



# Three Oaks Township Public Library

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[www.threeoaks.michlibrary.org](http://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:

Debby Freehling  
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Christina Zebell

## Library Staff:

Cheryl Kersey,  
*Director*  
Erin Przybylinski  
Debbie Sieler  
Peggy Zechel



## 🐣 Peeps Diorama Drop-Off Reminder!

There's still time—and space—to enter your Peeps diorama! Bring your creation to the library and add it to our display.

Need a box? No problem! We have extra boxes available at the library if you need one.

We can't wait to see your marshmallow masterpieces! 🌸 🐣

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



**Peeps Diorama Contest 2026**  
**On Display Now**

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Local History Room

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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.
- March is National Reading Month – stop in to enter a drawing and win a prize!
- Peeps Diorama Contest @ Three Oaks Township Public Library:
- 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 Coastline Children’s Film Festival, Thursday, March 14, 4:00. Free popcorn included!
- St. Patrick’s Day Drop-In Craft, Tuesday, March 17, 2:00 – 6:00. No registration needed, for ages 12 and under, adult must accompany child.
- 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>)  
and check our website, [www.threeoaks.michlibrary.org](http://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: \_\_\_\_\_

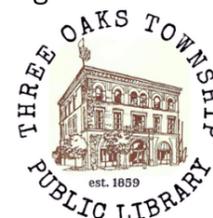
Choose Your Category (choose only ONE):

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+





Last day to claim your FREE tree is March 15!

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.

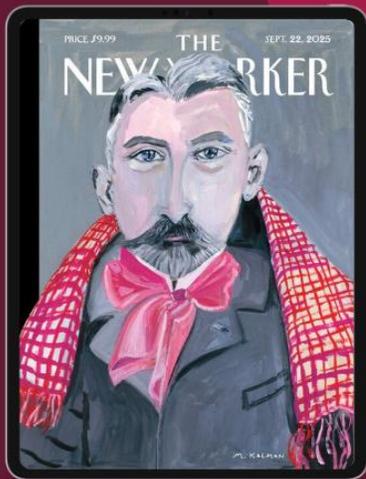
This inspiring program continues to grow—112,000 tree saplings were distributed to children in 2025, and more than 12,000 participants have already signed up for 2026!

**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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The library reading app.

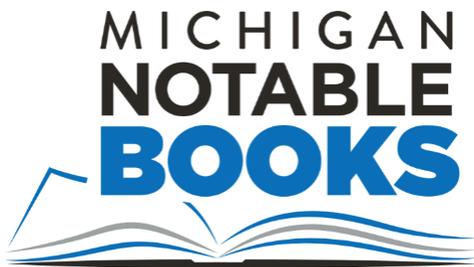


March is National Reading Month, and we're celebrating at Three Oaks Township Public Library!

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](http://www.UPNotable.com).



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>



Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Kanopy's curated collection of films that honor Irish culture, history, and traditions. Discover the spirit and stories of Ireland by exploring the collection on Kanopy for FREE with your library card! [kanopy.com/category/10852](https://www.kanopy.com/category/10852)



presents...

