



# Odell Nebraska Library Monthly Newsletter

## Upcoming

### June 2026

\*\*Kady & Izzy Program: Fri., June 26 @ 11 am.

\*\*Ribbon Cutting: Fri, June 26 @ 5:30 pm

### July 2026

\*\*First Friday Coffee - July 3.

\*\*Atomic Bomb Testing Presentation - 3-4:30 pm.

\*\*Book Club Discussion - Mon, July 27 @ 6 pm

### Hours (through July)

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

Tuesdays: 9 a - 1 p & 3-8 p

Wednesdays: 9 a - 1 p

Thursdays: 9 a - 1 p & 3-8 p

Fridays: 9 a - 1 pm

Saturdays: 10 a - noon

**Odell Nebraska Library will have MORE OPEN HOURS!**  
We will be open 32 hours a week during June & July.  
We will be open 28 hours a week during the school year

## Find Us:

[odellnebraskapubliclibrary.com](http://odellnebraskapubliclibrary.com).

Facebook: Odell Nebraska Library

Instagram:

@odellnebraskapubliclibrary

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

[odellnebraskapubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:odellnebraskapubliclibrary@gmail.com)

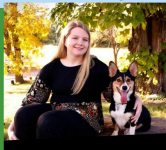
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### GUEST AUTHOR VISIT

# KADY TOOLE



FRIDAY, JUNE 26

11 AM

ODELL NEBRASKA  
LIBRARY

Kady will join us at the library after Friday morning story hour. She will share the reading of her newest book with us, bring Izzy along, and do a simple drawing exercise!

### KADY'S BOOKS



NEWEST BOOK!

RSVP TO 402-239-5810

# JOIN US!

for our  
**RIBBON CUTTING**

Odell Nebraska Library  
Friday, June 26 - 5:30 pm

EVERYONE WELCOME - The more the better! - DJK's will also be having their Ribbon Cutting!

### Official Ribbon Cutting

To kick off Odell Days, OACE will be hosting some ribbon cuttings. Our Library will be part of this celebration. We have been open about a year and a half, so it is time for this to happen! Please join us to celebrate and be part of the cutting and photo! DJKs and Eickmann Electric will also be celebrating, with DJKs hosting a light reception following the cutting. We will have some cookies and desserts in the library also. Please come share this event with us and check out the library, DJKs and chat with Marcus about his electrical business!

We have two generous partners who have helped us fund our summer programming and Reading Rally Books. Thank you to the Diller Foundation for funding all of our Summer Reading Hours and Summer Take Home Reading Program. This includes books, supplies, and incentive rewards.

Thank you to OACE for funding our Reading Rally Books. This funding enabled us to fill out the books needed in levels 3rd & 4th grades and 5th & 6th Grades. Kids can come in all summer and check these books out to get started studying for this contest that occurs in the Spring - through school and their School Librarian, Ms. Theye. **A BIG THANK YOU TO THESE GENEROUS PARTNERS!**

## Join in Our Programming!

Summer is rolling at the Odell Library with our children's story hours on Wednesdays and Fridays. We will have a youth-focused program on Friday, June 26 at 11 am when author, Kady Toole joins us. Kady has written, illustrated, and published four children's picture books. The star of the books is her corgi, Izzy. Izzy will also be joining us at this program. Kady will teach the youth at the program a simple illustration. Even if you don't have kids and are an adult, you are more than welcome to stop by and participate in this program!

On Sunday, July 12, Robert Ruyle will be at the library to give a presentation and talk about his time in the military and the atomic and nuclear bomb testing his troop was involved in. He will dive into the details about the testing and the after-effects on the people who lived there and the soldiers involved. This program will be an hour and a half and Bob welcomes questions.

Stop by the Odell Library to sign up for these programs!

