

Odell Public Library

OUTREACH



JUNE 2026

WELCOME SUMMER



School's out for the summer and we're seeing lots of new faces at Odell! There is so much happening at the library this season including Summer Reading, a indoor gardening workshop, storytimes, and even a petting zoo! Be sure to stop in over the next few week to see what's blooming at your local library!

JUNE AT A GLANCE

8 - Kids' Summer Reading Starts | Weekly Activities & Events

16 - P&C Rascals Petting Zoo | 3:00-5:00 PM

20 - Pride Storytime with PFLAG | 10:30 AM

23 - Adult Indoor Gardening Program | 6-7 PM

24 - Kindness Storytime | 2 PM

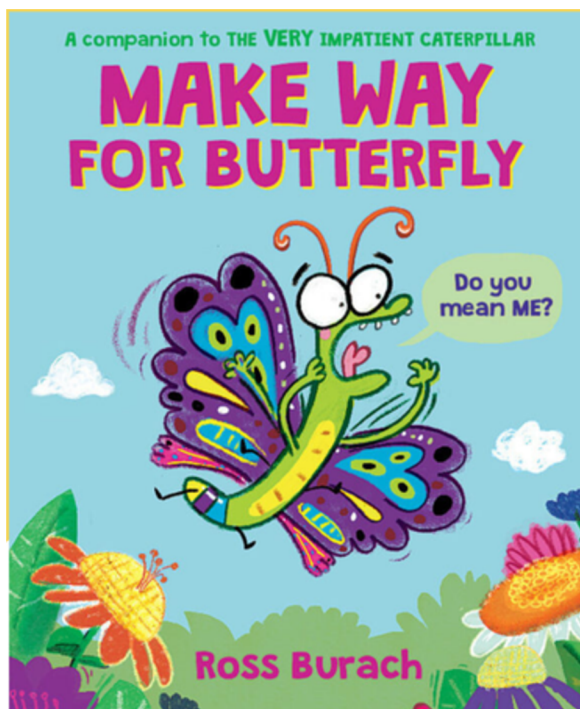
24 - Stuffed Animal Sleepover | DROP OFF BETWEEN 10-6

25 - Stuffed Animal Breakfast | 8-10 AM

JULY 1 - Morrison McDonald's Good Neighbor Night for Odell

STORY STROLL

COMING SOON: Odell's first Story Stroll of the season is coming mid-June to Kelly Park! Readers will race around the path to read this 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.

Why are flowers so popular?



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!

GARDEN CLUB COLORING CONTEST



The Morrison Garden Club is hosting their annual Coloring Contest at Odell! This year's pictures have been selected to match the Summer Reading theme: Plant a Seed, Read! All children ages 13 and under are invited to participate by [downloading the pages online](#) or picking up a sheet at the front desk. The contest runs June 1 - July 1. Any coloring medium is welcome so long as it is completed by the child. One entry per child, please. One lucky winner in each age group will be selected to win great garden-themed gifts!

LIFE-LONG LEARNING: INDOOR GARDENING



INDOOR GARDENING

with Victor Zaderej of Happy Leaf LED



TUESDAY, JUNE 23RD
ODELL PUBLIC LIBRARY
6:00 - 7:00 PM

Learn to grow...

- ✓ microgreens
- ✓ herbs
- ✓ lettuces and more!



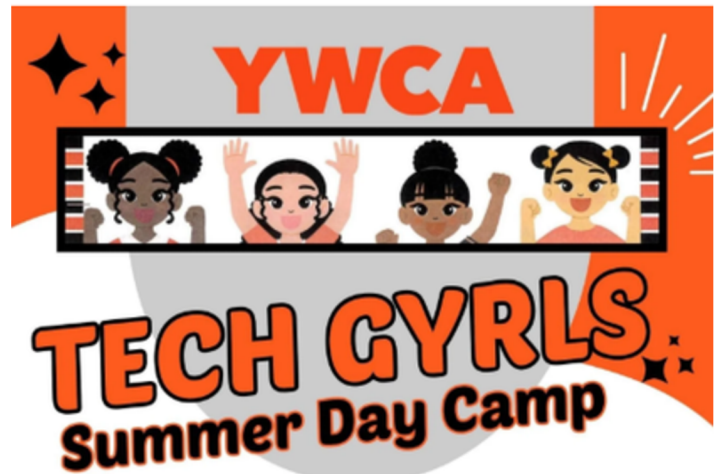
Vic Zaderej designs LED grow lights for Happy Leaf, LLC, located in Oregon, IL. Vic regularly educates communities on the benefits of indoor gardening and co-authored the book "Grow Lettuce in Your Living Room," now available at Odell.

Have you ever wondered how to grow fresh food year-round? This is the program for you! Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just starting out, indoor gardening can be simple, healthy, and just plain fun. The program will be led by avid gardener and chief technology officer at Happy Leaf LED, Victor Zaderej. Vic has been instrumental in helping schools and libraries around the state start passive hydroponic and indoor gardens, including the microgreen setup right here at Odell.

During the session, Vic will offer hands-on, practical advice on how to easily grow produce indoors, including lettuces, microgreens, herbs, and more! Come with questions and ask the expert. This free event takes place in Odell's Program Room from 6-7pm on Tuesday, June 23rd.

ODELL HOSTS YWCA TECH CAMP 4 GIRLS

Odell is once again the site of YWCA's TechGyrls' day camp again this year! TechGyrls is a FREE, 2-week STEM camp for girls in 4th/5th/6th grades. Girls will explore Science, Tech, Engineering, and Math through coding, robotics, experiments, and more! Register online at <https://www.ywsauk.org/techgyrls-girlsspace> or complete a paper form at Odell's front desk.



