



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

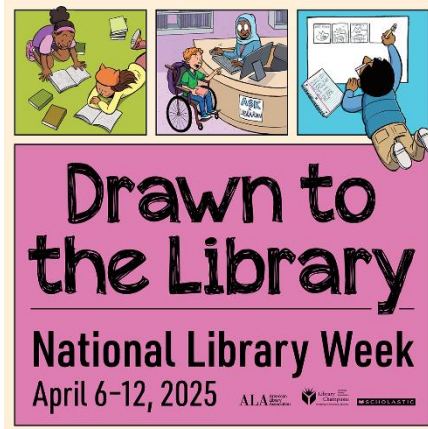
FOUNDED IN 1859 – 166 YEARS OF SERVICE!

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National Libraries Week starts tomorrow and we will be celebrating with coffee and cookies provided by our wonderful Friends of Three Oaks Library.



The Peeps Diorama Contest is happening now at the library. Come check out these fantastic displays!

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



\$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

139 Hot Spot
Check Outs



301
items in
Library of Things

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



8 Summer Reading
Programs
158 Summer Reading
attendees



184 New
Cardholders



1,315
items through
inter-library loan



331
programs
1,299
attendees



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with Microsoft Office

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Service Available

Laminating Available

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(\$25 deposit)

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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 6-12, National Library Week. The Friends of Three Oaks Library will be providing coffee and cookies as we celebrate.
- April 1-20, Peeps Diorama Contest on display at the Library!
- 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.

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.



Ready to celebrate the art of acting this April? Dive into inspiring films on Kanopy that showcase powerful performances and the magic of storytelling – totally FREE with your Three Oaks Public Library card! Start streaming documentaries, dramas and more. Discover the collection here: kanopy.com/category/57462

The Three Oaks Township Public Library is excited to 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

Book pitch sessions and editing sessions with a professional editor will be made on a first-come, first-served basis when you register for the event.

There will be a fee of \$50 for the editing.

The day's schedule is listed below.



**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

Schedule & Presenters

8:30: Welcome and Registration

9:00: Vendor Presentations

9:30: Polish Your Prose with K.B. Jensen

10:30: Break

10:45: Writer's Block: How to Shift Perception and Shift Experience with Serena Wadhwa

11:45: Lunch and Vendor Visits

1:00: Query Letters... How to Grab an Editor or Agent's Attention! With Tina Schwartz

1:30: How Can Your Library Help Writers? With Brian Johnston and Dana Londot of LTPL

2:00: Break

2:15: 21st Century Goals for Success for Writers and Readers with Sylvia Hubbard

3:15: Closing Remarks and Dismissal

SWM WRITERS CONFERENCE

BOOK PITCHES

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PITCH YOUR
BOOK IDEA TO A LITERARY AGENT?

REGISTER NOW



The Southwest Michigan Writers' Conference is a collaborative effort of:
Lincoln Township Public Library, Niles District Library, Dowagiac District Library, Eau
Claire District Library, Maud Preston Palenske Memorial Library, & Three Oaks
Township Public Library

PROFESSIONAL

EDITING SERVICES

at the SWM Writers Conference

 REGISTER NOW

Request a one-on-one editing session with a professional editor! During the session, the editor will review the first 750 words of your work and provide valuable feedback before the conference.

Limited appointments available, first-come, first-serve.
Advance registration required.
\$50 payment due at least one week before the conference.



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. 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. 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.

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:

