



Three Oaks Township Public Library

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www.threeoaks.michlibrary.org

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FOUNDED IN 1859 – 167 YEARS OF SERVICE!

Hours:

Monday 10 – 5
Tuesday 10 – 6
Wednesday 10 – 5
Thursday 10 – 6
Friday 10 – 5
Saturday 10-2
Sunday closed

Library Board:

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Our Seed Catalog is ready and waiting
for gardeners of all experience levels!

We're participating in the Michigan Seed Libraries' One Seed, One State program. This year's featured seed is the "Pacific Beauty" calendula—a vibrant, easy-to-grow favorite for any garden.

For more information, visit www.miseedlibrary.org

Stop by to "check out" a packet from our Seed Catalog and give it a try at home. At the end of the season, we would greatly appreciate it if you could "return" a few saved seeds to help keep the collection growing for others.


In addition to this year's featured seed, you'll find a wide variety of options thanks to the generosity of local gardeners.

Michigan Seed Library Network

One Seed, One State

Connecting seed libraries
through a shared growing experience

2026 **Calendula
Pacific
Beauty**



Full to part sun
Annual
Heat tolerant and
cool season flower
mix of orange,
yellow, and cream.

miseedlibrarynetwork.org

Free Wi-Fi

Free Public Computers
with Microsoft Office

Fax and Copy
Service Available

Laminating Available

Mobile Hotspots
(\$25 deposit)

Tutor.com

hoopla

Libby

Kanopy

Local History Room

Inter-Library Loan
<http://www.mel.org/>

Renew your items,
reserve items, or make
requests at our online

[catalog](#):

Library Catalog

Locate Books, Audiobooks, DVDs, & More!

<https://threeoaks.biblionix.com/catalog/>

Upcoming Events at the Library:

- Every Tuesday: Drop-In Play Dough Play Date at the library, 11:00 – 12:00 noon. Drop in to squish, shape, and roll with our Play Dough. Parents must accompany their young children.
- 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. Coffee, coloring sheets, and colored pencils will be provided for this adult only activity.
- Every Thursday: Story Time for all ages, 4:30 – 5:00.
- Southwestern Michigan Writers' Conference, Saturday, April 25, 8:30 to 3:30 at Lincoln Township Public Library in Stevensville.
- May Day Drop-In Craft for all ages, Thursday, April 30, 2:00 – 6:00. Drop-In to make a May Day flower basket—perfect for surprising a friend, neighbor, or loved one on May 1. All supplies are provided on a first come, first served basis. All ages welcome - preschool through adult. Just drop in and join the fun! 🌸🛒
- Friends of the Library Meeting, Thursday, May 21, 6:00. Everyone is welcome!

Take and Make Craft Bags for children are available.
at the Checkout Desk every day.

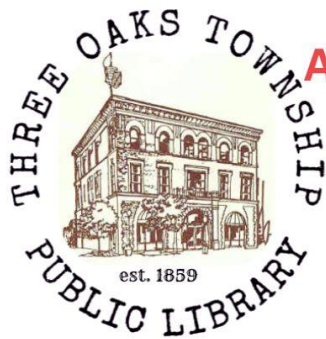
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and check our website, www.threeoaks.michlibrary.org
for all the latest information and events.

Did you know your library card can unlock free and discounted access to hundreds of destinations across Michigan? Through the Michigan Activity Pass (MAP) program, you can explore state parks, historic sites, cultural attractions, campgrounds, recreation areas, and more — perfect for making the most of our region's natural beauty and rich history.

Getting started is easy: visit www.michiganactivitypass.info to browse available passes and plan your next outing. Your next adventure is just a library card away!



The Three Oaks Township Public Library's
 fiscal year ended March 31, 2026.
 We ran the numbers and our stats are pretty impressive!
 If you don't already have a library card – why not?
 Come on in and see what your library can do for you!



