



Three Oaks Township Public Library

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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

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We're counting down to our second annual
**Three Oaks Township Public Library
Peeps Diorama Contest!**

Entry forms are available now at the checkout desk
or on page eleven in this newsletter.

How will you bring everyone's favorite marshmallow Peeps to life?
Create a fun, imaginative scene and let your creativity shine.

Important dates:

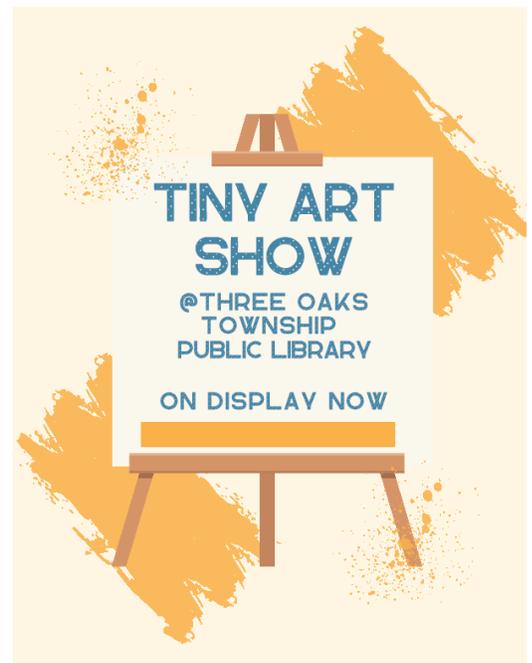
- **Diorama drop-off: March 2 to March 7, 2026.**
- **On display & judging:** March 9 through April 5.
 - **Pick up your diorama:** After April 5

Bring your imagination, creativity, and sense of fun—this contest is
always a crowd favorite for all ages. 🐣 ✨



There's just **one more week** to stop in and experience the Tiny Art Show at **Three Oaks Township Public Library!**

Don't miss your chance to see these small-but-mighty masterpieces before they're gone. Swing by, explore the creativity on display, and celebrate the big impact of tiny art—while you still can!



Free Wi-Fi

Free Public Computers
with Microsoft Office

Fax and Copy
Service Available

Laminating Available

Mobile Hotspots
(\$25 deposit)

Tutor.com

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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:

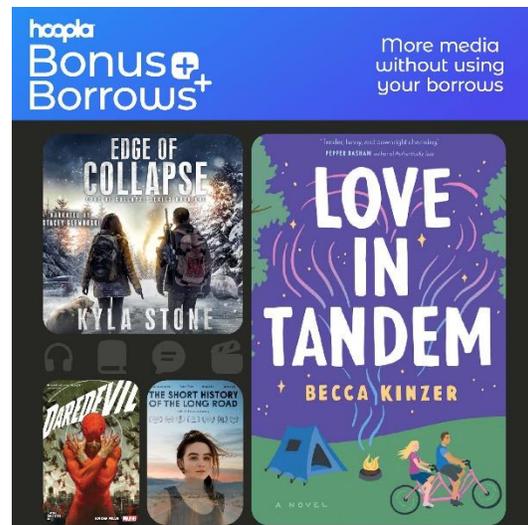
- Every Tuesday: Drop-In Play Dough Play Date at the library, 11:00 – 12:00 noon. Drop in to squish, shape, and roll with our Play Dough. Parents must accompany their young children.
- Every Wednesday: Knitting and Crocheting Circle, 10:30 – 11:30. Individuals of all skill levels are invited to bring 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.
- Tiny Art Show @ the Three Oaks Township Public Library on display through February.
- Peeps Diorama Contest @ Three Oaks Township Public Library: Drop off your diorama March 2 through March 7, 2026.
- Second Monday Book Club, Monday, March 9, 2:00.
- Library Board of Trustees, Tuesday, March 10, 5:00
- FREE showing of “The Librarians” presented by Children’s Coastline Film Festival, Thursday, March 14, 4:00. Free popcorn included!
- Friends of Three Oaks Library meeting, Thursday, March 19, 6:00. Everyone is welcome!
- Southwestern Michigan Writers’ Conference, Saturday, April 25, 8:30 to 3:30 at Lincoln Township Public Library in Stevensville.

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

Follow us on [Facebook](http://www.facebook.com/threeoakslibrary) (<http://www.facebook.com/threeoakslibrary>)
and check our website, www.threeoaks.michlibrary.org
for all the latest information and events.

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they’re available the last
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<https://www.hoopladigital.com/collection/30266>



SIGN UP FOR A FREE TREE!



Register your child to receive a free tree to plant this Spring!

Trees will arrive ahead of Earth Day (April 22nd) and we will contact you regarding pick up details.




HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE:

1. Register your child(ren) for a free tree to receive and plant during Earth Week!
2. Don't have a child? Purchase a tree to plant this spring — Buy One, Fund One!
3. Support tree planting in your community through a donation! \$5 gets a tree in the hands of a child.

We're teaming up with Neighborhood Forest to give children in our community a free tree to plant at home in celebration of Earth Week! 🌱

This program has already made a big impact—112,000 tree saplings were given to children in 2025, and more than 12,000 people have signed up so far in 2026.

Sign-ups are open now through March 15:

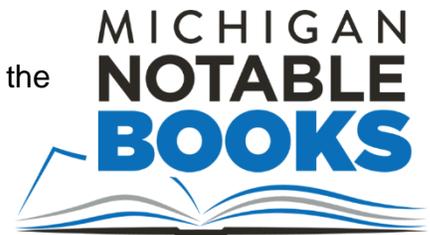
<https://www.neighborhoodforest.org/registration-services/?school=17992>

Tree saplings will arrive the week of Earth Day (April 22). We'll contact you when your tree is ready for pick-up at the library.

Let's grow something great together! 🌳



Discover our latest book display showcasing the **2026 Michigan Notable Books!**



Each year, the Library of Michigan selects 20 outstanding titles published in the previous calendar year that are about Michigan, set in the state, or written by Michigan authors. The list spans a wide range of fiction and nonfiction genres, offering something for every reader while highlighting stories and issues that resonate with Michigan residents.

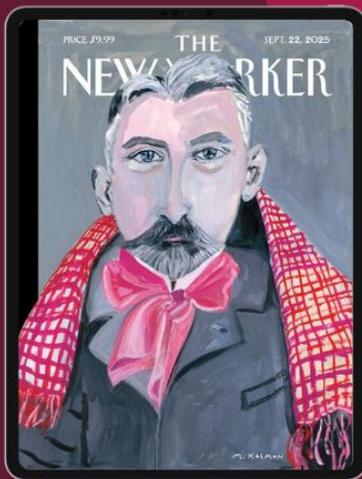
Learn more at <http://www.Michigan.gov/notablebooks>

Also featured in the display are ten titles from the newest **U.P. Notable Books Club** list. Additional information about these selections is available at www.UPNotable.com.

In honor of the new *Wuthering Heights* movie adaptation, you can read, listen, and watch various version and adaptations of Emily Brontë's *Wuthering Heights* with this Hoopla collection.

All the stormy romance you can handle in any format you want. Experience Heathcliff and Catherine like never before with this Read, Listen, and Watch: *Wuthering Heights* collection on Hoopla!

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/collection/187105>



From big headlines
to niche hobbies.

Borrow magazines for free with Libby.



Libby.

The library reading app.



Summer
Reading
2026
is coming!

Calling All Writers!



Saturday, April 26, 2025
9 am to 3 pm

At the Lincoln Township Public Library
2099 W John Beers Rd, Stevensville MI, 49127

This program is a collaborative
effort of:

Niles District Library
Lincoln Township Public Library
St Joseph / Maud Preston Palenske
Memorial Library
Eau Claire District Library
Three Oaks Township Public Library
Dowagiac District Library

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

Registration will begin
February 27, 2026

More information at the Facebook
event:

<https://tinyurl.com/mv2mdc5h>





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:

Feb 25 @ 7 pm

REWIND - Hail to the Victors:
Black Athletes at U-M

March 3 @ Noon

The 1962 Michigan
Constitutional Convention

March 11 @ 7 pm

The Untold Story of Michigan's
Great Fires

March 17 @ Noon

Zachariah Chandler Saves The
Declaration of Independence (Literally!)

