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www.threeoaks.michlibrary.org

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Wednesday 10 – 5
Thursday 10 – 6
Friday 10 – 5
Saturday 10-2
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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.

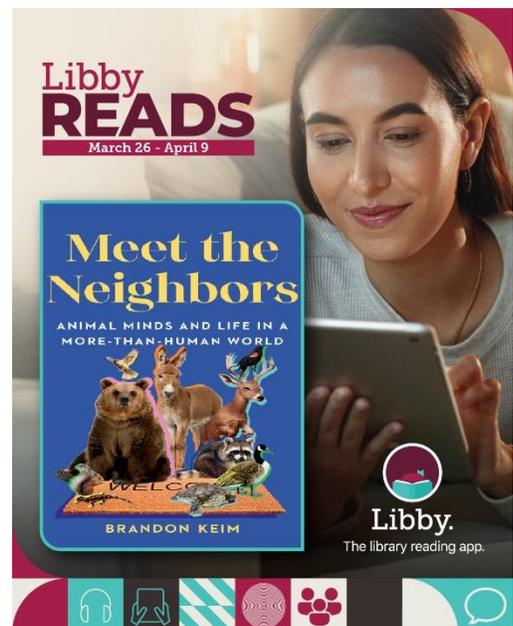
Getting started is easy: visit www.michiganactivitypass.info to browse available passes and plan your next outing. Your next adventure is just a library card away!

We are excited to announce that 'Meet the Neighbors' by Brandon Keim is the featured title for #LibbyReads! Libby Reads is a digital book club connecting readers to the same ebook & audiobook at the same time - no waitlists, no holds – via the Libby App.

A beguiling invitation to discover an expanded sense of community and kinship beyond our own species, Meet the Neighbors opens our eyes to the world of vibrant intelligence just outside our doors.

More info: <https://pages.libbylife.com/LibbyReads>

If you're new to Libby and need some assistance, let us know! We're here to help!



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reserve items, or make
requests at our online
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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.
- March is National Reading Month – stop in to enter a drawing and win a prize!
- Friends of the Library Meeting, Thursday, April 9, 6:00 p.m.
- 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](https://www.facebook.com/threeoakslibrary) ([http://www.facebook.com/threeoakslibrary](https://www.facebook.com/threeoakslibrary))
and check our website, www.threeoaks.michlibrary.org
for all the latest information and events.



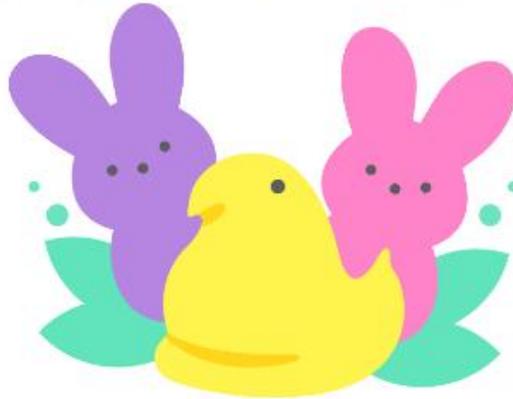
**Summer
Reading
2026
is coming!**

It's never too late to learn something new!

Explore The Great Courses Video Library, master the guitar with Fret Zealot, try a new workout with Get Healthy U TV, and more with the new Lifelong Learning BingePass collection on Hoopla Digital. All you need is your Three Oaks Library card!

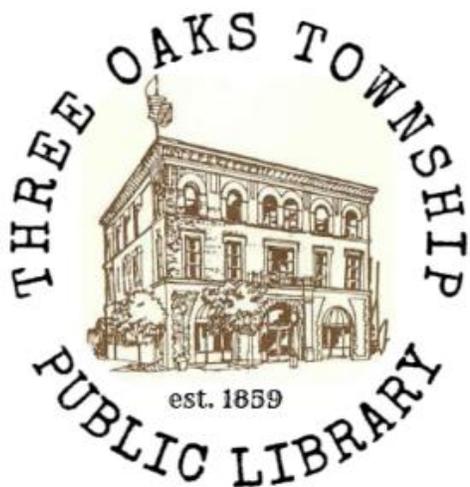
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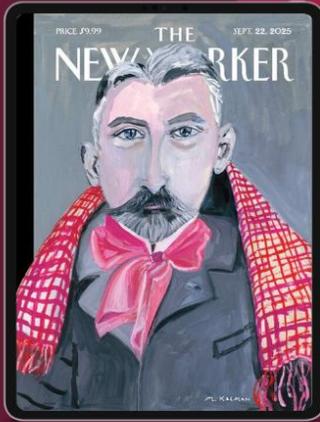
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The library reading app.



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>

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:

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.

