



Three Oaks Township Public Library

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Hours:

Monday 10 – 5

Tuesday 10 – 6

Wednesday 10 – 5

Thursday 10 – 6

Friday 10 – 5

Saturday 10-2

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It's time to drop off your Peeps Diorama at Three Oaks Township Public Library!

When you bring in your creation, please be sure to complete an entry form—available at the checkout desk or on page three of this newsletter.

Important Dates:

- **Diorama Drop-Off:** March 2–7, 2026
- **On Display & Judging:** March 9–April 5
- **Pick-Up:** After April 5

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

We were blown away by the incredible talent showcased in our Tiny Art Show, and we can't wait to see the imaginative scenes you create for this year's Peeps Diorama Contest at Three Oaks Township Public Library!



Our first annual Tiny Art Show at Three Oaks Township Public Library has come to a close—and what a wonderful display of creativity it was!

If you submitted a tiny masterpiece, it is now ready to be picked up and taken home. We can't wait for you to enjoy your artwork again up close.

And don't despair if you're already missing the mini masterpieces—we're planning to host this fun event again next January!

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make our first Tiny Art Show such a delightful success.

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Upcoming Events at the Library:

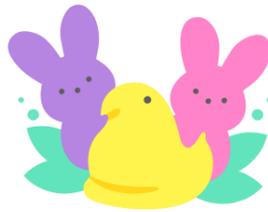
- Every Tuesday: Drop-In Play Dough Play Date at the library, 11:00 – 12:00 noon. Drop in to squish, shape, and roll with our Play Dough. Parents must accompany their young children.
- Every Wednesday: Knitting and Crocheting Circle, 10:30 – 11:30. Individuals of all skill levels are invited to bring 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.
- March is National Reading Month – stop in to enter a drawing and win a prize!
- 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. Book to be discussed: “*Martyr*” by Kaveh Akbar.
- 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.



**Summer
Reading
2026
is coming!**



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: _____

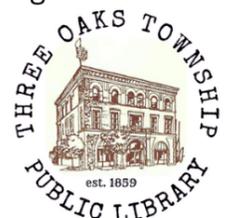
Choose Your Category (choose only ONE):

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.

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

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.

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





There's still time to claim your FREE tree!

We're excited to partner with Neighborhood Forest to provide children in our community with a free tree sapling to plant at home in celebration of Earth Week. It's a wonderful opportunity to nurture a love of nature while making a lasting environmental impact.

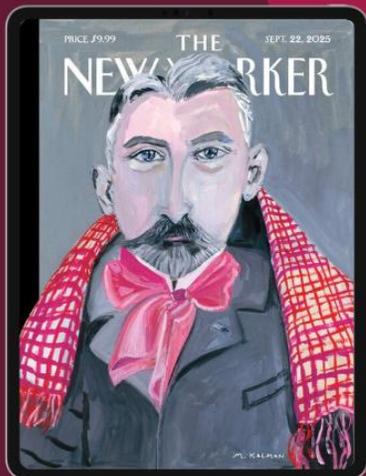
This inspiring program continues to grow—112,000 tree saplings were distributed to children in 2025, and more than 12,000 participants have already signed up for 2026!

Sign up by March 15:

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

Saplings will arrive the week of Earth Day (April 22), and we'll notify you as soon as your tree is ready for pick-up at the library.

Let's grow something great together! 🌱



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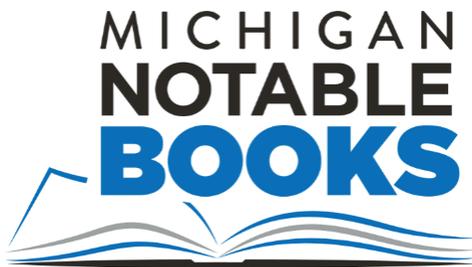


March is National Reading Month, and we're celebrating at Three Oaks Township Public Library!

Stop in during the month to enter a drawing for a beautiful wooden bookshelf reading tracker—and while you're here, enjoy a sweet treat and a cup of free coffee (provided by the Friends of Three Oaks Library).



Join us as we celebrate the joy of reading and the wonderful books that bring our community together!



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

To explore the full list, visit: <http://www.Michigan.gov/notablebooks>

We're pleased to share that our library has purchased all 20 selected titles. You'll find them on display near the check-out desk—stop by to browse and discover your next great read!

Also featured in the display are ten titles from the newest U.P. Notable Books Club list, highlighting exceptional books connected to Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Learn more about these selections at www.UPNotable.com.



Calling All Writers!

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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

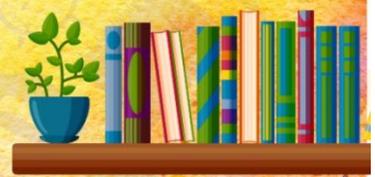
This program is a collaborative effort of:

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

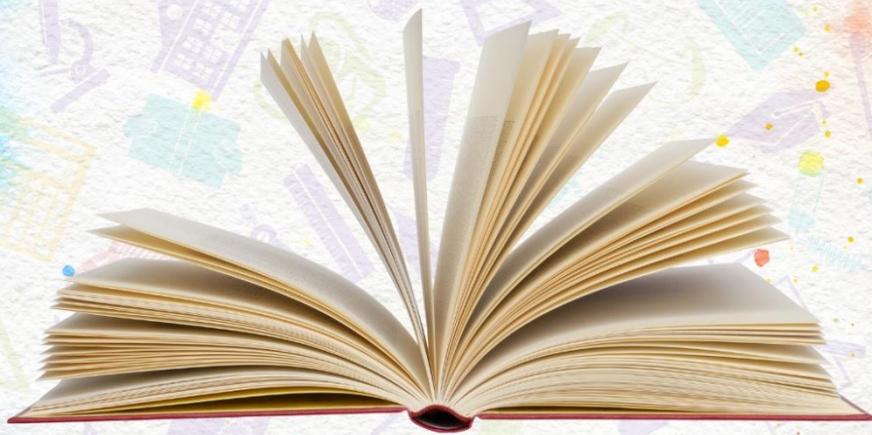
Registration will begin
February 27, 2026

More information at the
Facebook event:
[https://tinyurl.com/mv2
mdc5h](https://tinyurl.com/mv2mdc5h)





Friends of the Library **MEETING**



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



History



Hounds



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.

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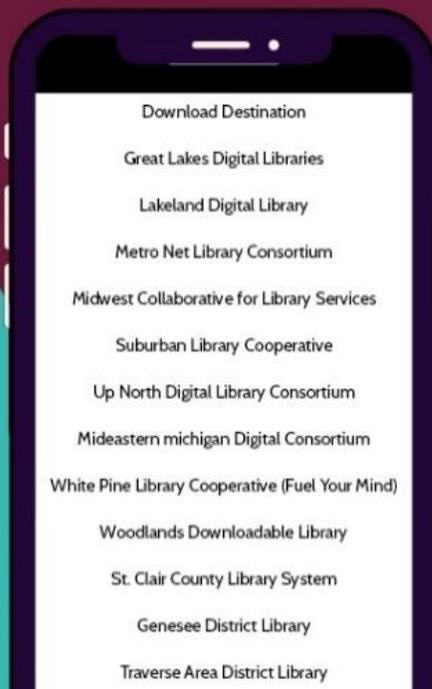


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To add your card for a partner library you must select the following in your Libby App:

- 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



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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**

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