FREE program for girls in 4th and 5th grade

Dive into a whirlwind of wacky science shenanigans with us! We will have exciting science fun with circuit creations, drone adventures, 3D pen art, hovercraft building, microbiology explorations, snacks and much more!

Don't forget to pack your lunch each day!

Register at
www.ywsauk.org or
visit YWCA of the Sauk Valley
in Sterling, IL

Monday- Thursay
June 15th- 18th & 22nd- 25th
9am - 3pm
Odell Library
307 S Madison St, Morrison, IL
61270

PRIDE STORY TIME

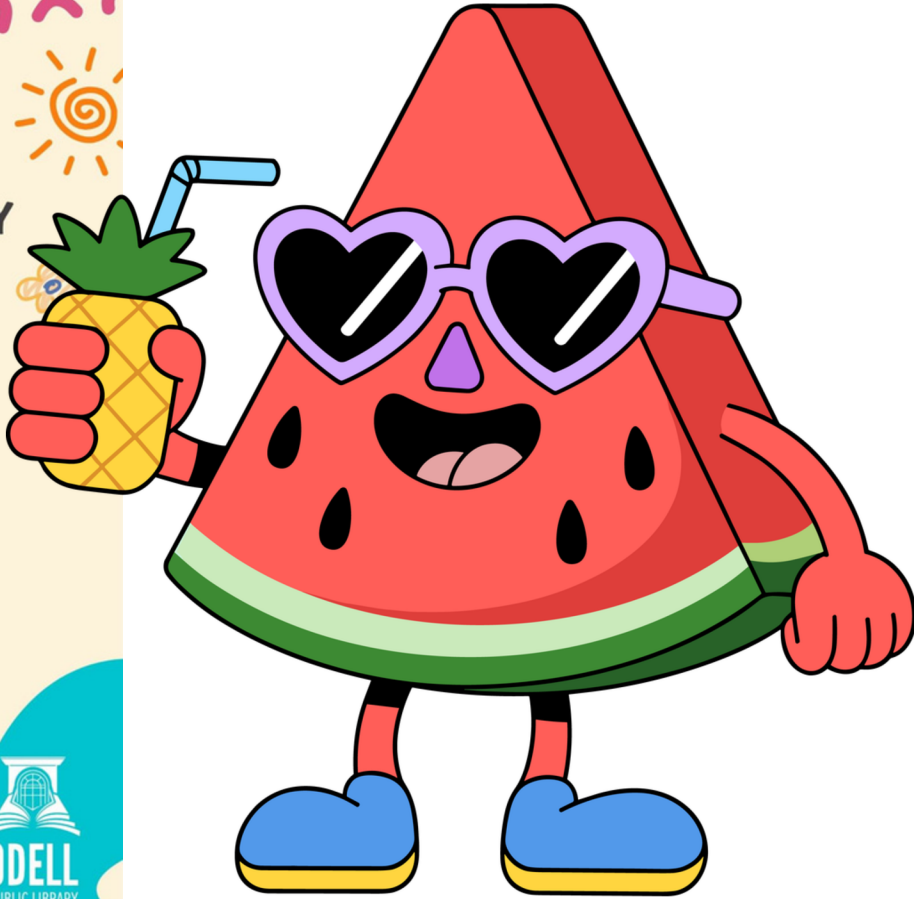

WITH PFLAG OF THE SAUK VALLEY

SATURDAY, JUNE 20
10:30AM




Everyone is welcome at the library!
Families are invited to hear stories
and create a colorful craft to
celebrate pride month!

307 S MADISON ST | MORRISON, IL 61270







KINDNESS Storytime



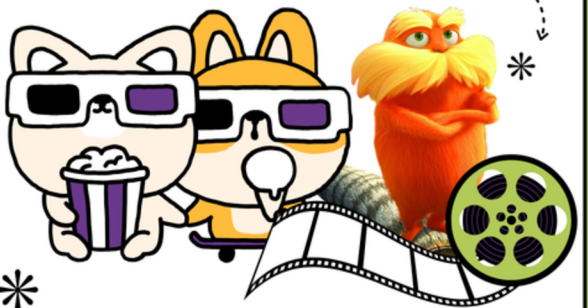
Join us for a sweet storytime all about showing kindness. Can you think of a way to be kind today?

Wednesday, June 24th
2:00 PM

ODELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

MOVIE Afternoon



FRIDAY
10
JULY

THE LORAX | PG

ODELL PROGRAM ROOM

2:30 PM

Water & Snacks Provided

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, MAY 5TH
1:00 P.M.
ODELL PROGRAM ROOM
ALL ARE WELCOME!

ODELL
Public Library
— friends —

COME TOGETHER
@ your library

SAVE the DATE

Come celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the U.S.A. with Hamilton at Odell!



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!

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



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

CRAFTERS



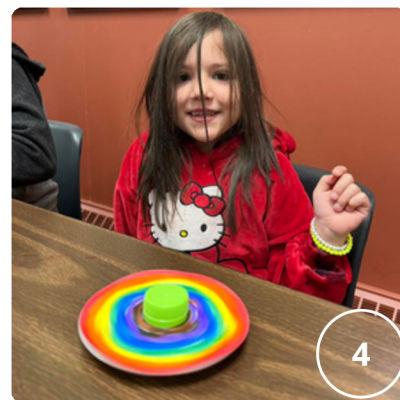
Every Thursday
5 - 7 p.m.
Genealogy Room
Bring a project & socialize

**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!



1) 1st and 2nd grade STEM students visited Odell to learn about microgreens during their biology unit. 2) Did you know storytime is educational AND delicious? Olivia enjoyed our final gathering of the season! 3) Porter & Miss Amy accidentally let alligators in the library! 4) Northside's 1st graders visited the library for a tour, story, and CD spinner craft!

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

