

Odell Nebraska Library Monthly Newsletter

Upcoming

August 2025

- *Community Coffees: Wednesday & Fridays 9-11 am
- *Take Home Summer Reading Program Continues
- *Wine & Charcuterie Aug 8; 6-8 p
- *Bugs Aren't Just Pests Program for kids grades 1-6 - Wed., August 13; 2-3:30 p
- *MOSAIC evening; 6-7 pm
- *Book Club Discussion Monday August 25 @ 6 pm

September 2025

- *Food 4 Hope Program: Sun., September 21; 5-6 pm
- *Book Club Discussion Monday, September 22 @ 6 pm

Hours

Monday: 9 a - 11 a
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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Library Hours "Go Back"

Our Hours will return to "school time" schedule at the Library. We are open every morning from 9-11 am. IF you are looking for something to do in the morning, stop in to read, relax, and have a cup of coffee! We are open after school on Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays and open the evenings of Tuesdays & Thursdays! A special thanks to Jamie Schluter and Pamela Kostal for their time volunteering this summer that allowed us to be open more hours!



MOSAIC in Beatrice is celebrating their Centennial Anniversary this fall. Please join us at the library on Tuesday, August 19 from 6-7 pm to hear from some of the people they serve! This is a casual evening hearing their stories and enjoying each other. Please make plans to attend! Refreshments provided!

UPCOMING SEPTEMBER EVENTS & PROGRAMS

- Sunday, September 21:** Food 4 Hope Program
- Wednesday, October 8:** Ghost towns of Nebraska Presentation
- Tuesday, November 4:** CASA Presentation

Hours August-May

Monday: 9-11 & 3-5
Tuesday: 9-11 & 3-8
Wednesday: 9-11
Thursday: 9-11 & 3-8
Friday: 9-11
Saturday: 10-noon

Upcoming Events & Programs

The Odell Nebraska Library will be hosting an Entomology Program for kids on Wednesday, August 13, from 2-3:30. There is no charge for this and it will feature Extension Educator Nicole Stoner.

Martin Luther Home in Beatrice (now known as Mosaic) will be celebrating our Centennial Anniversary this fall.

Please join me for a free one hour presentation as I share a little bit of the history of Martin Luther Home/Mosaic as well as hearing stories of the people we have the privilege of serving.

DATE: August 19, 2025

TIME: 6:00 - 7:00 PM

PLACE: Odell Public Library

Refreshments provided!

Please RSVP to either the Odell Public Library or Joyce Wenzbauer @ joyce.wenzbauer@mosaicinfo.org by Aug. 18.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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!

Liblib 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.liblib.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.

Take Home Summer Reading Program: This program is still going, and kids have been working hard this summer to meet their reading goals. Thank you to OACE & Sunny's for their sponsorship to this program. DEADLINE for turning in Log Sheets for incentive prizes is Saturday, August 30th!



The OHS Class of 1969 had a "take two" for a class reunion. One of their classmates couldn't make it to the first one, so they gathered together in the library for a visit. Photo l to r: Barb (Wieters) Lohse, Ron Spitsnogle, Bob Frerking, Pat (Garcia) Toovey, Carol (Zumbahlen) Remmers, & Dan Acker.

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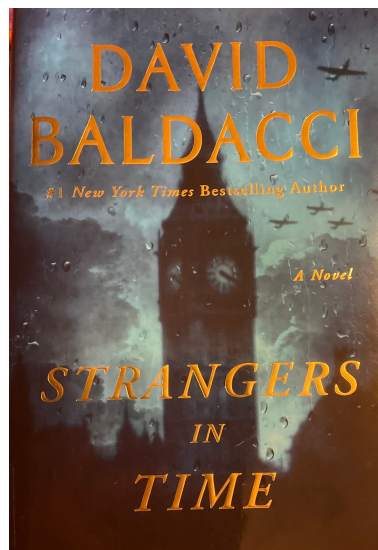


Monthly Featured Book:

David Baldacci's *"Strangers in Time"*

It's 1944 in London. Bombs are still falling on the city, but not as frequently as earlier in the war. You are about to meet Charlie Matters, 14 years old, living but barely surviving with his Gran in a flat that is one of the few with a bathroom in their building. Charlie's parents were both war casualties. And soon after, seeing how Charlie lives, you will meet Mollie Wakefield, 15, who lives in a mansion. Her parents, too, are war casualties, but still alive. Then there is I. Oliver, the bookstore owner and Mrs. Pride, Mollie's nanny, along with a wide range of "people of the street." There are mysteries to solve, codes to break, people to save, and secrets to share. The author of this very readable novel is David Baldacci who never leaves his readers bored or wishing that they would never have picked up one of his books. He always writes words that you won't soon forget!

"It's not so much that time heals all wounds, as it is the passage of the years that lets us make peace with our grief in our own way."
"...sometimes, family isn't blood – it's who holds your hand when the bombs fall."



Strangers in Time is a new addition to our large fiction inventory. It has been borrowed and read a couple of times already with the same review – "This is a really good book."

August Odell Library Book Club Selection:

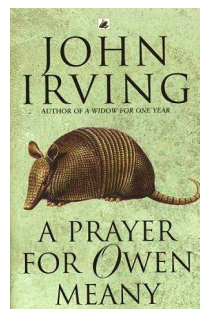
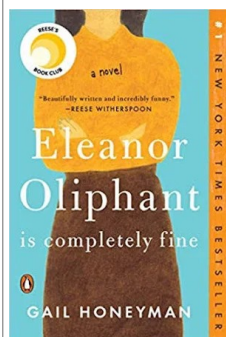
Gail Honeyman's *"Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine"*.

No one's ever told Eleanor that life should be better than fine.

Meet Eleanor Oliphant: She struggles with appropriate social skills and tends to say exactly what she's thinking. Nothing is missing in her carefully timetabled life of avoiding social interactions, where weekends are punctuated by frozen pizza, vodka, and phone chats with Mummy.

But everything changes when Eleanor meets Raymond, the bumbling and deeply unhygienic IT guy from her office. When she and Raymond together save Sammy, an elderly gentleman who has fallen on the sidewalk, the three become the kinds of friends who rescue one another from the lives of isolation they have each been living. And it is Raymond's big heart that will ultimately help Eleanor find the way to repair her own profoundly damaged one. Soon to be a major motion picture produced by Reese Witherspoon, *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine* is the smart, warm, and uplifting story of an out-of-the-ordinary heroine whose deadpan weirdness and unconscious wit make for an irresistible journey as she realizes.

The only way to survive is to open your heart.



September Odell Library Book Club Selection:

John Irving's *"A Prayer for Owen Meany"*

Eleven-year-old Owen Meany, playing in a Little League baseball game in Gravesend, New Hampshire, hits a foul ball and kills his best friend's mother. Owen doesn't believe in accidents; he believes he is God's instrument. What happens to Owen after that 1953 foul is both extraordinary and terrifying. At moments a comic, self-deluded victim, but in the end the principal, tragic actor in a divine plan, Owen Meany is the most heartbreaking hero John Irving has yet created.

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!