April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026

Fiscal Year in Review

**Founded in 1859
 167 years of service**



**5,610
 Digital
 Check-outs**

*Libby,
 Kanopy,
 & Hoopla*



\$144,418
 Amount the
 community saved
 by checking items
 out at the library
 instead of
 purchasing them



**11,019
 Physical
 Check-outs**



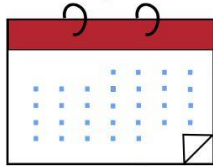
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 &
 DVDs**



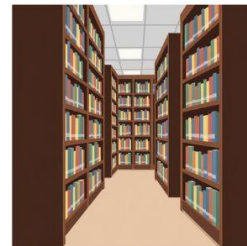
**186
 New Library Cards**



**1,025
 Program
 Attendance**



**289
 Programs Offered**



**26,862
 Items in collection**

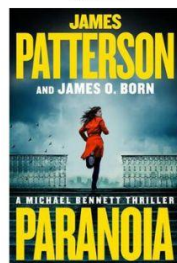
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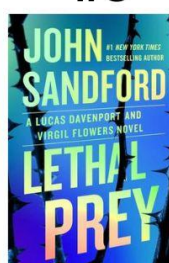


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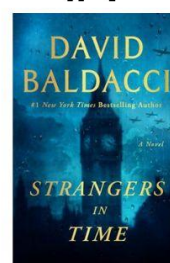
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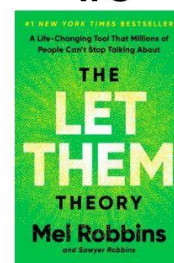
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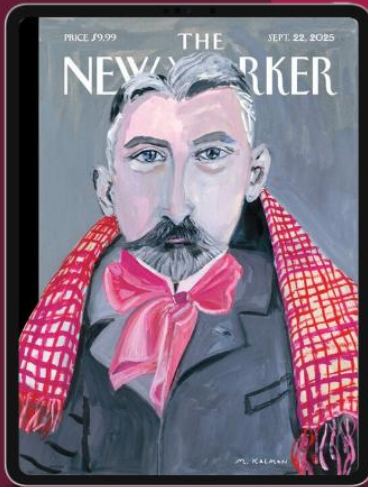


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to niche hobbies.

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The library reading app.



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- **FREE with your Three Oaks Library card**
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- **Covers preschool through college**
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<http://www.tutor.com/swmichigan/>

Calling All Writers!



SW MICHIGAN WRITERS' CONFERENCE

Saturday, April 25,
8:30 to 3:30

@ Lincoln Township Public Library in
Stevensville

Agenda for the day:

8:30 Doors open, sign in begins

9:00: Welcome and vendor introductions

9:30: The Art of Enchantment: Creating Stories That Hook, Nurture, and
Delight Across Generations with Kristin Dobson

10:30: Break

10:45: The Art of Self-Editing: What to Do After Your First Draft and When
to Ask for Help with Ashley Hattle

11:45: Lunch

1:00: A Matter of Trust: Telling Someone's Life Story with Brian Johnston

2:00: Break

2:15: Amazon Trends You Need to Know with Sylvia Hubbard

3:15: Concluding remarks and dismissal

This program is a collaborative effort of:

Lincoln Township Public Library;

Niles District Library;

Three Oaks Township Public Library;

Dowagiac District Library;

St. Joseph / Maud Preston Palenske

Memorial Library



Registration will begin
February 27, 2026

More information at the
Facebook event:

[https://tinyurl.com/mv2
mdc5h](https://tinyurl.com/mv2mdc5h)



MAY DAY

DROP-IN CRAFT

@ THREE OAKS TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC LIBRARY

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2:00 – 6:00

Celebrate the arrival of spring with a simple, cheerful craft!

Drop-In to make a May Day flower basket—perfect for surprising a friend, neighbor, or loved one on May 1.

All supplies are provided on a first come, first served basis.

All ages welcome – preschool through adult.

Just drop in and join the fun! 🌸🍵



All Three Oaks Township Public Library patrons are invited to attend Free History Hounds® online lectures through the Historical Society of Michigan™ (HSM).

All History Hounds programs are remote and held via Zoom.

To register, visit www.hsmichigan.org, select the “Programs” tab, and choose the History Hounds Lecture Series. On the registration form, select “A member of an HSM member organization” and enter Three Oaks Township Public Library along with your name, address, and email. HSM will email your Zoom link the day before each program.

In addition to History Hounds lectures, HSM also offers History Skills Workshops®, with options that include fully remote, hybrid (in-person and online), and in-person sessions. Be sure to check each individual event for format details.



Free History Hounds® lectures for members of your historical organization!

You can attend the Historical Society of Michigan's (HSM) weekly History Hounds® Lecture Series free of charge as a benefit of your membership with your historical organization. All programs are remote, via Zoom, so you can participate on your home computer, laptop, tablet, or smartphone.

