

ODELL PUBLIC LIBRARY OUTREACH



SEPTEMBER 2026

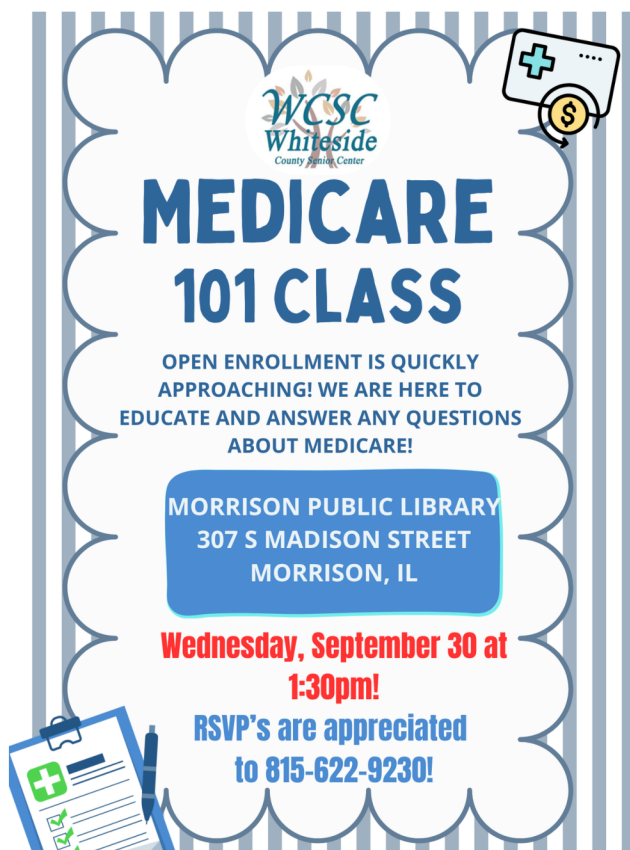
August was “out of this world” in the best ways! Odell hosted over 230 patrons at Infinity Day events on 8/8, welcomed our Summer Reading Kid Librarians, built bouquets of native plants with Madi-Do, and of course, got ready to dive into Fall Programs! This month, you can look for the return of Storytime, LEGO & Pokémon Clubs, as well as a wonderful Travelogue on Spain hosted by the Odell Public Library Friends and a garden design session with the Illinois Master Gardeners. Our monarch caterpillars and butterflies continue to dazzle patrons of all ages and there’s a fresh community puzzle out to solve. Beat the heat and stop in to enjoy your local library this month!

INFINITE FUN

Thanks to all who helped us celebrate Infinity Day with an afternoon celebration and an evening of trivia. Check out a few of our favorite moments!



FREE MEDICARE CLASS



WCSC
Whiteside
County Senior Center

MEDICARE 101 CLASS

OPEN ENROLLMENT IS QUICKLY
APPROACHING! WE ARE HERE TO
EDUCATE AND ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS
ABOUT MEDICARE!

MORRISON PUBLIC LIBRARY
307 S MADISON STREET
MORRISON, IL

**Wednesday, September 30 at
1:30pm!**

RSVP's are appreciated
to 815-622-9230!

The flyer is a vertical rectangular card with a decorative border. It features the WCSC Whiteside County Senior Center logo at the top. The title 'MEDICARE 101 CLASS' is in large, bold, blue letters. Below it, a message about open enrollment is in blue. A blue box contains the location: Morrison Public Library, 307 S Madison Street, Morrison, IL. The date and time 'Wednesday, September 30 at 1:30pm!' are in red and black. At the bottom, it says 'RSVP's are appreciated to 815-622-9230!' in blue. There are small icons of a medical cross and a dollar sign in the top right, and a clipboard with a green cross in the bottom left.

The Whiteside County Senior Center will offer a “Medicare 101” class on Wednesday, September 30, 2026 at 1:30 pm in the Odell Program Room. This free program will cover open enrollment processes and will include a question and answer session. RSVPs are appreciated, but not required by contacting WCSC at 815-622-9230.



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!



HOT SPOTS AVAILABLE

Did you know Odell has hot spots available for checkout? Hot spots are a great addition to vacation, travel, and for other temporary internet needs. Hot spots let you connect devices like laptops and tablets to the internet from almost anywhere. Like all Odell materials, hot spots check out for a 2-week period and may be renewed if there are no holds on the item. Check out a little tech at Odell!



