

Odell Nebraska Library Monthly Newsletter

Upcoming

September 2025

*Community Coffees: Wednesday & Fridays 9-11 am

*Food4Hope Program: Sunday, September 21 @ 4 pm

*Book Club Discussion Monday September 22 @ 6 pm

October 2025

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

*Book Club Discussion Monday, October 27 @ 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 or



Zeffy Link

First Annual Wine & Charcuterie Event and Fundraiser



Our First Annual Wine & Charcuterie event was hosted on Friday, August 8, 2025. We thank everyone who came to this event and consider it a great success. Almost \$800 was raised in just two hours and everyone had a good time. We thank Darrell Vitosh & Paul Kostal for volunteering to pour wine, Kristin Jurgens for funding the charcuterie, and all other volunteers who helped that evening. We look forward to hosting this event in 2026.



Kids Entomology Program

Local Extension Educator, Nicole Stoner joined us at the library and presented youth with a program on Pollinators and their benefits.

Youth can look forward to a "Bugs - Take Two" Program that will be hosted by library volunteers over Christmas Break where they can discover more about bugs.



The Odell Library is looking for OHS and DOHS yearbooks from the following years (to complete our collection) let us know if you might have one or more you would like to donate!

1962	1983	2001
1964	1984	2003
1965	1992	2005
1967	1994	2008
1967	1996	

Also any older than 1962!!

MOSAIC Presentation

Joyce Wenzbauer, Community Relations Manager for MOSAIC in Beatrice joined us on Tuesday, August 19. She gave a wonderful presentation on the history of MOSAIC (formerly Martin Luther Home) and shared the stories of three of the people who live at MOSAIC and their journey. The evening ended with a Q & A. MOSAIC is celebrating its centennial this year. The public is invited to attend their centennial celebration on October 5 from 1-4 pm. You can stop by the Odell Library and scan the QR Code on their poster to register. OR contact Joyce at joyce.wenzbauer@mosaicinfo.org

Friends of the Odell Nebraska Library Update

Thank you for your continued support. 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)



Renew Your Books Yourself and Search our Catalog!

Libib is the online service our library uses for cataloging our items. It is what is used to checkout books to patrons. IF you are a patron, you can go to this link:

<https://www.libib.com/u/odellnepl> to view our catalog and to renew your books. Use the email address you used at the library. You will need to create a password the first time. ALWAYS use a web browser for this. The App IS NOT usable for our patrons.

SAVE THE DATE! GHOST TOWNS OF GAGE COUNTY

Presented by Cassandra Dean of the
Gage County Historical Society &
Museum

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025
5:30-6:30 pm
Odell Nebraska Library
NO Charge - Refreshments Provided

I OPENED A BOOK

By Julia Donaldson

I opened a book and in I strode.

Now nobody can find me.

I've left my chair, my house, my road,

My town and my world behind me.

I'm wearing the clock,

I've slipped on the ring.

I've swallowed the magic potion.

I've fought with a dragon, dined with a king

And dived in a bottomless ocean.

I opened a book and made some friends.

I shared their tears and laughter

And followed their road with its

bumps and bends

To the happily ever after.

I finished my book and out I came

The cloak can no longer hide me.

My chair and my house are just the same,

But I have a book inside me.

Odell Nebraska Library Board

Amanda McKinney

Joyce Kostal

Catherine Renshaw

Shannon Novotny

Kristin Jurgens

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Summer Reading Programs to Wrap up!

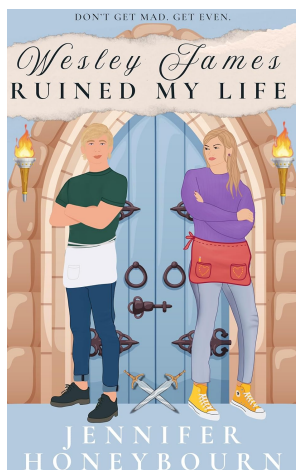
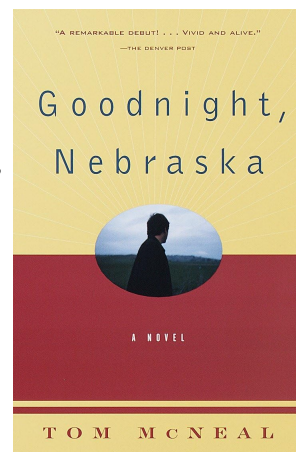
Our take-home Summer Reading Program wrapped up with over 60 signing up for the program and 38 completing it!

Thanks to the kids for all of their hard work reading this summer!

September Featured Adult Book: Tom McNeal's

"Goodnight, Nebraska"

At the age of 17, Randall Hunsacker is a young man desperately in need of a second chance: he has just shot his mother's boyfriend, stolen a car, and is on the verge of killing himself. Then he finds Goodnight, a small Nebraska farm town. The author, Tom McNeal, knows western Nebraska, the roads, the landmarks, the people who live there. Randall Hunsacker eventually does too. This book is the winner of the James Michener Memorial prize.



September Featured Young Adult Book: Jennifer Honeybourn's "Wesley James Ruined My Life"

Sixteen-year-old Quinn Hardwick's having a rough summer. Her beloved grandmother has been put into a nursing home, her dad's gambling addiction has flared back up, and now her worst enemy is back in town: Wesley James, former childhood friend and life ruiner.

So when Wesley is hired to work with her at Tudor Tymes, a medieval England-themed restaurant, the last thing Quinn's going to do is forgive and forget. She's determined to remove him from her life and even the score for once and for all—by getting him fired.

But getting rid of Wesley isn't as easy as she'd hoped. When Quinn finds herself falling for him, she has to decide what she wants more: to get even, or to get the boy.

September Odell Library Book Club Selection:

David Rhodes' *"Driftless"* (changed from our August Newsletter) Driftless is an unforgettable story of contemporary life in rural America. Words, Wisconsin, home to a few hundred people yet absent from state maps, comes richly to life by way of an extraordinary cast of characters.

Among them, a middle-aged couple guards the family farm from the mendacious schemes of their milk cooperative; a lifelong invalid finds herself crippled by her resentment of and her affection for her sister; a woman of conflicting impulses and pastor of the local Friends Church stumbles upon an enlightenment she never expected; a cantankerous retiree discovers a cougar living in his haymow, haunting him like a childhood memory; and a former drifter forever alters the ties that bind a community together. At once intimate and funny, wise and generous, Driftless marks the triumphant return of a significant American writer.



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!