



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:

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Library Closings:
Aug. 30 & Sept. 1

FOUNDED IN 1859 – 166 YEARS OF SERVICE!

Exciting News!

After several months of behind-the-scenes work, our Southwest Michigan Digital Library has joined Overdrive's State-wide Reciprocal Lending program. This is big news! Follow the directions below to add more libraries to your Libby app and gain access to thousands more books. You may start here: <https://smdl.overdrive.com/>
If you have any questions, please call us at 756-5621.

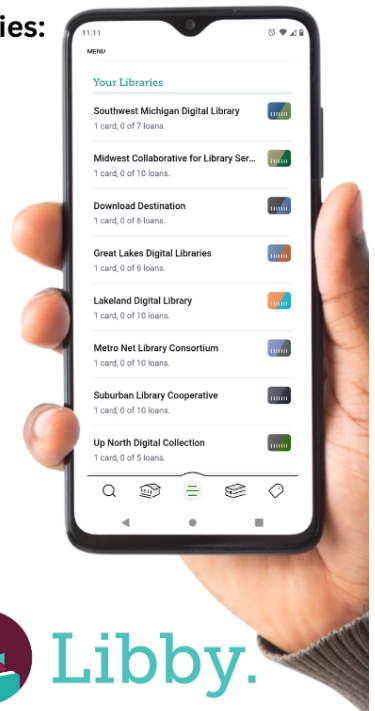
**You now have access
to even more eBooks!**
Libby now has reciprocal borrowing!

Borrow titles from any of these partner libraries:

- Download Destination
- Genesee District Library
- Great Lakes Digital Libraries
- Lakeland Digital Library
- Metro Net Library Consortium
- Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative
- Midwest Collaborative for Library Services
- St. Clair County Library System
- Suburban Library Cooperative
- Traverse Area District Library
- Up North Digital Collection
- White Pine Library Cooperative
- Woodlands Downloadable Library

To add a partner library to your account:

- In Libby, go to the **Menu** and tap **Add Library**
- Search for the partner library and tap it to select
- Tap **Sign In With My Card**
- Tap your **SMDL- Three Oaks Township Public Library** card under **Partner Libraries** (you may have to scroll down)
- Type in your **Three Oaks** card number and tap **Next**
- Type in your Phone number and tap **Sign In**
- Tap **Next** and browse your new library collection!



Free Wi-Fi

Free Public Computers
with Microsoft Office

Fax and Copy
Service Available

Laminating Available

Mobile Hotspots
(\$25 deposit)

[Tutor.com](https://www.tutor.com)

[hoopla](https://www.hoopla.com)

[Libby](https://www.libby.com)

[Kanopy](https://www.kanopy.com)

Local History Room

Inter-Library Loan

<http://www.mel.org/>

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: 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.
- Bookopoly, Teen & Adult Summer Reading, Memorial Day to Labor Day.
- Tuesday, August 5, Drop-In between 11:00 – 1:00 for Summer Reading Activities for children and learn about the art of mosaics and try your hand at making your own.
- Tuesday, August 12, Drop-In between 11:00 – 1:00 for Summer Reading for children to make a crazy collage.
- Tuesday, August 19, 12:00 noon End of Summer Reading Celebration with the Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary and live alligators!

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.



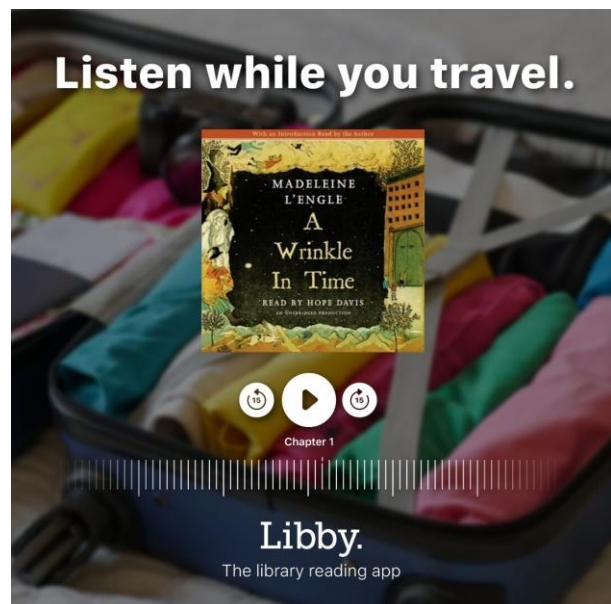
Now enjoying your favorite magazines with your coffee is easier than ever! Check out your Magazine Rack in the Libby app to quickly access over 5,000 magazines in various languages. Get started at: <https://smdl.overdrive.com/>



Send the kiddos on an adventure this summer with some of the best kids' content on Hoopla! It's even perfect for those young at heart. And best of all – it's FREE with your Three Oaks Library card and Hoopla.

<https://tinyurl.com/jytywbs8>

Turn travel time into story time with free audiobooks with your Three Oaks Library card and the Libby app. Adults can catch up on bestsellers or dive into a new series, while kids stay engaged (and screen-free!) with read-alongs, adventures, and laugh-out-loud tales! Download the Libby app, link your library card, and hit play!
<https://smdl.overdrive.com/>



Map Your Adventure

Use your Three Oaks Township Public Library card to “check-out” free or discounted passes to hundreds of cultural destinations, parks, campgrounds and recreation areas.

