

Upcoming

April 2026

- *Community Coffee: Friday, Apr. 3 @ 10 am
- *Trivia Night Sat., April 11 @ 7 pm
- *Nebraska Transition College Program Sun, Apr 12 @ 4 pm
- Smartphone Workshop - April 13 5:30-6:30 pm
- **Beauty Behind Walls Program @ 3:00 pm
- *Book Club: Mon., Apr 27 @ 6 pm.
- *Mahjong classes start April 30

May 2026

- *Mahjong classes continue (see back page)
- *Garage Sale in Back of Library - Saturday, May 2; 8 a - 1 p
- **Community Coffee: Fri., May 1 @ 10 am
- **Smartphone Workshop: Apr 11 @ 5:30 pm
- *Book Club: Mon., May 25 @ 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

Find Us:

- odellnebraskapubliclibrary.com.
- Facebook: Odell Nebraska Library
- Instagram: @odellnebraskapubliclibrary

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



Friends of the
Library or Donate

Odell Library is hosting...

Trivia Night

APRIL 11 7:00 PM

Themes for everybody!

- Art & Literature
- Sports
- History & Politics
- Pop Culture & Music
- Science

@ the Odell Library
BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGE & SNACK!!

- Groups of 4-6 recommended!!
- 5 rounds of 10 questions

Sign your team up by texting 402-239-5810 by April 8th. Limited to 6 teams

NO CHARGE

NEBRASKA TRANSITION COLLEGE
LEARNING. WORKING. LIVING.

It's not just Nebraska - it's everywhere! Learn more about how NTC is creating pathways to independence for students and adults with autism and other disabilities

- Comprehensive, life-skills curriculum
- Research and evidence-based
- Affordable
- Highly-credentialed instructors

Sunday, April 12, 2026
4:00 pm - Odell Nebraska Library
No Charge - free refreshments

Join us at the Library with Heather Farwell (of Pawnee City), mother to Alex, an NTC student, and learn about this college and what it does for its students.

This will be a casual, informational program for anyone! Come have a relaxing evening and learn about something new, enjoy refreshments and conversation

Info: 402-413-5627, nebraskatransitioncollege.org
info@nebraskatransitioncollege.org

Find us at the SPA!

Our Library is partnering with Sweet Peas Academy in Diller for a monthly story time! We thank SPA for this opportunity to reach out in the community! Photo is Kristin Jurgens reading to the kids for a "St Patricks Day" theme in March



Upcoming Programs

TRIVIA NIGHT: Saturday, April 11 @ 7 pm we will be hosting our 1st Trivia Night at the Library. We intend to host this free community event every couple months. Recommended team sizes 2-6. Variety of topics and questions. Watch for special Youth Trivia Nights. Text 402-239-5810 if you can come - we need a couple more teams! (See left)

NTC Presentation: Join us Sunday, April 12 @ 4 pm. Heather Farwell will discuss the Nebraska Transition College located in Lincoln, where her son, Alex attends. (See left for more info)

Beauty Behind Walls of Horror: The Role of Music During the Holocaust. This will be a VERY special event that won't come our way often. Join us by scanning the QR code here, or go to odellnebraskapubliclibrary.com to get your ticket. Seats are limited! \$20 deposit that will be refunded upon attendance.

HUMANITIES NEBRASKA PRESENTS

Beauty Behind Walls of Horror

The Role of Music during the Holocaust

Sunday, April 19, 2026 @ 3:00 pm
Odell Nebraska Library

DR. CHRISTINE ERLANDER BEARD
Live Performance

This lecture-recital serves not only as a memorial to the countless lives lost during the Holocaust but also as a reminder that we all share responsibility in rejecting hatred, discrimination, and dehumanization of any kind

Questions? 402-239-5810

Limited Seating

\$5.00 deposit returned upon attendance

Register at this QR code
First come, first serve

Odell Nebraska Library

Garage Sale

Saturday, May 2, 2026
8 am - 1 pm
In the ALLEY
Behind the Library!

BOOKS!, Household items, Griffin Gear, and a lot more!

BAG SALE ALL DAY ON BOOKS!

