



# 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  
Sunday closed

## Library Board:

Debbie Freehling  
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**FOUNDED IN 1859 – 166 YEARS OF SERVICE!**



**Saturday, April 26  
8:30 am to 3:30 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

The Three Oaks Township Public Library is excited to again be part of the SW Michigan Writers' Conference. It will be held on Saturday, April 26, at Lincoln Township Public Library in Stevensville.

There will be five different presentations free with your registration at:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1nosYI98CU6TZJmOUA11V9y-YqbcQ36hbcfyWNO7Dvpc/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1nosYI98CU6TZJmOUA11V9y-YqbcQ36hbcfyWNO7Dvpc/viewform?edit_requested=true)

This will be a great time to network with other local writers.



# Help Your Library Join Our Friends!



The Friends of Three Oaks Township Public Library will meet on Tuesday, May 6, at 6:00 pm in the library's community room.

Everyone is invited.

Please consider attending this meeting, making new friends, and supporting your library.

Free Wi-Fi

Free Public Computers  
with Microsoft Office

Fax and Copy  
Service Available

Laminating Available

Mobile Hotspots  
(\$25 deposit)

[Tutor.com](http://Tutor.com)

[hoopla](http://hoopla)

[Libby](http://Libby)

[Kanopy](http://Kanopy)

Local History Room

Summer Reading  
Program

Inter-Library Loan

Renew your items,  
reserve items, or make  
requests at our online

[catalog](#):

**Library Catalog**

*Locate Books, Audiobooks, DVDs, & More!*

<https://threeoaks.biblionix.com/catalog/>

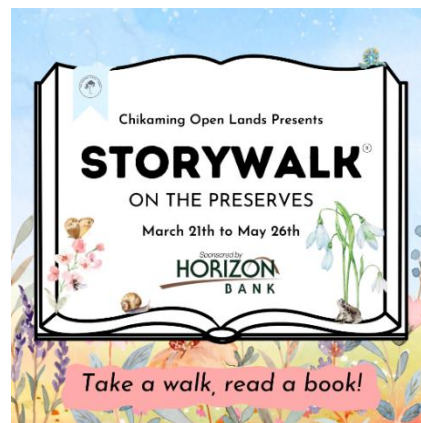


## Upcoming Events at the Library:

- Every Tuesday: Story Time for all ages, 10:30 – 11:00.
- Every Tuesday: Drop-In Play Doh Play Date at the library, 11:00 – 12:00 noon. Drop in to squish, shape, and roll with our Play Doh. 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.
- April 1-30, Michigan Financial Literacy Month. Free online financial literacy events at: <http://www.mifinancialwellness.org/>
- Saturday, April 26, SW Michigan Writer's Conference at Lincoln Township Public Library, 9 – 3.
- Tuesday, May 6, Friends of Three Oaks Library meeting, 6:00. Everyone is welcome!

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](http://www.threeoaks.michlibrary.org)  
for all the latest information and events.



We are happy to again be partnering 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 featured at the Robinson Woods Preserve on East Road. More information can be found at:

<https://www.chikamingopenlands.org/events/storywalkevent>



Are you out of Hoopla borrows for April? No problem!

Starting on April 24 these titles in Hoopla's Bonus Borrows program don't count against your limit, and they're available the last seven days of each month.

Enjoy Hoopla all month long! <https://www.hoopladigital.com/collection/30266>

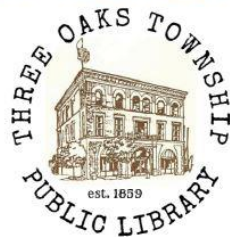
The Three Oaks Township Public Library's fiscal year ended March 31, 2025.

We ran the numbers and our stats are pretty impressive!

If you don't already have a library card – why not?

Come on in and see what your library can do for you!

Fiscal Year  
April 1, 2024  
to March 31, 2025  
**IN REVIEW**



166 years of service

139 Hot Spot Check Outs



301 items in Library of Things

8 Summer Reading Programs

158 Summer Reading attendees



1,315 items through inter-library loan



184 New Cardholders



331 programs  
1,299 attendees



**\$144,077.81**

amount the community saved by checking physical items out at the library instead of purchasing them



31,718 physical items in catalog

11,115 physical items checked out

5,236 electronic items checked out on Libby, Hoopla, and Kanopy



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All Three Oaks Township Public Library patrons are invited to join the monthly Free History Hounds online lectures. All programs are remote via Zoom. Register for the programs on HSM's website at [www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org). Choose the "Programs" tab at the top of the website and choose History Hounds Lecture Series. On the registration form select "A member of an HSM member organization" and enter Three Oaks Township Public Library and your name, address, and email. HSM will automatically email you the Zoom link the day before each program.

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 smart phone.

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.

### Upcoming Lectures:

**April 1 @ 12:00 p.m. Noon**  
**Ahoy & Farewell: 30 Years of Great Lakes Freighter History**

**April 9 @ 7:00 p.m.**  
**The Ballad of Casey Jones: Railroad Engineer and Folk Hero**

**April 15 @ 12:00 p.m. Noon**  
**Connecting Lines: The Michigan Railway Company**

**April 23 @ 7:00 p.m.**  
**Reverend George Smith and the Old Wing Mission**

**April 29 @ 12:00 p.m. Noon**  
**REWIND: From Aladdin to Sears: America's Kit Homes**

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

# 2025 ANNUAL AGES 13+ READING CHALLENGE



Read a book that...

...starts with the same letter as your name.	
...is by an author from your home state.	
...won a literary prize	
...was published last year (2024)	
...is nonfiction	
...inspired a movie or TV show.	
...is or was a NY Times bestseller.	
...that takes place in the American West (historical or current).	
...takes place in Michigan	
...takes place in a location outside the United States.	
...is a suspense or thriller novel.	
...does NOT have a preposition in the title ('in', 'at', 'on', 'of', 'to', 'from', etc).	
...is by an author you have not read before.	
...is a YA (Young Adult) fiction.	
...has any holiday themed images on the cover.	



Complete twelve (12) of the fifteen (15) challenges and write the title and author next to the challenges completed.

Turn in this completed paper to the library checkout desk to be entered in the grand prize drawing.

Challenge ends December 31, 2025. All items must be checked out from Three Oaks Public Library.

Your Name:

