

Three Oaks Township Public Library

Director's Report: May 13, 2025

April 2025 circulation statistics:

- 1,378 total circulation: 793 physical items checked out + 530 e-items checked out (Libby, hoopla, Kanopy) + 55 magazines (on Libby).
- 44 items borrowed via inter-library loan, 45 items lent via inter-library loan
- 5 people checked out 55 magazines on Libby
- 45 people used public computers
- 62 people attended library programs (including passive programming)

Upcoming Events:

- Every Tuesday: Story Time, 10:30 – 11:00
- Every Tuesday: Drop-In Play Doh Play Date, 11:00 – 12:00 noon.
- Every Wednesday: Knitting and Crocheting Circle, 10:30 – 11:30. Individuals of all skill levels are invited to bring their projects.
- Every Thursday: Lego Club @ the Library all day. Projects will stay on display for one week.
- Every Thursday: Adult Drop-In Color Me Happy Hour, 1:00 – 2:00.
- Every Thursday: Story Time, 4:30 – 5:00.

Last month was the SW Michigan Writer's Workshop. This is a joint effort of seven libraries and occurs at the Lincoln Township Public Library in Stevensville. Each library contributes \$200. Sixty-one people attended – no one from our library/service area. So the cost of this event is almost \$23.00 per attendee. The reason I participate is because a writer's workshop is the number one thing I hear from patrons and community members that the library should offer, yet in the seven years we have offered this, no one from here has attended. An event like this is cost-prohibitive for us to do on our own. It was advertised EVERYWHERE - all over the internet, in local papers, in our library newsletter since January. I will continue to participate so I can tell people the event is offered. I guess this is another example of an event people think "others" would like to attend but aren't serious about it themselves.

I just completed reviews on two employees and gave the 3% raises.

RIDES delivery service for inter-library loans was just renewed. Our cost is \$2,048.52 annually. Our co-op pays this for us.

I am completing what I call a Circulation Project, which is inventory plus usage plus space used for the collection. The most interesting thing so far is all print material account for 84.18% of our collection and 75% of our circulation. DVDs account for 15.86% of our collection of 25% of circulation. Electronic books, audiobooks, and movies account for almost 50% of our overall circulation.

School of American Music has moved out and we have transformed those four offices into studio space for summer reading. They will also be available to people wanting a private room to study in and/or conduct meetings.

The theme for summer reading is "Color Our World." Papers are in your folders. We will have a drop-in time each Tuesday, June 17 to August 19, 11:00 – 1:00 in our Studio Space upstairs.