Friends have no age requirement or financial commitment; they are simply a group of people who love and support the library! Does this sound like you? The Odell Public Library Friends are currently looking for members. Email the Friends at odell.friends@gmail.com with any questions or join them at their next meeting!

Next Meeting:
TUESDAY, APRIL 7TH
1:00 P.M.

ODELL PROGRAM ROOM
ALL ARE WELCOME!



SPRING BOOK BINGO

*sponsored by the
Odell Public Library Friends*

Adults and kids are invited to participate in our spring bingo challenge at Odell! Pick up a game board now through mid-April to play. Complete a bingo for a chance to win a \$25 gift card to Peanut Butter & Deli, courtesy of the Odell Public Library Friends. Winners will be announced during the week of April 19th in celebration of National Library Week!

MICROGREENS

Odell is currently growing:

- Broccoli
- Kale
- Salad Mix
- Radish

NEW!

Pop them in salads, smoothies, soups, and more for an extra dose of nutrition, especially during the winter months!



Great in salads, sandwiches, soups & more!



Self-Serve MICROGREEN SAMPLES

Help yourself to samples of our fresh microgreens ♡ Check the mini fridge by the front door!

Excellent source of nutrients!



Grown & harvested at Odell Public Library with support from the Ogle County Health Department



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!

PATRON-LED PROGRAMS

Spring 2026



PINOCHLE

Every Monday
1 - 5 p.m.
Odell Program Room

SCRABBLE

Every Wednesday
1 - 3 p.m.
Odell Program Room



CHESS



Every 2nd, 3rd, 4th Monday
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
3rd & 4th Thursdays 5 - 8 p.m.
Odell Program Room

CRAFTERS



Every Thursday
5 - 7 p.m.
Genealogy Room
Bring a project & socialize

BOOK CLUB

2nd Thursday
2:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Odell Program Room
(Let the front desk know if you need a copy of the month's book)

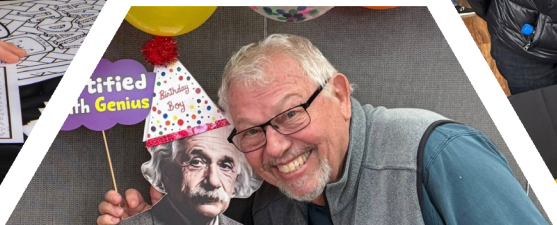


APRIL BOOK: THE THURSDAY MURDER CLUB
All programs are free and open to the public. Beginners welcome.
Please note that these programs are not run by Odell Public Library,
though we are happy to host & pass on any questions.
Come together at your local library!

PI DAY 3.14.26



Over 85 patrons came together to explore Pi and enjoy pie on Saturday, March 14th. Attendees learned to calculate pi, shared ways they use math in daily life, built pi with Lego, made bracelets and bookmarks, and so much more! The event concluded with a photo booth and homemade slice of pie.

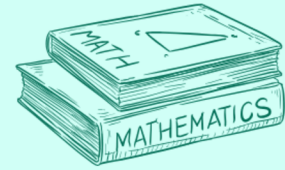


A YEAR IN



“THE ONLY THING YOU ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO KNOW IS THE LOCATION OF THE LIBRARY.”

– ALBERT EINSTEIN –



ODELL IS ONE OF JUST 20 LIBRARIES NATIONWIDE TO RECEIVE THE INFINITE SUMS RURAL & SMALL LIBRARIES COHORT GRANT

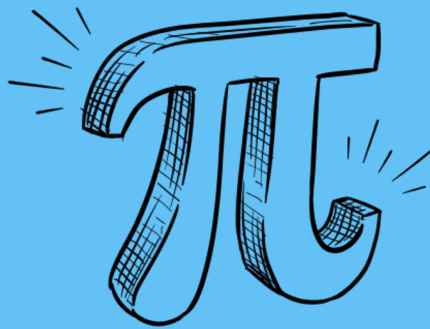
from the Association for Rural & Small Libraries & SciStarter, in partnership with the Simons Foundation.

Anchored by 3 math-inspired events throughout the year -- **Pi Day** (3.14), **Infinity Day** (8.8), and **Fibonacci Day** (11.23) - libraries will guide communities in embracing the beauty of math’s infinite possibilities.

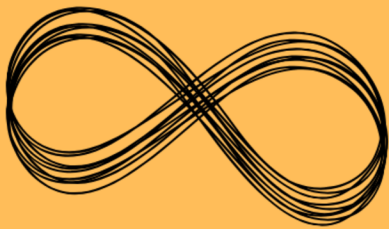
In addition to its many practical applications, math is a fundamental element of the most beautiful things in our universe, including architecture, sports, fashion, nature, music, art, and more. Math is all around us and math is for everyone!

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PI DAY
3.14.26



INFINITY DAY
8.8.26



FIBONACCI DAY
11.23.26* CELEBRATING 11.22

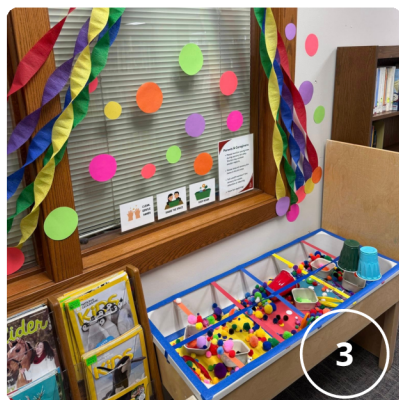


INFINITE SUMS

SIMONS FOUNDATION

Scan for more information!





1) Ready for Spring at Storytime! We read Kevin Henke's new book "Is it Spring?" and make flower crowns! 2) Rory made a beautiful rainbow 3) Check out our new rainbow ball sensory bin! Great for developing fine motor skills 4) These boys are ready for Pi Day!

MUSEUM & ZOO PASSES

Looking to explore locally? Check out Odell's **Putnam Museum**, **Sawmill Museum**, or **Niabi Zoo** passes and enjoy a day exploring 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

