



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 – 8

Friday 10 – 5

Saturday 10-2

Sunday closed

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Summer Reading Is Almost Here!

Unearth a Story – starts June 16

For children through age 12

Get ready for a prehistoric adventure at the library! *Unearth a Story* begins Tuesday, June 16, and continues every Tuesday through August 11. Drop in anytime between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. No registration necessary!

Each week features:

- A different dinosaur theme
- A collectible dinosaur trading card
- Dinosaur stories
- Fun crafts
- Hands-on learning activities
- Earn prizes by charting your reading log on our library wall
- Tasty snacks
- Exciting games and activities

Join us all summer long for reading, discovery, and dino-sized fun!

Teens & Adults Summer Reading

America's 250th Birthday Bingo - starts June 1

Celebrate America's 250th birthday with our Summer Reading Bingo Challenge for teens and adults!

One Bingo = one entry into our Grand Prize Drawing.

Each bingo sheet includes 12 possible bingo combinations.

One bingo sheet per person.

12 possible Grand Prize drawing entries per person.

Read, explore, and celebrate all summer long!



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Tuesday: 10-6

Thursday: 10-8

Saturday: 10-2

Sunday: closed



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Library Catalog

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<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.
- Friends of the Library Meeting, Thursday, May 21, 6:00. Everyone is welcome!
- Thursday, June 4, 4:30, Special Hometown Story Time with local authors Tera Baker & Violet Baker.

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

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for all the latest information and events.

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Discover our Free Seed Catalog and
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How It Works:
Browse our seed catalog and choose the
seeds you'd like to grow.
"Check out" your seeds—completely
free!

Plant, nurture, and enjoy your harvest.
At the end of the season, "return" seeds
by saving and donating
from your plants.

Help us keep the cycle growing for
everyone in the community.

Happy planting!

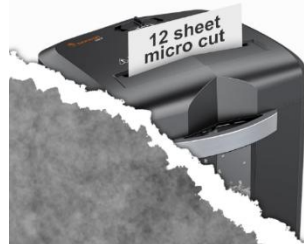


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@Three Oaks Township
Public Library

Bring your sensitive
documents & credit
cards to the library and
you may safely shred
them with our shredder.

No appointment
necessary.



UNEARTH A STORY™

**SUMMER READING PROGRAM
COMING SOON!**



A promotional graphic for the Michigan Activity Pass. It features a large hot air balloon with blue and yellow stripes in the center, surrounded by smaller hot air balloons against a blue sky with white clouds. Below the balloon, the text reads "MICHIGAN ACTIVITY PASS" in bold blue letters, followed by "Presented by The Library Network" with a small logo. Below that, it says "Your library card can get you access to Michigan's finest parks, museums, and activities throughout the state!" and "Try it with 3 easy steps:". The steps are numbered 1, 2, and 3, each in a circle. Step 1: "1 Get your library card" with a library card icon. Step 2: "2 Go to michiganactivitypass.org" with a QR code icon. Step 3: "3 Choose your activity and date to get a pass!" with a pass icon. The entire graphic has a scalloped bottom edge.

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!



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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:

May 5 @ noon

KISS in Cadillac: When Rock & Roll Came to Town
with *Jim Neff*

May 13 @ 7 pm

Anatomy of a Murde: From the Courtroom to the Silver Screen
with *Eugene Milhizer*

May 19 @ noon

Battle Creek Airport: 100 Years of Flight in the Cereal City
with *T.R. Shaw, Jr.*

May 27 @ 7 pm

REWIND - Institutional Invisibility: The Lapeer State Home & Treating Disabilities
with *Allie Scholten*

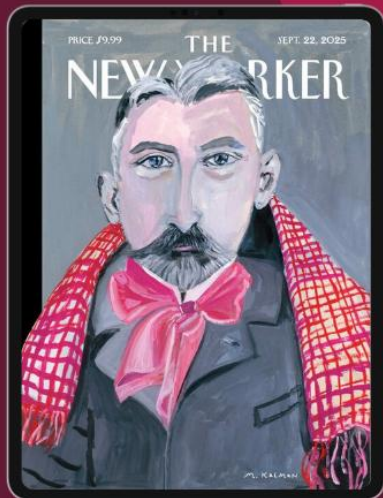
June 2 @ noon

A Train's Magical Journey: From Ohio to MSU to the North Pole
with *Bill Struck*

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.