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.

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

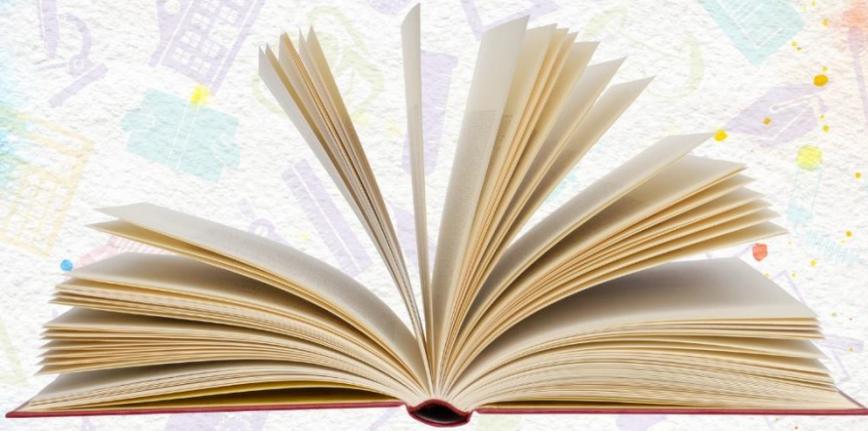
All History Hounds programs are remote and held via Zoom.

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.

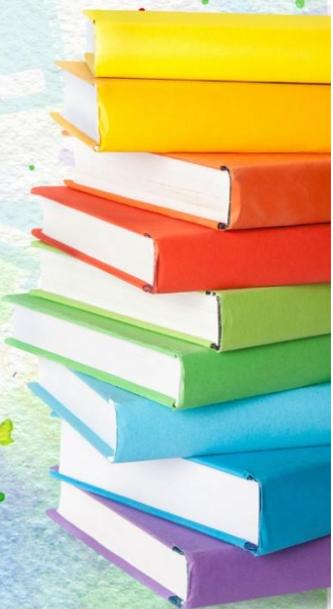
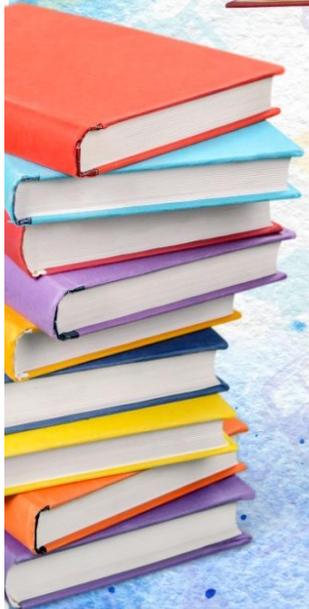
In addition to History Hounds lectures, HSM also offers History Skills Workshops®, with options that include fully remote, hybrid (in-person and online), and in-person sessions. Be sure to check each individual event for format details.



