

Odell Nebraska Library

Monthly Newsletter

Upcoming

October 2025

*Community Coffees: Wednesday & Fridays 9-11 am

*Ghost Towns of Gage County - Wednesday, October 8; 5:30-6:30pm

*Book Club Discussion Monday October 27 @ 6 pm

November 2025

*CASA Presentation Tuesday, November 4 @ 6 pm

*Book Club Discussion Monday, November 24 @ 6 pm

Hours

Monday: 9 a - 11 a & 3-5 p

Tuesdays: 9 a -11 a & 3-8 p

Wednesdays: 9-11 a

Thursdays: 9 a -11 a & 3-8 p

Fridays: 9-11 a

Saturdays: 10 a - noon

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Need a space for a meeting or small gathering? Contact us!

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(402)239-5810

Odell History

We have an excellent collection of old scrapbooks, news clippings, yearbooks, etc. of Odell History, including old photos. Come in to spend some time deep in Odell's history



Food 4 Hope Presentation

The Library hosted a program on Sunday, September 21 from 5-6 pm. Terri Sue Mazza joined us with information on how to be more aware of what food you are putting in your body. What you eat can either "heal you" or "hurt you". So we must be diligent in reading labels for products, researching and taking the time to buy local, and work on it a little at a time, so you aren't frustrated or overwhelmed.

eating right can alter your body and how it. Although eating healthier takes more effort, time, and patience than simply medicating, it is much better for us. We may not be able to eliminate all medication, but there are people out there who have made these changes and been able to go off of medications. They feel better, have better mental health, and live a more productive life.

Farmers' Markets: Although in Nebraska, Farmers' Markets aren't all year round, you should make an effort to plan and take advantage of them when they are available. Plan your week around shopping at the Farmers Market, but just the grocery store. Work it into your routine! We have to make the choice to be better to our bodies and health.

Less Sugar: Because there is sugar in almost every food that is processed, we are getting WAY to much sugar even without knowing it. Replace desserts with fresh fruit. Replace refined sugar with more natural sugar if you need to add sugar to food. Eating less processed foods will automatically lessen your sugar intake. Stop drinking pop and sugary drinks = automatic lowering of sugar.

Win This Basket!

Come in and enter to win this "Foods Made In Nebraska" Basket, donated to the library by Food 4 Hope.

Enter each time you come in and check out a book!



Smartphones Simplified

2nd Mondays of each month
Odell Nebraska Library
6:00-7:00 pm

Join us for an hour each month if you need some tips and info on using your Smartphone

We will cover 1 or 2 topics an evening, keeping it simple

October = Making

Calls/Video Chatting

November = Camera/Photos

December = Texting



Text 402-239-5810 if you have specific topics you would like help with!

No refreshments provided on these evenings.

Water & Coffee available.

Feel free to bring a snack or drink with you.

No charge

Volunteer Spotlight

Kris Riggert volunteers at the library 4 hours a month and is a member of our Library Board. Kris' favorite part about volunteering at the library is seeing all the books the library has to offer and meeting new people in and around the community. Kris loves reading Christian novels, especially Karen Kingsbury. She spends her extra time crocheting, cross stitching, and traveling and loves following her grandkids and their endeavors. About the Odell library, Kris says, "I love the atmosphere! It is a beautiful place! We thank Kris and are so grateful for her!"



Amazon Book Wish List

If you would like to send us some books, check out our Amazon Book Wish List!

Amazon Wish List



Friends of the Odell Nebraska Library Update

We currently have ELEVEN FRIENDS of the Library! We are so grateful to them - it is our "Friends of the Library" who keep the Odell Nebraska Library's doors open! If you would like to be a patron that is a "Friend of the Library", please go to the link by scanning the QR code at the left or clicking on the link (email only)



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New Books in Library - General Hall, Native of Fairbury, NE

The Odell Library now houses on its shelves, thanks to a generous gift from Gen. Hall, all of his books. A native of Fairbury, Nebraska, Gen. Hall's distinguished career is summarized below. We are extremely honored to make available the work of a member of the US military whose mission has been to teach people not what to think but how to think. Read more about Gen. Hall on his website www.mywaynehall.com, the source of the following information.



A retired US Army Brigadier General and seasoned intelligence officer, Author Wayne Hall brings over 54 years of experience in intelligence operations and strategic thinking about warfare. His career has been dedicated to providing innovative solutions to intelligence challenges within both government and corporate spheres. His expertise encompasses understanding and leveraging the power of 'will,' intelligence analysis, intelligence collection, and asymmetric warfare.

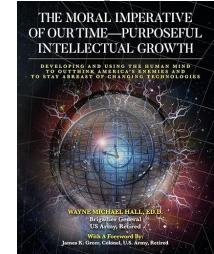
Throughout his career, he has offered red teaming and devil's advocate services, aiding client sin refining their plans, papers, projects, theses, and dissertations by identifying and rectifying potential weaknesses before they reach final publication. Additionally, he provides virtual mentorship to individuals, fostering improved thinking and planning processes, and delivering creative solutions for complex problems.

His academic credentials include graduating from the US Army Command and General Staff College, the US Army School of Advanced Military Studies, and The National War College.

He holds a BS from the University of Nebraska, an MS from Kansas State University, an MMAS from the US Army Command and General Staff College, and an EdD from the George Washington University.

As an author, he has penned six influential books:

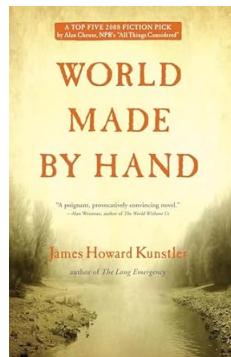
1. *Stray Voltage: War in the Information Age* (2003);
2. *Intelligence Analysis: How to Think in Complex Environments* (2009)
3. *Intelligence Collection; how to Plan and Execute Intelligence Collection in Complex Environments* (2012)
4. *The Power of Will in International Conflicts* (2018)
5. *Whispers from the Arrow of Time* (2023)
6. *The Moral Imperative of Our Time - Purposeful Intellectual Growth* (2024).



His writings reflect a deep commitment to advancing knowledge and understanding in the fields of intelligence and strategic warfare.

October Featured Adult Book

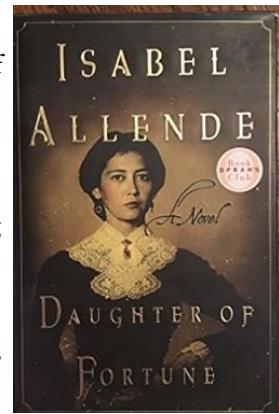
James Howard Kunstler's book *World Made By Hand* has been described as sci-fi and dystopian. I don't usually read those kinds of books, but someone said "I'm pretty sure you'll like it." Well, that someone is right. Set sometime in the late 21st or early 22nd century, the more mature characters can remember the "old times", before Los Angeles and Washington DC were bombed, before electricity became scarce and then completely absent, before there was no functioning government and before gasoline powered vehicles couldn't be driven because there was no gasoline. Oh gosh, what could they find to eat, where could they go, what kinds of jobs were there, where did they live? You, the reader, will be surprised by the answers to all those questions, In addition, you will become acquainted with resilient, believable people, navigating an existence they could not have imagined in the "old times". *World Made By Hand* is the first of a four-book series, now in the Odell Library ready to take you to a place no one wants to go. Being there is astounding.



October Odell Library Book Club Selection:

Daughter of Fortune by Isabells Allende. Raised in the British colony of Valparaíso, Chile, English orphan Eliza Sommers meets and falls in love with the wildly inappropriate Joaquín Andieta, a lowly clerk with ambitious dreams. When gold is discovered in the hills of northern California, Chileans, including Joaquín, head north to seek their fortune. Eliza, pregnant with Joaquín's child, leaves behind everything she knows to follow her lover.

In the rough-and-tumble world of San Francisco, Eliza must navigate a society dominated by greedy men. But with the help of her natural spirit and a good friend, Chinese doctor Tao Chi'en, Eliza soon comes to discover that her search for love has become a quest of personal freedom.



The Odell Nebraska Library Book Club meets to discuss the month's Book Club selection on the 4th Monday of each month at 6 pm. Join in anytime!