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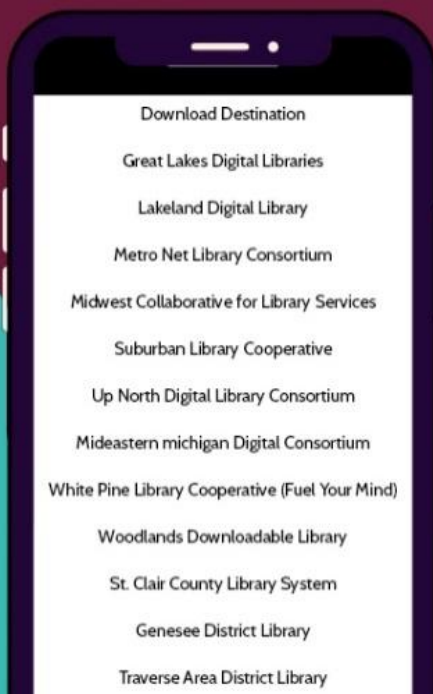


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The library reading app.



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Get more access with your Southwest Michigan Digital Library Member Library Card!
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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.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Meeting




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



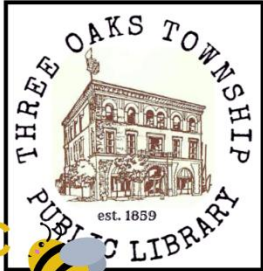
Everyone is invited



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>




**HOMETOWN
STORY TIME
@ THREE OAKS
TOWNSHIP PUBLIC
LIBRARY**


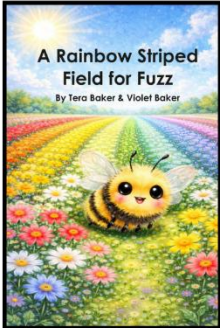


**Thursday, June 4,
4:30 pm**



Local authors
Tera Baker & Violet Baker of:



**will share their
charming book**



**Enjoy a colorful story,
meet the authors,
and celebrate creativity right
here in our community!**



Community Notes



High Noon, Saturday, May 2, Three Oaks Township Library, 3 North Elm Street

"The Browns, Eddie Gaedel, and a Glove" features an overview of the Museum itself; and introduces baseball's forgotten team, the St. Louis Browns, which includes the story of baseball's only batter with a 100% on base percentage (the Browns' Eddie Gaedel); and a wonderful story about a special 75-year-old baseball mitt.

Presented by the staff of the Biggest Little Baseball Museum.

High Noon, Saturday June 6, Three Oaks Township Library, 3 North Elm Street

"The Bird: Mark Fidrych and the Summer of 1976". 2026 marks the 50th anniversary of when Mark Fidrych took Detroit – and America by storm with his incredible pitching and eccentric behavior. Learn and reminisce about that crazy summer with guest presenter Brian Johnston. *Brian Johnston lives in St. Joseph, Michigan with his family. He is the author of three self-published books and is an Opinion Maker columnist for the Herald Palladium. His recent biography of baseball great Vada Pinson will be available this summer.*

High Noon, Saturday July 4, Three Oaks Masonic Lodge, 14 ½ North Elm Street, above Alanash. (A great opportunity to visit this historic Lodge, established in 1867).

"The Shot Heard 'Round the World" will enlighten and entertain attendees about one of the greatest stories in baseball history that took place in the 1951 season. Learn about the "Miracle at Coogan's Bluff" and be reminded about the beauty of our National Pastime.

Presented by the staff of the Biggest Little Baseball Museum.

High Noon, Saturday August 1, Vickers Theatre, 6 North Elm Street.

"Return of the Clowns: Barnstorming Baseball Then and Now". Three Oaks' born Bill Heward is in a special position to share about the Indianapolis Clowns. The lanky right hander pitched for the Clowns in their final years, and wrote "Some are Called Clowns", describing his experience. That was over 50 years ago. The Clowns have been reborn and are one of six teams competing in the new Banana Ball Championship League. During this season's spring training, Jesse Cole of the Savannah Bananas sought out Bill to share about the history of the Clowns. Bill spent quality time with the team, letting them know of the opportunity they have to continue the legacy of the Clowns. Come and enjoy this special presentation. *Dr. Heward is a Professor Emeritus in the College of Education and Human Ecology at Ohio State University. He was a member of River Valley's first high school baseball team, threw a no hitter in RV's opener and went on to pitch at Western Michigan University. His grandfather Ollie umpired many games for the Three Oaks Greens.*

Admission is free, and includes a complimentary box of Cracker Jacks. The Biggest Little Baseball Museum is a 501c3, and accepts donations of cash, new and used baseball books, as well as used baseballs and softballs. The Biggest Little Baseball Museum is in the middle of Three Oaks Magnificent Quarter Mile, in a room on the second floor of the historic Three Oaks Township Library.

