

Odell Public Library OUTREACH



JULY 2026

If you've dropped by Odell over the past month, you've probably noticed a few changes! From our beautiful Summer Reading garden decor to our brand new mantel over the fireplace, there's so much to take in at your local library. Summer Reading is still going strong, with over 200 kids preschool-age through 8th grade participating. We are so very thankful for the staff and volunteers who help this program run smoothly! Odell has also been a cool oasis during the summer heatwave. Please remind any friends or neighbors who may not have sufficient cooling that the library is free to use and open Monday-Saturday (except for the holiday). Come relax, read, or catch one of the cool events coming up this July!



JULY AT A GLANCE

JULY 1 - McDonald's Good Neighbor Night for Odell | 4-7 PM

JULY 2 - Garden Club coloring pages due

JULY 3/4 - ODELL CLOSED in observance of Independence Day

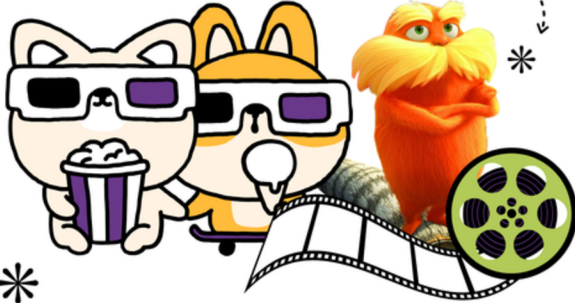
JULY 7 - Butterfly Encounters w/ Absolute Science! | 1-2:30 PM

JULY 10 - Movie Matinee: The Lorax | PG | 2:30 PM

JULY 12 - America 250 Movie Matinee: Hamilton | PG-13 | 1:00 PM | Popcorn & Birthday Cake served | Hosted by Odell Friends

ODELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

MOVIE Afternoon



FRIDAY

10
JULY

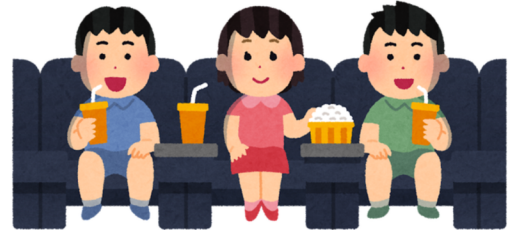
THE LORAX | PG

ODELL PROGRAM ROOM

2:30 PM

Water & Snacks Provided

Beat the heat and enjoy an afternoon at the movies with Odell! The movie, the Lorax, rated PG, is based on the classic Dr. Seuss book of the same name. In the film, 12-year-old Ted lives in a place virtually devoid of nature. No flowers or trees grow in the town of Thneedville. Ted would like to win the heart of Audrey, the girl of his dreams, but to do this, he must find that which she most desires: a Truffula tree. To get it, Ted delves into the story of the Lorax, once the gruff guardian of the forest, and the Once-ler, who let greed overtake his respect for nature. This movie is free and open to the public. Snacks and drinks are provided. Kids can bring blankets and pillows or other items to get comfortable!



THE ODELL PUBLIC LIBRARY FRIENDS

FREE

MOVIE MATINEE



Sunday - July 12, 2026

1:00 PM

The Community Room
Odell Public Library
Rated PG-13 | Runtime 160 min

Celebrate America 250 with the story of founding father Alexander Hamilton. This filmed version of the original Broadway smash hit is the story of America then, told by America now.

WATER & THICKSTEN'S
POPCORN PROVIDED
USA CAKE AT INTERMISSION!



You are invited to join the Odell Public Library Friends on Sunday, July 12 at 1:00 in the Community Room for "Hamilton," the smash-hit musical, that tells the story of American Founding Father Alexander Hamilton as he fights for honor, love, ambition, and a legacy that shapes the course of a new nation.

The Friends will provide Thicksten's popcorn and bottled water with patriotic birthday cake served during intermission. Please note that the film is rated PG-13, with a run time of 160 minutes. Guests are invited to bring cushions or their own chairs if preferred. Meeting room chairs are always available. Come celebrate America's 250th Birthday with a musical that explores how our Founding Fathers shaped the nation we know today. This event is free and open to the public. Hope to see you there!



STORY STROLL

Kelly Park Story Stroll | Odell's first Story Stroll of the season is at Kelly Park! Readers will race around the path to read Ross Burach's laugh-out-loud



story about an anxious butterfly who is learning to love himself while shining a light on the wonders of pollination, too! This Story Stroll is made possible by Odell Public Library, CGH Morrison Medical Center, and United Way of Whiteside County.

WE'RE LOVIN' IT

Morrison McDonald's offers "Good Neighbor Night" to support Odell

Beat the heat and eat out! A portion of sales on July 1st will support Odell's summer reading programs!



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butterfly ENCOUNTERS

Meet the butterflies! This event features tents of live butterflies as well as hands-on activities to learn more about butterfly life-cycles!

JULY 7TH 1-2:30 PM

Presented by **Absolute Science**
& made possible through a private donation

BUTTERFLIES

Visit with LIVE butterflies during this free, hands-on event at Odell. Our friends at Absolute Science! of the Quad Cities will be bringing tents of live butterflies as well as many hands-on learning stations. This event takes place in the Community Room at Odell on July 7th from 1-2:30. Drop in any time.

SCAVENGER HUNT

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!



ODELL STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER SUCCESS



Odell's record-setting 4th Annual Sleepover hosted 87 stuffed animals for the evening! Junior High and High School chaperones (pictured above) helped the stuffies play games, have snacks, and *mostly* stay out of trouble. More photos from the event can be found at <https://canva.link/foaabj6ryrk5d1w>.

ODELL HOSTS YWCA TECH CAMP 4 GIRLS

Over a dozen local elementary and junior-high girls participated in the YWCA's Tech Gyrls Camp at Odell. These young scientists spent two weeks exploring Science, Tech, Engineering, Art, and Math through coding, robotics, experiments, and even drones! Thank you to Miss Tracy Salas and her assistant Miss Andrea for creating so many learning opportunities for our community. We hope to see you again!



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!

**COME JOIN THE FRIENDS AT
"HAMILTON" ON SUNDAY,
JULY 12TH AT 1:00 PM.**

ODELL
Public Library
— friends —

**COME
TOGETHER**
@ your library

WQPT PBS KIDS Summer of Adventure

Over 20 little learners stopped by Odell in June to visit with Elinor, from the hit PBS Kids show, Elinor Wonders Why. PBS educators shared a TV clip, read a nature story, and even got to decorate their own binoculars. Thanks to PBS and to all who came out on such a hot day!



MICROGREENS

Odell is currently growing:

- Broccoli
- Kale
- Salad Mix
- Radish

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



**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

2026



PINOCHLE

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

SCRABBLE

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



CHESS



Paused for Summer

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!



1) Snake friends enjoy a good book at the stuffed animal sleepover. 2) Louie the Llama was one of many farm animals who visited Odell in June. 3) Kids grow so fast at Odell! Check out these wild grass hairstyles on our summer readers! 4) Miss Andrea from the YWCA visited during June to share information on local community services.

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