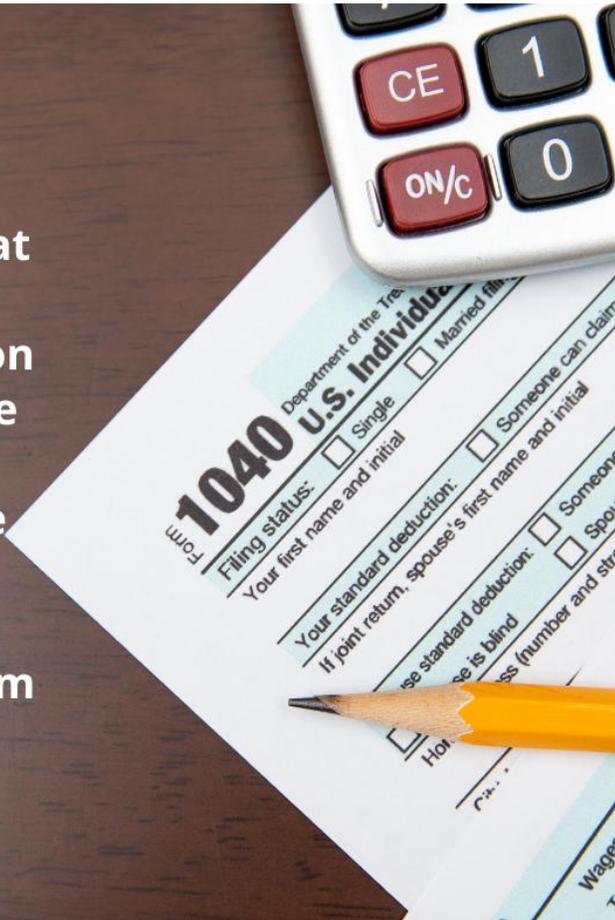
Friends of the Library **MEETING**



**Thursday,
March 19,
at 6 pm**



Tax forms are starting to arrive at the library! They're available on a podium near the checkout desk. Don't see the one you need? We're happy to print it for you from the IRS website.



LEGO CLUB

@ THE LIBRARY

All day every Thursday



TUTOR.COM

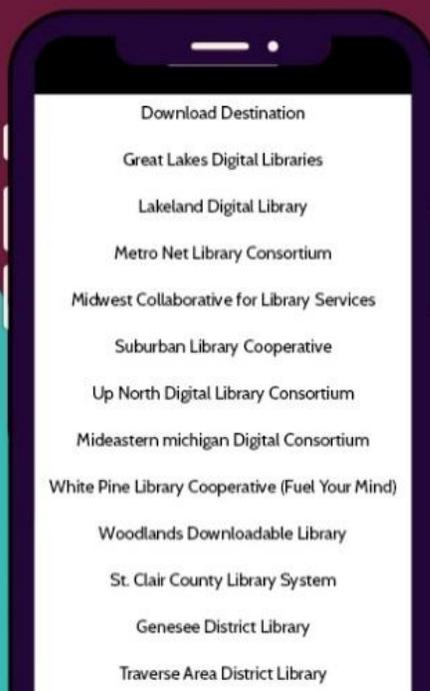


- **FREE with your Three Oaks Library card**
- **Provides on-demand online tutoring with a LIVE, highly-qualified expert tutor**
- **Covers 250+ subjects**
- **Covers preschool through college**
- **Tutors undergo rigorous screening and ongoing development**
- **Drop off writing paper review**
- **Available on YOUR schedule**



<http://www.tutor.com/swmichigan/>

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



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



Mark your calendars for the RVEPTO

FUN FAIR



WHEN: March 7th, 11am-2pm

RVHS Gym/Cafeteria

ADMISSION—Includes wristband for games, bounce houses, face painting, and snow cone.

- **RV Preschool & Elementary Students:** FREE
- **RV Middle & High School Students:** \$5 (unless volunteering)
- **Kids under 5 years old:** FREE
- **Non-RV Kids, 5+ years old:** \$5 (\$20 cap for families)

CONCESSION STAND

- **RV Preschool & Elementary Students:** 3 FREE concession stand items (+1 FREE drink)
 - Additional items may be purchased for \$1 each
- **All Others (Non-RV Preschool & Elementary Enrollees):** Concession stand items may be purchased for \$1 each

JAIL — 1 ticket = 2 minutes in jail

- **RV Preschool & Elementary Students:** 1 FREE jail ticket
 - Additional tickets may be purchased at the admission table for \$1 per ticket
- **All Others (Non-RV Preschool & Elementary Enrollees):** Jail tickets may be purchased at the admission table for \$1 per ticket



**CONGRATULATIONS
ON A GREAT FUNDRAISER!!**

Public Notice

The Village of Three Oaks would like to inform residents that work will begin on the **Hickory Street Bridge**.