All Proceeds go back to the Library!
during the Odell Area Garage Sales



Volunteer Spotlight

Our spotlight this month is Libby, Heidi, & Max DeSotel. Libby and her two kids, Heidi and Max volunteer 8 hours a week and are at the library every Monday morning from 9-11, along with subbing for others. Libby enjoys sharing her love of reading with people who come into the library and loves the atmosphere of the building. Libby loves reading of all genres, but one of her favorites is "Dracula" by Bram Stoker - She HIGHLY recommends it! She recently enjoyed reading books showing different perspectives of the Civil Rights Movement, and also loves the Green Ember Book series by SD Smith (genius!). In her spare time, she enjoys taking walks, gardening, reading, and playing music. Heidi DeSotel is Libby's daughter and two of her favorite series are Hunger Games and Twilight. She loves the fact that you can just go in there and feel like you need to relax, read a book, and drink a coffee...and Heidi also enjoys the maker space room. Max is Libby's son and his favorite book series are: Brotherband Chronicles, the Inheritance Series, and the Ashton Burials series. Max says the library "has good books!"

Photo at top: The DeSotel Family.

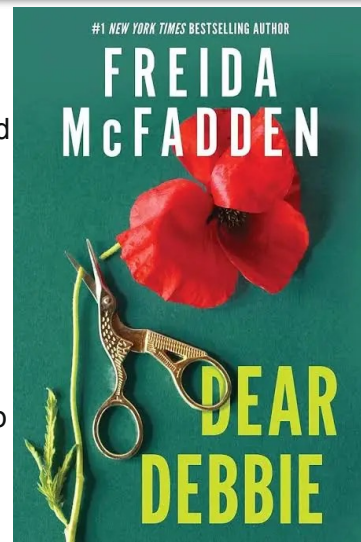
Photo below: Heidi and Max DeSotel




Patron Book Review - Freida McFadden's "Dear Debbie"

In *Dear Debbie*, author Freida McFadden delivers yet another fast-paced, twist-filled read that doesn't disappoint. Debbie is juggling life with teenage daughters, a secret-keeping husband, and writing a newspaper advice column for wives seeking solutions. Using poppies, print, and technology, Debbie becomes sort of an antihero, creating vengeance and retribution in unexpected ways. If you like a good psychological thriller entwined with everyday normalcy this will keep you guessing right up until the very end.

Submitted by, Julie Feist, Beatrice, NE



ODELL LIBRARY
book club
MAY SELECTION
still breathing
 by EA Fournier



Lizzie Warton is almost 70, widowed, and questioning the value of her remaining years. She has always done what others expect of her, and decides to do something for herself. She journeys to Africa to work at a Ugandan middle school. However, when her contact doesn't show up to pick her up at the airport, she panics and hires a random taxi. The driver drugs her, steals everything, and dumps her limp body in a slum. She is forced to "start over" and finds out nothing in Africa is as it appears. She soon finds herself building unexpected friendships and on her path to the adventure of her lifetime.

DISCUSSION: MONDAY, MAY 25 @ 6 PM

Coming Soon!
MAHJONG CLUB
 @ the Odell Library



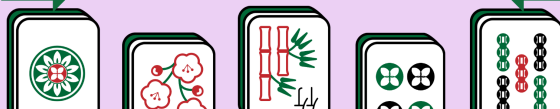
If you are interested, we will be offering classes this Spring to learn the game.

Pick a few times that work for you to come to the library to learn how to play

Tutorial Class Schedule

- Thursday, April 30 @ 6 pm
- Saturday, May 2 @ 10 am
- Tuesday, May 5 @ 6 pm
- Thursday, May 7 @ 6 pm
- Saturday, May 9 @ 10 am
- Tuesday, May 12 @ 6 pm
- Thursday, May 14 @ 6 pm

Kristi (Holst) Smith will be sharing her knowledge with us to get us started!
 TEXT Joyce @ 402-239-5810 to sign up for the Club and practices!
SPACE IS LIMITED - SIGN UP TODAY!



COMING SOON!
 David Baldacci's "Hope Rises"
 James Patterson's "26 Beauties-
 Women's Murder Club Series"

NEW BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY!

Adult Fiction
 "Weyward" by Emilia Hart
 "Judge Stone" by Viola Davis & James Patterson
 "Mona's Eyes" by Thomas Schlessler
 "The Corespondent" by Virginia Evans
 "Buckeye" by Patrick Ryan

Adult Nonfiction
 "These Truths" by Jill Lepore
 "The Lies by Teacher Told Me" by James W Loewen
 "Color of Law" by Richard Rothstein

Juvenile Fiction
 "Ape Escape" by Stuart Gibbs
 "City Spies Series" by James Ponti