the award-winning  
documentary  
*The Librarians*

Saturday, March 14, 4:00  
at

Three Oaks Township Public Library



*St. Patrick's Day  
Drop-In Craft  
@ Three Oaks Township  
Public Library*

**Tuesday, March 17, 2:00 - 6:00**

**Ages 12 and under**

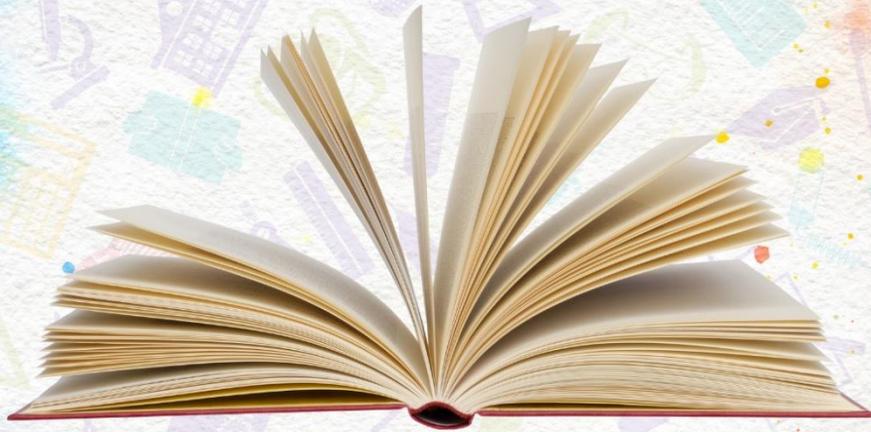
**No registration needed**

**An adult must accompany  
children**

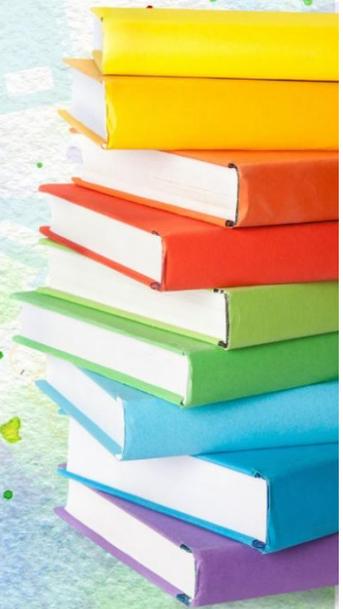
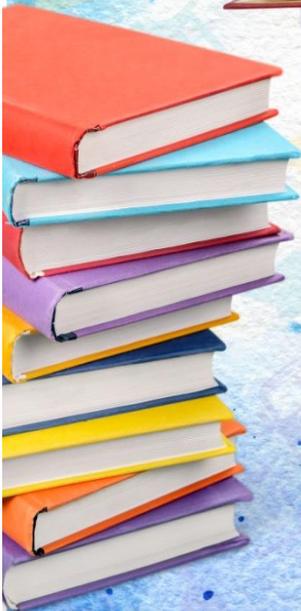




# Friends of the Library **MEETING**



**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](http://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.



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](http://www.hsmichigan.org/join).

### 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.**

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](http://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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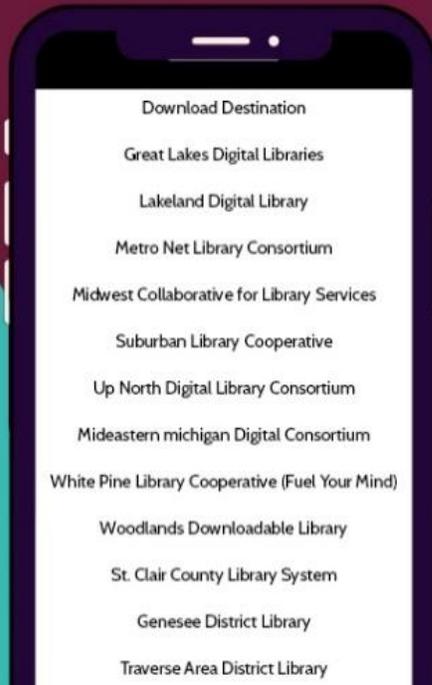


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## BIG NEWS! YOU NOW HAVE ACCESS TO EVEN MORE BOOKS IN THE LIBBY APP!



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

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](http://www.michigan.gov/reconnect)

# 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](http://michigan.gov/reconnect)

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1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH



FIND OUT WHERE THE  
CLINIC WILL BE NEXT



NADZIEJA POCHEKI  
FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER



The Berrien County Conservation District is having their annual Tree Sale! Pre-Order deadline is April 4th. While there will be some trees available for purchase on pick-up day, pre-ordering is the ONLY way to guarantee your order. 🍌



Order online now at [berriencd.org/reforestation-tree-sale](https://berriencd.org/reforestation-tree-sale) and ensure you get the trees you want for planting this season! 🌱

Don't wait – pre-order your trees TODAY!

Pick up will be April 24-25 at the Berrien County Youth Fair at 9122 US Hwy 31, Berrien Springs MI 49103



# **GOWN & SUIT SALE**

PAGEANT, PROM, COCKTAIL, PARADE & MORE

## **March 21, 2026 10am - 3pm**

**Dresses, Suits, Shoes, & Jewelry**

**Trinity Lutheran Church  
5791 Sawyer Rd, Sawyer, MI 49125**

**Admission: \$1 per person**

**Cash or Check Sales**

**Have a dress, suit, shoes or accessories you  
want to sell? We'll do it for you!**

If you have gowns, shoes, or accessories taking up space in your closet, bring them to the church on Friday, March 20 between 6pm – 8pm EST. You set your own price and for \$5 per dress or suit or \$2 per shoe or accessory set, we'll do our best to sell your dresses and suits!

For more information, email [missthreeoaksrivervalley@gmail.com](mailto:missthreeoaksrivervalley@gmail.com) or contact Brittney at 269-612-0215.

# FLAG DAY

Prince & Princess

3.29.2026  
At Acorn Theatre

**SIGN UPS MARCH 10 & 12  
6-7 PM AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 204**

**KIDS  
AGES  
6-9**

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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

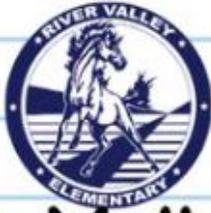
Wednesday, March 25, 2026—4:00 PM - Berrien County (Walk Up), North Berrien Fire Department, 170 Washington St., Coloma, MI 49038

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



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

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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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# LITTLE SHOP of HORRORS

Book and Lyrics by  
**Howard Ashman**

Music by  
**Alan Menken**

**APRIL 17 @ 7PM**

**APRIL 18 @ 7PM**

**APRIL 19 @ 2PM**

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 3<sup>rd</sup> Show FREE**

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

**River Valley High School Auditorium**

**15480 Three Oaks Road, Three Oaks, MI**