Register for the programs on HSM's website at www.hsmichigan.org. On the registration form, select "A" member of an HSM member organization" and enter the name of your organization. Select the programs you wish to attend. HSM will email you the Zoom link the day before each program. Free admission is courtesy of your historical organization's membership with HSM.



Upcoming Lectures:

April 1 @ 7 pm

Changing Course: The Story of the Icebreaker Mackinaw
with Sarah Overmeyer

April 7 @ Noon

Night Owls: 19th Century Lunch Wagons
with Kathleen Haak

April 15 @ 7 pm

Revolutionary War Patriots of South-Central Michigan
with Linda Hass, David VanHoof

April 21 @ Noon

From Devastation to Reforestation: Michigan's Forestry Experiment
with Hillary Pine

April 29 @ 7 pm

REWIND - Great Women of Mackinac, 1800-1950
with Melissa Croghan

And More!

Note: All lecture times are scheduled in the Eastern time zone.

Did you know? Household members of the Historical Society of Michigan can access recordings of past History Hounds on the HSM website! Members must be logged in with an active membership to view past lectures on demand. To learn more about memberships, visit www.hsmichigan.org/join.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Meeting

Thursday,
May 21,
6:00 p.m.



Everyone is invited



We are excited to be partnering again with Chikaming Open Lands for a Storywalk on the Preserves! A StoryWalk is a way for people to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time. Book pages have been separately laminated and attached to stakes along the preserve path. As you walk down the trail you are directed to the next page of the story. Our book choice is *“In the Tall, Tall Grass”* by Denise Fleming and is featured at the Robinson Woods Preserve on East Road. More information can be found at: <https://www.chikamingopenlands.org>

BIG NEWS! YOU NOW HAVE ACCESS TO EVEN MORE BOOKS IN THE LIBBY APP!



Download Destination

- Great Lakes Digital Libraries
- Lakeland Digital Library
- Metro Net Library Consortium
- Midwest Collaborative for Library Services
- Suburban Library Cooperative
- Up North Digital Library Consortium
- Midwestern michigan Digital Consortium
- White Pine Library Cooperative (Fuel Your Mind)
- Woodlands Downloadable Library
- St. Clair County Library System
- Genesee District Library
- Traverse Area District Library

Get more access with your Southwest Michigan Digital Library Member Library Card! You can borrow titles from any of these collections!



To add your card for a partner library you must select the following in your Libby App:

- 1) Go to MENU > ADD LIBRARY
- 2) Search for the partner library and open it.
- 3) Tap SIGN IN WITH MY CARD
- 4) Under PARTNER LIBRARIES, choose your home library from the list and sign in.

Community Notes



Have you signed up for alerts from the Berrien County Sheriff's Office Emergency Management's Notification Service?

B-WARN! Is a service you may sign up for to receive emergency alerts via calls on your landline, calls or texts on your cell phone, or messages via pager, fax and/or email.

If you choose to opt-in, you will be notified about Berrien County Alerts such as 911 outages, missing & endangered persons, states of emergency, etc.
B-WARN will also notify you of weather alerts, such as severe storms, floods, fires, snow, and marine updates for the lake.

How It Works:

When a notification is issued about a public safety concern, an official message will be sent via the voice or text communication methods that you have entered during registration. When the system determines it has contacted you and delivered the message, you will not be contacted by any subsequent methods regarding that particular notification. If the system determines it has not delivered the message, it will continue to attempt to reach you at all of the contact methods that you have registered. The messages are delivered based upon locations that emergency officials request the message to be sent to. If it is a County-Wide emergency, the message will be sent County-Wide. If it is a localized emergency, the area in which the message is delivered will be smaller.

The really fantastic part about all of this is that the system can call your landline with notifications – there is no need to use a cell phone or email!
And you may opt-out anytime you like.

More detailed information can be found online at:
<https://www.berriencounty.org/1283/B-WARN> or flyers are available
at the Three Oaks Township Public Library.

You may sign up online at: <https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736721604>

If you are unable to navigate the online sign up, please come see us at the library or call us at 756-5621. We're ready to help!