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,
April 9,
6:00 p.m.**

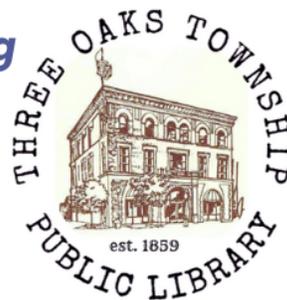


Everyone is invited

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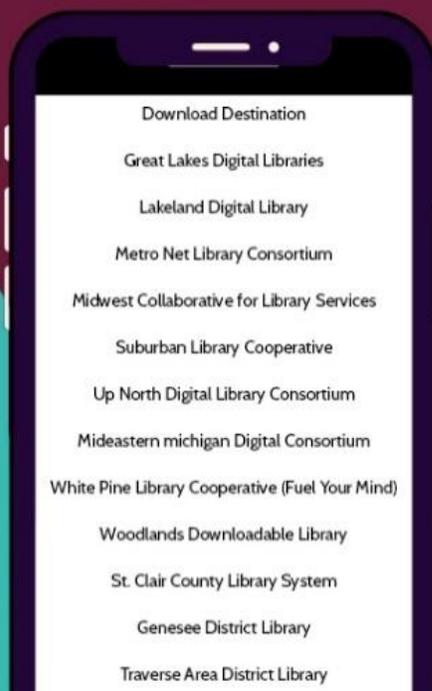


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- **Covers preschool through college**
- **Tutors undergo rigorous screening and ongoing development**
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- **Available on YOUR schedule**



<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



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!



Did you know Chikaming Township now has a newsletter?

Chikaming Connect is a long-form seasonal newsletter with useful community news, dates for local events, and more.

Sign up online at <https://www.chikamingtownship.org/newsletter>

Looking for reminders on time-sensitive Chikaming Township business, such as key public meetings and opportunities for citizen input.

If you need help signing up, let us know! We're happy to help.

And when a new issue of the Chikaming Connect comes out, we will print copies and have them available at the library.

The advertisement for Michigan Reconnect features a photograph of a man in a striped shirt carrying a young child on his shoulders. The child is wearing a white hat. The background is a blurred green field. The text is overlaid on a dark blue background.

**IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO
GET YOUR
DEGREE.**

With Michigan Reconnect, you can go back to school and get your degree or skills certificate from an in-district community college, tuition-free. Deep tuition discounts available for out-of-district community colleges.

To be eligible you must:

- Be at least 25 years old when you apply
- Have lived in Michigan for a year or more
- Have a high school diploma
- Have not yet completed a college degree (associate or bachelor's)

Apply today at michigan.gov/reconnect

**MICHIGAN
RECONNECT**

The Michigan Reconnect Scholarship is an opportunity that provides a tuition-free pathway to community college for Michiganders who are 25 years or older and do not have an associate or bachelor's degree.

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

Open to all RV School District residents!

Enter through door 17

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ccaaid@rivervalleyschools.org.

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THREE OAKS, MI

THREE OAKS TOWNSHIP HALL
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FIND OUT WHERE THE
CLINIC WILL BE NEXT



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FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER**



MEETINGS NOTICE

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE or FACEBOOK for this information

Village of Three Oaks
Meeting Schedule for
April 2026

Public Service Committee (PSC) Special Meeting – Friday, April 10, 2026, at 9:00am
Meeting held in the Village Council Meeting Room at 21 N. Elm Street

The Michigan Rural Water Association will present the Village Water and Sewer Rate Study for public review and discussion.

Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting – Monday, April 6, 2026, at 7:00pm
Meeting held in the Village Council Meeting Room at 21 N. Elm Street

Planning Commission Regular Meeting – Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at 7:00pm
Meeting held in the Village Council Meeting Room at 21 N. Elm Street

Downtown Development Authority Meeting - Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 5:00pm
Meeting held in the Village Council Meeting Room at 21 N. Elm Street

DDA Regular Meeting March

Wednesday, March 4, 2026
4:30 PM – 7:30 PM (EST)

Meeting link:

DDA 4-1-26

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

4:30 PM - 8:00 PM (EST)

Meeting link: [DDA 4-1-26 | Microsoft Teams | Meetup-Join](#)

Downtown Development Authority Special Meeting – Wednesday, April 15, 2026, at 5:00 pm Meeting held to conduct additional DDA business

Meeting held in the Village Council Meeting Room at 21 N. Elm Street

DDA Special Meeting March

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

4:30 PM - 7:30 PM (EST)

Meeting link:

DDA 4-15-26

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

4:30 PM - 8:00 PM (EST)

Meeting link: [DDA 4-15-26 | Microsoft Teams | Meetup-Join](#)

Village Council – Regular Meeting – Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 7:00 pm

Meeting held in the Village Council Meeting Room at 21 N. Elm Street

Village Council – Budget Workshop – Saturday, April 18, 2026, at 9:00 am

The purpose of this workshop is to review and discuss the proposed Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Village Budget and related financial matters. No formal action will be taken.