SEPTEMBER 2026 | MONTHLY PROGRAMS

September Storytimes



6:30 - 7:00 PM

2026

THURS 03	ZOO 
THURS 10	CAMPING 
THURS 17	CARNIVAL 
THURS 24	PARKS 

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 FINISHED for the season, but keep your eyes peeled for pop-up LEGO activities over the summer and don't forget: you can always check out our mobile LEGO cart!



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!

SEPTEMBER 2026 | Illinois Master Gardeners

Garden Collages



Learn beginner flower garden design and let your vision come to life with a garden collage. This family friendly program is perfect for crafty youth and adults alike with an interest in gardening.

September 26



10 - 11 AM

GLUE

Odell Public Library
Morrison

Register at
go.illinois.edu/GardenCollage



Have you ever wondered how to design a garden -- what plants should go where? What kind of plants need more sun? More shade? What colors and heights? If you could dream up any garden, what would it look like?

Kids and gardeners of any age are invited to create their ideal garden plan with an Illinois Master Gardener on

Saturday, September 26th from 10:00-11:00 am at Odell Public Library. Save your spot and sign up today!



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DISCOVERY BOOK PACKS

Discovery Book Packs are themed children's literature bundles of 5-7 books, early literacy tips and activities, and an educational toy. Everything is packaged in an easy-grab backpack, with a traditional 2-week checkout. With topics from Art to Unicorns, there's a Discovery Book Pack for nearly any interest. Check one out today!



ODELL LIBRARY FRIENDS

TRAVELOGUE PROGRAM

Join the Friends as they welcome presenter Connie Koehn, who will share photos from her recent trip to Spain and the Eastern Mediterranean. Sure to be breathtaking!



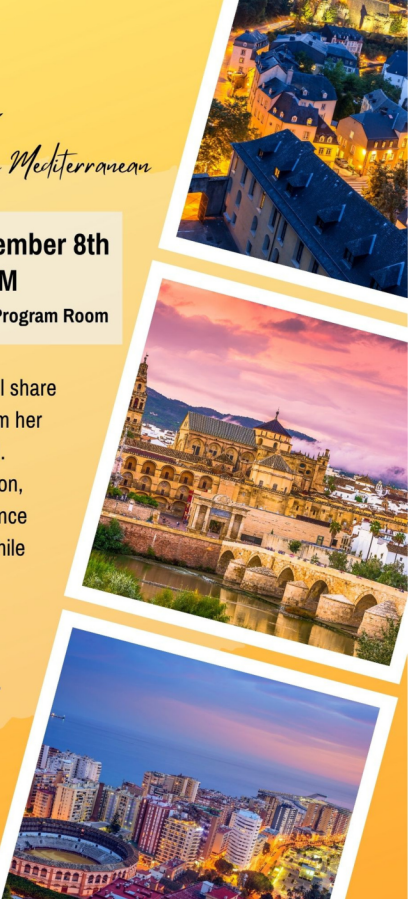
Spain
and the Eastern Mediterranean

Tuesday, September 8th
6:30 PM
Odell Public Library Program Room

Presenter Connie Koehn will share photos and experiences from her travels to Spain and beyond. Connie and her husband, Ron, have traveled extensively since 1971, when they first met while studying abroad.

This is a free, drop-in program. All are welcome.

 **ODELL**
Public Library
— friends —
MORRISON, ILLINOIS



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, OCTOBER 6TH
– 1:00 PM –
ODELL PROGRAM ROOM

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— friends —

COME TOGETHER
@ your library

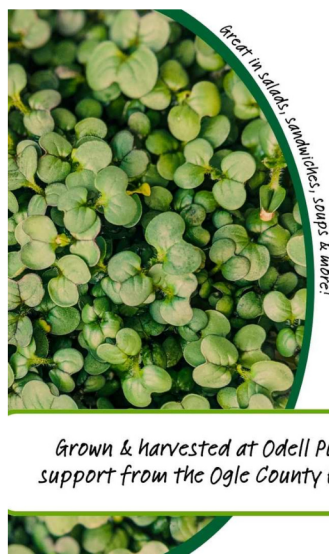


MICROGREENS

Odell is currently growing:

- Broccoli
- Kale
- Salad Mix
- Carrot

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)



SEPTEMBER BOOK: THE BOOK BINDER'S SECRET

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) Native Plant Workshop with Madi-Do. Each participant got to arrange their own beautiful bouquet! 2&4) Lydia (l) and Charlotte (r) got a behind-the-scenes experience at Odell as part of their Summer Reading grand prize 3) Therapy dog Hudson bids Odell good-bye as he gets ready for the school year in Ms.Henson's 8th grade classroom. Thanks for visiting Odell this summer!

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