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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Art at The Acorn

A Student Showcase

featuring Students from River Valley Schools
on view throughout the month of May

Open House Wednesday, May 13th from 5:30 to 7:30



many faces. one community.



For more info!

SAY CHEESE!

THREE OAKS FLAG PROJECT

LEMONADE SOCIAL & COMMUNITY PHOTO EVENT

be part of the Flag Day parade!

BE A PART OF SOMETHING SPECIAL!
Have your picture taken for the
THREE OAKS FLAG PROJECT,
where your smile will help create a
beautiful American Flag Collage

Thursday, May 14

5-7pm

Commune+Market
105 N Elm Street

★ **music, treats, refreshing lemonade & fun locals** ★



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HUGE PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 16th, 2026
10 A.M. to Noon (EST)



Harbert Community Park
3300 Red Arrow Highway, Harbert, MI

Sponsored by River Valley Garden Club

Members dig up a wide variety of perennials, bushes and trees from their own gardens to sell starting at \$5.

CAR SHOW


River Valley Yearbook
PRESENTS

SUNDAY, MAY 17

2 PM - 5 PM

Admission Prices:

- 18+ yrs - \$15.00
- 6-17 yrs - \$5.00
- 65+ yrs - \$5.00
- 0-5 yrs - FREE!

Attractions Include: Professional/Amateur Photographs for Show Cars, Prizes for Top 3 Voted Cars, Fresh BBQ, and Chalk Zone for the Kids!

HELP US LOWER THE COST OF THIS YEAR'S YEARBOOK BY COMING OUT AND SHOWING OFF YOUR AMAZING, COOL CARS OR TRUCKS! JOIN US, SUPPORT A GREAT CAUSE, AND MAKE THIS YEAR UNFORGETTABLE!



\$20
PER CAR ENTRY
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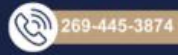
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1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH



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FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER



RIVER VALLEY SUMMER

Register for a positive, safe, FUN summer experience.

For more than 27 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Southwest Michigan has been helping kids aged 6-18 create Great Futures. Boys & Girls Club provides summer programs that put kids on a path to academic success, create good character and leadership, promote healthy lifestyles, and prepare for life after high school.

Program services are made possible by the 32nd OST Grant awarded by the Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential (MILEAP).

- ACADEMIC SUCCESS
- CHARACTER & LEADERSHIP
- HEALTH & WELL-BEING
- LIFE & WORKFORCE READINESS



RIVER VALLEY PROGRAMS
June 8 - July 24, 2026
June 8 - June 26, 2026
Monday - Friday | 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
June 29 - July 24, 2026
Monday - Friday | 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

\$25 Membership Fee
*one-time fee for summer session

Summer programming will be open to students in ages 6 - 14.

Pre-Natal to Age 5 services



Now Accepting interest forms for the Fall of 2026!

High-quality early learning in a safe, nurturing environment where children grow, explore, and thrive.

Services include:

- Educational services
- Field trips & enrichment experiences
- Nutritious meals & snacks
- Diapers, wipes & formula provided
- Access to Mental Health Consultants
- Family Advocates & goal-setting support
- Nutrition services
- Hearing, vision & dental screenings

Our Classrooms:

- Certified, highly trained teachers
- Research-based curriculum
- Child-led learning experiences
- Individualized for each child

Through play and exploration, children build social, emotional, language, and early learning skills.

How to Apply:

- Scan the QR code to complete an interest form
- Call us at 269-657-2581 with questions
- Visit our website to learn more

GIVE YOUR CHILD A HEAD START!



**Complete your
Interest Form
Today!**



3RD ANNUAL STUFFED ANIMAL/BLANKET DRIVE

the eva martin project

This beautiful little girl is Eva, daughter of River Valley Alum Rick and Rebekah (Terry) Martin. They lost their little girl in June of 2023, and the creation of The Eva Martin Project began - to offer a comforting embrace to families with children in hospitals.

During emergency situations involving children, families generally don't have time or don't think to grab a child's favorite stuffed animal or blanket. Families are rightfully concerned with the well-being of the child. The Eva Martin Project is created to provide comfort and help soothe children and their families during their hospital stay. Through The Eva Martin Project, we are asking for new stuffed animals and blankets to then be donated to Bronson Children's Hospital in Kalamazoo, MI.