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The scholarship allows individuals to earn an associate degree or skill certificate.

www.michigan.gov/reconnect

Community Fitness Center Hours



**Monday – Thursday
5 to 7 PM**

when school is in session

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1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH



FIND OUT WHERE THE
CLINIC WILL BE NEXT



**NADZIEJA POCHEKI
FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER**



Apr 2026

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Monday, March 30, 2026—4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Galien American Legion, 402 N. Main St., Galien, MI 49113

Tuesday, April 7, 2026—3:30 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Harbert Community Church, 6444 Harbert Road, Sawyer, MI 49125

Friday, April 10, 2026—4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Pipestone Berrien Township Fire Department, 6265 W. Main St., Eau Claire, MI 49111

Saturday, April 11, 2026—12:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 601 Ferry Street, Niles, MI 49120

Monday, April 13, 2026—12:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Neighbor to Neighbor, 9147 US Highway 31, Berrien Springs, MI 49103

Monday, April 13, 2026—4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Michigan Works! Berrien, Cass, Van Buren, 499 W. Main Street, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Wednesday, April 15, 2026—4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Stevensville United Methodist Church, 5506 Ridge Road, Stevensville, MI 49127

Thursday, April 16, 2026—3:30 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Harbert Community Church, 6444 Harbert Road, Sawyer, MI 49125

Friday, April 17, 2026—4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Baroda Bible Church, 9058 Third Street, Baroda, MI 49101

Thursday, April 23, 2026—12:30 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Trinity Lutheran Church, 619 Main St, St. Joseph, MI 49085

Friday, April 24, 2026—12:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Second Baptist Church, 600 Donald Atkins Dr., Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Friday, April 24, 2026—3:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), First Baptist Church, 1446 E. Main Street, Niles, MI 49120

Monday, April 27, 2025—4:00 pm—Berrien County (Drive Thru), Galien River Church @ Galien American Legion, 402 N. Main Street, Galien, MI 49113



GATHER, &
COMMUNITY MARKET
Saturday, April 11th
from 10 AM - 2 PM
at New Troy Community Center
13372 California Rd. New Troy, MI
final
sale
of the season

www.friendsofnewtroymichigan.org

LITTLE SHOP of HORRORS

Book and Lyrics by
Howard Ashman
Music by
Alan Menken

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APRIL 18 @ 7PM
APRIL 19 @ 2PM

Based on the Film by
Roger Corman
Screenplay by
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DATE:

7:00 PM
23 APRIL 2026

LOCATION:

6 N. ELM ST.
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ATTRACTIONS:

A CAPELLA PERFORMANCE BY RV DRAMA CAST
STUDENT Q&A ON BRINGING THE SHOW TO LIFE
SCREENING OF THE 1986 MUSICAL FAVORITE

TICKETS & MORE INFO:

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DATE: Monday, April 20, 2026

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: RVMHS Jerry Schaffer Gymnasium

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EARTH DAY CLEAN UP CHALLENGE

APRIL 22, 2026

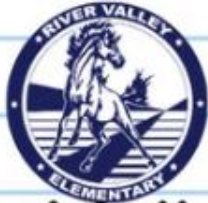
CHIKAMING & NEW BUFFALO TOWNSHIP AND FRIENDS OF BERRIEN COUNTY TRAILS
WILL BE HOLDING EARTH DAY CLEAN UP CHALLENGE ON
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22ND, 2026!

AS PART OF THIS COMMUNITY-WIDE EFFORT, WE ENCOURAGE RESIDENTS AND LOCAL
BUSINESSES TO SPEND TIME ON EARTH DAY CLEANING UP THEIR PROPERTIES, ADJACENT
ROADWAYS—AND ASK EVERYONE TO GIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION TO OUR TRAILS IN
CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL TRAILS DAY!

THIS IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW PRIDE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND MAKE A
POSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT. LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP
CHIKAMING & NEW BUFFALO TOWNSHIP BEAUTIFUL!

**THANK YOU TO HARBOR COUNTRY ROLLOFF FOR DONATING DUMPSTERS FOR
PARTICIPANTS TRASH!**





River Valley Elementary

ROUND UP

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Tour the School

Turn in Packet

Meet the Teachers

Preschool 4 yrs old by 9/1/26

Kindergarten 5 yrs old by 9/1/26

OPEN TO ALL
INCOMING
PRESCHOOL
AND
KINDERGARTEN
STUDENTS FOR
FALL 2026

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Enrollment Packets ready for pick up at Office 4/6/26

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🌐 rivervalleyschools.org

✉️ tbronson@rivervalleyschools.org

River Valley Elementary 15480 Three Oaks Three Oaks MI 49128



join us for a

Mother's Day market



Saturday, May 9th

10am - 3pm

American Legion Post 518

4789 Weechik Rd.

New Troy, MI 49119

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contact Teresa Blair

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