ZBA (Zoning Board of Appeals) Special Meeting – Monday, April 20, 2026, at 7:00 pm

Meeting held in the Village Council Meeting Room at 21 N. Elm Street

are subject to change*
as Village Clerk

Village Council Elections 2026

Be the change you want to see in
our Village



Get involved pick up your packet from the Village Hall today. 3 council seats and 1 president seat available!

Join us and make a difference

November 3,
2026

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21 N Elm St
treasurer@threeoaksvillage.org

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

Wednesday, March 4, 2026—4:30 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Woodland Shores Baptist Church, 3555 Shawnee Rd, Bridgman, MI 49106

Monday, March 9, 2026—4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Michigan Works! Berrien, Cass, Van Buren, 499 W. Main Street, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Friday, March 13, 2026—4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Pipestone Berrien Township Fire Department, 6265 W. Main St., Eau Claire, MI 49111

Wednesday, March 18, 2026—4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Stevensville United Methodist Church, 5506 Ridge Road, Stevensville, MI 49127

Thursday, March 19, 2026—3:30 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Harbert Community Church, 6444 Harbert Road, Sawyer, MI 49125

Wednesday, March 25, 2026—4:00 PM - Berrien County (Walk Up), North Berrien Fire Department, 170 Washington St., Coloma, MI 49038

Thursday, March 26, 2026—12:30 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Trinity Lutheran Church, 619 Main St, St. Joseph, MI 49085

Friday, March 27, 2026—12:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Second Baptist Church, 600 Donald Atkins Dr., Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Friday, March 27, 2026—3:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), First Baptist Church, 1446 E. Main Street, Niles, MI 49120

Monday, March 30th @ 4:00 pm, Galien American Legion, Post #344, 402 N. Main St., Galien, MI

A poster for the musical "Little Shop of Horrors". The title "LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS" is written in a stylized, dripping font. "LITTLE SHOP" is in yellow and orange, and "OF HORRORS" is in red with black outlines. Below the title is a potted plant with green leaves and a red, fleshy, tongue-like flower. The background is dark blue. Text on the poster includes: "Book and Lyrics by Howard Ashman", "Music by Alan Menken", "Based on the Film by Roger Corman", and "Screenplay by Charles Griffith". The show dates and times are: "APRIL 17 @ 7PM", "APRIL 18 @ 7PM", and "APRIL 19 @ 2PM". Ticket prices are: "\$10/adult (18 yrs +)", "\$5/kids (4-17 yrs)", "\$5/seniors (65 yrs +)", and "FREE/kids (0-3 yrs)". A note says "*See 2 Shows, See the 3rd Show FREE". The location is "River Valley High School Auditorium" at "15480 Three Oaks Road, Three Oaks, MI".

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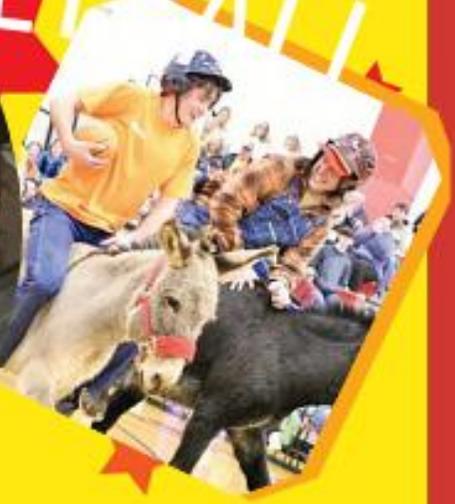
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***See 2 Shows, See the 3rd Show FREE**

***FREE admission for all RV Students and Staff with ID**
River Valley High School Auditorium
15480 Three Oaks Road, Three Oaks, MI

JOIN the FUN...
COME to



DONKEY BASKETBALL



DATE: Monday, April 20, 2026

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: RVMHS Jerry Schaffer Gymnasium

Come Watch Local "Celebrity" Donkey Jockeys try to ride real, live donkeys!

Game match up
coming soon!

Plus CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

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TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:

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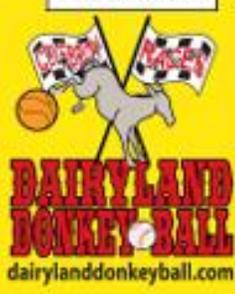


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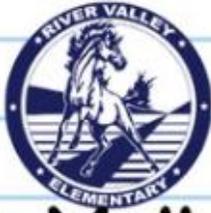


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River Valley Elementary

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
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PRESCHOOL
AND
KINDERGARTEN
STUDENTS FOR
FALL 2026

FULL DAY PRESCHOOL

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

📞 269-756-9050

🌐 rivervalleyschools.org

✉️ tbronson@rivervalleyschools.org

River Valley Elementary 15480 Three Oaks Three Oaks MI 49128



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!**