With your help we hope to ensure that no child and their family are alone with the help of a little stuffed companion.

Donations of new stuffed animals or blankets, including tie-blankets or crocheted blankets can be dropped off at local businesses throughout Southwest Michigan during the month of May, including:

- River Valley School District
- True Blue Financial
- Trinity Lutheran Church/Preschool Sawyer
- Fifth/Third Bank - Sawyer
- For more locations please visit www.theevamartinproject.org



May 2026

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Saturday, May 2, 2026—12:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 601 Ferry Street, Niles, MI 49120

Tuesday, May 5, 2026—3:30 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Harbert Community Church, 6444 Harbert Road, Sawyer, MI 49125

Wednesday, May 6, 2026—4:30 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Woodland Shores Baptist Church, 3555 Shawnee Rd, Bridgman, MI 49106

Friday, May 8, 2026—4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Eau Claire Seventh Day Adventist Church, 6562 Naomi Road, Eau Claire, MI 49111

Monday, May 11, 2026—12:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Neighbor to Neighbor, 9147 US Highway 31, Berrien Springs, MI 49103

Monday, May 11, 2026—4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Michigan Works! Berrien, Cass, Van Buren, 499 W. Main Street, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Friday, May 15, 2026—12:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), New Buffalo American Legion, 19139 US Hwy 12, New Buffalo, MI 49117

Monday, May 18, 2026—4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Galien American Legion, 402 N. Main St., Galien, MI 49113

Wednesday, May 20, 2026—4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Stevensville United Methodist Church, 5506 Ridge Road, Stevensville, MI 49127

Thursday, May 21, 2026—4:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), New Troy Community Center, 13372 California Road, New Troy, MI 49119

Friday, May 22, 2026—3:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), First Baptist Church, 1446 E. Main Street, Niles, MI 49120

Wednesday, May 27, 2026—4:00 PM - Berrien County (Walk Up), North Berrien Fire Department, 170 Washington St., Coloma, MI 49038

Thursday, May 28, 2026—12:30 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Trinity Lutheran Church, 619 Main St, St. Joseph, MI 49085

Friday, May 29, 2026—12:00 PM - Berrien County (Drive Thru), Second Baptist Church, 600 Donald Atkins Dr., Benton Harbor, MI 49022



THREE OAKS MASONIC LODGE #239

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★ RIDE FOR A PURPOSE ★

SCHOLARSHIP RIDE

MAY 30
2026
★★★

SUPPORTING LOCAL STUDENTS.
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KICKSTANDS UP
11:00 AM
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SATURDAY
MAY 30, 2026



8:00 - 11:00
AM



ADULTS \$10
KIDS 12 & UNDER \$5



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Stick around for the **SCHOLARSHIP RIDE** at 11:00 AM! —

The Harbor Country Singers & School of American Music
Present

A CAMPFIRE SING-ALONG

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026

2:00PM EDT

ADMISSION: FREE

Outdoor Campfire Circle/Indoors if it Rains
Episcopal Church of the Mediator
14280 Red Arrow Hwy, Harbert, MI 49115

Song Books Provided
Food Item Donation requested for Neighbor by Neighbor
Logs provided for seating or bring your own chair



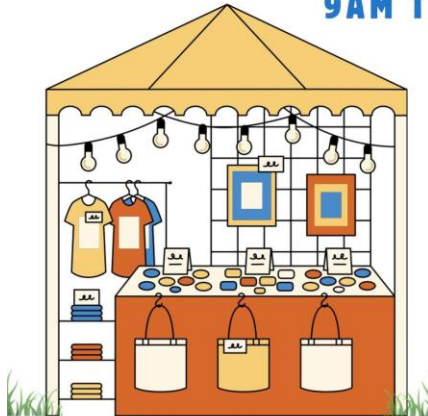
..... CHURCH OF THE MEDIATOR PRESENTS

Mediator MARKET



JUNE 6

9AM TO 3PM



FREE ENTRY

The annual Mediator Market, a Harbor Country marketplace, with local artisans, antiques, collectables, attic treasures, baked goods, refreshments, vintage jewelry, and more...
(midway between Sawyer and Union Pier)

BE SURE TO STOP BY TO BROWSE & SHOP

**CHURCH OF THE MEDIATOR
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HARBERT, MI**

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