The contractor is scheduled to mobilize and begin center span deck demolition on Monday, February 23. Construction activities will take place between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., in accordance with the contract.

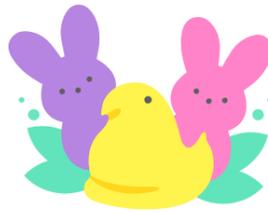
No night work is scheduled at this time.

Please be advised that deck demolition is not a quiet operation and nearby residents may experience increased construction noise during these hours.

Every effort will be made to complete the work efficiently and safely.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as this important infrastructure improvement project moves forward.

Questions? Please call the Village of Three Oaks Office at 756-9221.



Official Rules & Entry Form

Everyone is invited to create a shoebox diorama using marshmallow Peeps candy.

Submission:

Submit your diorama and detached entry form below to the Three Oaks Township Public Library March 2 through March 7, 2026. All ages are encouraged to participate but only one entry per person or group will be accepted. All dioramas must be appropriate for all ages. The library reserves the right to refuse any diorama that does not meet the guidelines set forth on this entry form.

Guidelines:

Dioramas can be submitted in any size shoebox or box of shoebox size. All the characters in your diorama must be Peeps (of any kind and flavor). You may use any other materials necessary to create costumes and to assemble your scene. The contents of your diorama must be secured in order to survive any necessary relocations within the library. Please include the title of your creation on the front of your diorama. All other personal information should be on your entry form.



Display:

Dioramas will be on display in the Three Oaks Public Library from March 9 through April 5, 2026.

Judging & Prizes:

Fame, glory, and bragging rights for all and special gifts for category winners. Judging will be based on originality, creative use of Peeps, and overall quality by our esteemed panel of judges.



Peeps Diorama Official Entry



Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Title of your Peeps Diorama: _____

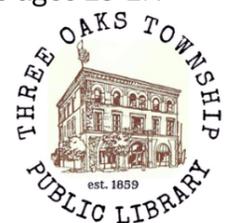
Choose Your Category (choose only ONE):

Children's Category (ages 12 & under)
Choose this category if All participants are ages 12 and under and did not receive adult support with the diorama.

Teen Category (ages 13-17)
Choose this category if ALL participants in the creation of this diorama are ages 13-17. This includes a group of teens.

Family Category
Choose this category if a family of children and/or teens and adults worked on this diorama together.

Adult Category
Choose this category if all participants in the creation of this diorama are adults 18+





2026
Sign ups

January 5th
through
February 27th.

- \$10 discount if signed up before January 30th
- Payment is due at Meet the Coach Night
- Late signups will be reviewed by the board for availability and will be subject to a \$25 late fee
- For questions, please email threeoaksba@gmail.com
- For more information and to stay up to date, follow us on Facebook or at threeoaksbaseball.weebly.com

- **TBALL - \$45**
- **8U-12U - \$50**
- **PONY - \$100**

SCAN THE QR CODE
TO SIGN UP TODAY!



River Valley Fastpitch Softball
Registration is now open
until February 28th for the
2026 softball season.

Details & registration
at:

<https://tinyurl.com/2fnjh2m>



LITTLE SHOP

HORRORS

APRIL 17 @ 7PM

APRIL 18 @ 7PM

APRIL 19 @ 2PM

**Book and Lyrics by
Howard Ashman**

**Music by
Alan Menken**

**Based on the Film by
Roger Corman**

**Screenplay by
Charles Griffith**

\$10/adult (18 yrs +) \$5/kids (4-17 yrs)
\$5/seniors (65 yrs +) FREE/kids (0-3 yrs)

***See 2 Shows, See the 3rd Show FREE**

***FREE admission for all RV Students and Staff with ID**

River Valley High School Auditorium

15480 Three Oaks Road, Three Oaks, MI