

Odell Nebraska Library Monthly Newsletter

Upcoming

November 2025

*Community Coffees: Wednesday
& Fridays 9-11 am

*Book Club Discussion Monday
November 24 @ 6 pm

December 2025

*Nativitea: December 7; 4-6 pm.
(Christmas Open House)

*NO Book Club in December.

**Special Children's Christmas
Break Programs

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

Find Us:

odellnebraskapubliclibrary.com

Facebook: Odell Nebraska Library

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

odellnebraskapubliclibrary@gmail.com.
(402)239-5810

Book Donations

Our Library shelves are very full!
 IF you have books to donate, text
 photos of them to 402-239-5810.
 We can let you know if we can take
 them! Books that we don't have space
 for are donated to the Habitat for
 Humanity or Burwood Books.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Library Christmas Open House

**Odell Library's
Nativitea**
 (Christmas Open House)
 Sunday, December 7, 2025
 4:00-6:00 pm
 Join us for Tea and Nativity Sets

We will also have coffee and light refreshments.
 RSVP by December 5 to 402-239-5810

If you have Nativity Sets
 that you would like to display
 at the Library for this event,
 let us know!



Trunk or Treat Fun

Halloween
 Season is fun
 for us at the
 Odell Library!
 We decorate in
 a Harry Potter
 theme
 throughout the
 library. We
 were able to
 dress up like



HP characters for Odell's
 Trunk or Treat on Oct. 31.
 Shown in the photo l to r:
 Catherine Renshaw as
 Prof. McGonagall, Aidan
 McKinney as a Dementor,
 Amanda McKinney as
 Harry Potter, and Joyce
 Kostal as Professor
 Trelawney.

Smartphones Simplified

Starting in January, we will be offering one
 hour workshops on the second Monday of
 each month. Joyce Kostal will be leading
 these workshops for anyone who wants to
 come and learn a few easy things about their
 smartphones. If you are interested, text
 402-239-5810 and let Joyce know - also let her
 know if you have an iPhone or an Android.
 It will be informal but also informational.

The Library will be hosting a
 "Nativitea" on Sunday, December 7
 from 4-6 pm.

We will have Nativity Sets on display,
 tea, coffee, and refreshments. This will
 be our Open House for the Christmas
 Season. Everyone is invited and there
 is NO CHARGE. RSVP just so few
 know how many to expect.

ALSO- let us know if you have any
 Nativity Sets that we can display!

NEEDED! Nativity Sets

Do you have any Nativity
 Sets we can Display at the
 Odell Library?

Displayed for the Nativitea on Dec. 7
 Drop them off any time before Dec. 5!
 Can leave them through December 13 if possible!

Contact us: odellnebraskapubliclibrary@gmail.com
 402-239-5810 (text) or stop in the library

New Officers For Library Board

We welcome Joyce Carpenter as the new
 Board President. Joyce C will serve as the
 President for three years. Shannon
 Novotny, Catherine Renshaw & Amanda
 McKinney retained their positions of VP,
 Secretary, and Treasurer, respectively.
 Joyce Kostal will be in the position of
 Library Director

Smartphones Simplified

2nd Mondays of each month
STARTING IN JANUARY!
 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

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

January 12	April 13
February 16	May 11
March 16	June 8



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

Volunteer Spotlight

Catherine Renshaw volunteers at the library at least 12 hours a month and is the Secretary of the Odell Nebraska Library Board. Catherine's



Favorite part about volunteering at the library is interacting with young readers and she loves that it has brought a great building back to life. Her hobbies include reading, gardening and going to her grandkids activities. When Catherine is reading she enjoys historical fiction and mysteries. Catherine is also an author, having written the History of Odell 1881-1981 and the updated Odell History Books 1881-2006. About the library, Catherine says "I love the way it brings the community together." We thank Catherine and are very 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)



[Zeffy Link](#)

November Odell Library Book Club Selection:

For the last seven years, the Odell Library has had a book club. We meet now on the 4th Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m., although in earlier times our meeting times tended to be less structured. We've read and discussed dozens of books, listed here. Not everyone liked every book, sometimes members didn't finish the book, but there have been more times when everyone loved the month's book and became fans of an author of whom we were unaware earlier.

The November selection, *Notre Dame*, by Ken Follett, is "A Short History Of The Meaning of Cathedrals". Follett has donated the proceeds from the book to La Fondation du Patrimoine, a French private, independent, non-profit organization whose mission is to safeguard and promote local French Heritage.

(Wikipedia)

This 62 page volume has 6 chapters: 2019, 1163, 1831, 1844, 1944, and 1989.

Says Follett at the book's end: "A journalist asked me: 'Don't you hate all the tourists in their shorts with their cameras?' No. Cathedrals have always been full of tourists. In the Middle Ages they were not called tourists, they were pilgrims, but they traveled for many of the same reasons: to see the world and its marvels, to broaden their minds, to educate themselves, and perhaps to come in touch with something miraculous, otherworldly, eternal."

November Featured Young Adult Book

In the three book series by Jennifer A Nielsen, of which *Mark of the Thief* is the first, we meet Nic, a slave in ancient Rome. As with all slaves, Nic is forced to perform many tasks, in this case entering a sealed cavern containing the lost treasures of Julius Caesar. He gains magical powers when he discovers an amulet that belonged to Caesar which could help save Rome if he can discover a way to harness the magic.

For the fan of ancient times, battles for good over evil, and courageous heroes, this is a book to read. Even if you're now a fan now, this exciting story might just change your mind.

November Featured Juvenile Fiction Book

Sounder, the story of the memorable dog by that name, has been read over and over by young people who like stories of animals and the people who love them. *Sounder* is a coon dog, with "the shoulders of a bulldog and the melodious bay of a hound."

The author, William H. Armstrong, tells us how the dog failed to save his master, a poor sharecropper who was forced to steal food for his hungry family. "The boy", son of the sharecropper, who becomes the man of the house, faces the troubles of his family with courage. "Ain't nobody else gonna walk it for you, you gotta walk it by yourself."

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!