## Historical Presentation on:



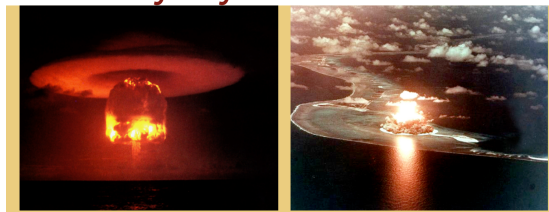
# Atomic & Nuclear Bomb Testing

(following WWII)

Sunday, July 12 @ 3 -4:30 pm  
Odell Nebraska Library

Robert Ruyle, State Commander of NE & WY will talk about the testing and the effects it had on the people involved

RSVP by July 10 to 402-239-5810



# OACE

ODELL AREA COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT  
Moving forward together



Diller Community  
Foundation Fund  
Together We Are Ensuring The Future!



### Volunteer Spotlights

Our first spotlight this month is Alissa Andersen. Alissa volunteers at the Library 12 hours a month (evening shifts). Alissa's favorite part of volunteering at the library is that she gets to explore and look through the different genres to build

her "want to read list". She also loves reading the cookbooks. Besides recipes and cookbooks, her favorite type of books are mysteries and historical fiction. In her free time from her busy daycare days, she enjoys watching her boys in all their activities and going camping when they have time. Alissa says, "My favorite part about the library is that it is so versatile! It can be used as a quiet place, hold meetings, meet with a friend to catch up, and so much more!"



Our second spotlight is Pamela Kostal. Pam volunteers 4 hours a month during her summer breaks from teaching English at Diller-Odell

High School. Pam's favorite part about volunteering at the library is just spending time there browsing the books, helping readers that come in to find specific books that match their interest, and shelving books when they are done with them. Pam and her boys also love reading, so she can manage their check-outs and check-ins! Pam loves a good mystery, true crime, and romance novels. She does read a lot of young adult books too, so she can recommend them to her students at school. In her free time, Pam loves to read, spend time with her family, play sports, run, and workout. About the Odell Library Pam says, "I love the atmosphere of our cozy, homey, aesthetic, little library!"



Our Summer Story Hours have begun and we are happy to have kids in the Library! A BIG thanks goes out to Judy (Pavlik) Flores (Ms. Judy) for volunteering AGAIN to handle the Wednesday morning Preschool Hours! It's not too late for your kids to join us! They are welcome anytime. Our Friday mornings are for elementary aged kids (check schedule to right)

**Odell Nebraska Library**  
**SUMMER STORY HOURS**  
 June 10-July 31  
 10:00-11:00 AM

Stop in during Library hours to get registered or scan the QR Code (starting May 1)



Preschool Wednesday Story Hours		Friday Story Hours; K-2nd (every other)	First Chapter Fridays; 3rd-6th (every other)
June 10	July 8	June 12	June 19
June 17	July 15	June 26	July 3
June 24	July 22	July 10	July 17
July 1	July 29	July 24	July 31

Questions? Contact: Joyce 402-239-5810



## MAHJONG CLUB

@ the Odell Library  
**WEDNESDAYS @ 6:00 pm**  
**STARTING JUNE 3!**  
 TEXT Joyce @ 402-239-5810 to sign up!!



Mahjong is a very old game that originated in China in the 19th century. The name means "sparrow" and refers to the sound that the tiles make. The original play of this tile game is sometimes referred to as "Mahjong Rummy", so not to confuse it with "Mahjong Solitaire" which is a matching game that can be played on tablets and smartphones. This original mahjong is a game involving etiquette, strategy, thinking, and of course, luck! Although at first it can be a little overwhelming, it does become clear and very enjoyable. Not only is it a time to be with other people in community, it is great break from the world and our phones. Mahjong is also proven way to strengthen your brain and memory. IF you weren't

### Smartphones Simplified

Odell Nebraska Library  
 5:30-6:30 pm

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

BRING YOUR QUESTIONS!  
 or email joycekostal@yahoo.com ahead of time!

**NEXT WORKSHOP**  
**MONDAY July 13**  
**Focus: Photos**

Text 402-239-5810 if you can join us!  
 Let us know if you have an iPhone or an Android!  
 No refreshments provided on these evenings.  
 Water & Coffee available.  
 Feel free to bring a snack or drink with you.

No charge

able to join us for lessons in April and May, please reach out to Catherine Renshaw or Amanda McKinney and we can work something out for teaching. We also have a mahjong tile set that is available for check out at the library for 1 week! Come in and check it out and you can practice at home. There are also a lot of YouTube videos available!