Head over to www.miactivitypass.org to get started. Scroll down to “Start Your Adventure,” choose Three Oaks Township Public Library from the drop-down menu and you can search by location or activity. There are nine destinations within 25 miles of our library!

Passes and coupons are limited to first come, first served, and only available for the next two weeks of the date you search.



Summer Reading for everyone will wrap up soon. Teens and adults have until September 2 to turn in their Bookopoly game board.

Color Our World Summer Reading for children is still meeting Tuesdays, 11:00 – 1:00. Our final program will be Tuesday, August 19, at 12:00 noon when the Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary will present a program with LIVE alligators.



The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Library Partnership for At-Home Tests Program has come to an end. We still have many boxes left but we will not be receiving more.



Mittens, the MelCat mascot, wants everyone to know that Michigan LOVES MeL (the Michigan eLibrary, www.mel.org)! Your Three Oaks Library card gets you access to everything MeL has for FREE!

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**630,611
USERS IN 2024**

Michigan residents and organizations love MeL! Schools, universities, homeschool families, small businesses, and public libraries use MeL eResources for FREE at any time day or night.

MeL eResources FACTS



70+ eRESOURCES

The MeL eResources include online access to full-text articles, eBooks, test preparation, and research information from educational, entrepreneurial, and workforce development sources.



2.3 MILLION PAGEVIEWS

eResources web pages were viewed 2.3 million times during the Library of Michigan's 2023-2024 fiscal year.



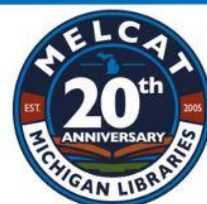
2,596% RETURN RATE

For every \$1 invested in MeL, \$26.96 is generated in return value.



430+ LIBRARIES

Academic, public, K-12, and special libraries participate in MeLcat, Michigan's statewide interlibrary loan catalog.



34 MILLION ITEMS

In 2024, MeLcat had 34 million books and materials available for library patrons to request.



1 MILLION REQUESTS

Michigan library patrons used MeLcat to request over 1 MILLION items in 2024!

The MeL project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Library of Michigan.

Summer Reading for teens and adults is
 Bookopoly - complete challenges to earn entries into the Grand Prize Drawings.
 Pick up a Game Board now and you have until Labor Day to complete it. All books must be
 checked out through the Three Oaks Library. Winners will be notified by September 6.

BOOKOPOLY

Teen & Adult Summer Reading 2025 Memorial Day to Labor Day

Three Oaks Township Public Library

*Flip the board for a tracking sheet

*All items must be checked out through Three Oaks Library

	Any book of non-fiction	A book of poems, essays, or short stories	A book from your favorite genre		A book set in your home state	READER'S CHOICE 	A book set in the future or past		
COVER	COVER	COVER	COVER					COVER	
Choose a book by its cover	A book with a vehicle on the cover	A book with a black cover	CHANCE 	Earn entries by: - Completing a color set - Completing all 4 corners - Completing 4 CHANCE challenges Bonus: Complete the entire board for 2 additional entries Boards must be returned to the Library by Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2025. Winners will be notified by Sept. 6.				CHANCE 	
TITLE	TITLE	TITLE	OTHER					OTHER	OTHER
A book whose title begins with the letter D	A book with a number in the title	A book with exactly 4 words in the title	A book older than you					A bio-graphy or auto-biography	Re-read an old favorite
CHANCE CHALLENGES	CHANCE	BOOK	BOOK					BOOK	BOOK
Visit the library to receive your CHANCE CHALLENGE CARD	READER'S CHOICE 	The first book of a favorite author						An e-book or audiobook	A book that has 400 pages or more
	A book by a foreign author	30 minutes FREE READ 							

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Track your titles here:

 A book that has 200 pages or fewer _____
A book that has 400 pages or more _____
An e-book, or audio book _____

 The first book of a favourite author _____
Reader's Choice _____
A book by a foreign author _____

 A book with exactly 4 words in the title _____
A book with a number in the title _____
A book whose title begins with the letter D _____

 A book with a black cover _____
A book with a vehicle on the cover _____
Choose a book by its cover _____

 A book of non-fiction _____
A book of poems, essays, or short stories _____
A book from your favorite genre _____

 A book set in your home state _____
Reader's Choice _____
A book set in the future or the past _____

 A book you read/heard/saw a review of _____
A book suggested by a friend _____
Reader's Choice _____

 A book older than you _____
A biography or autobiography _____
Re-read an old favorite _____

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4 Corners

☐ 30 minutes Free Read

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☐ Read in a Park or Garden

☐ Read a Magazine

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:

Aug. 6 @ 7:00 p.m.

Michigan's Legendary Lighthouse Keepers

Aug. 12 @ Noon

No History Hounds - presentation rescheduled

Aug. 20 @ 7:00 p.m.

A Continuing Mystery: The Disappearance of Jimmy Hoffa

Aug. 26 @ 12:00 p.m. Noon

Rewind - They Fought Like Demons: Women Soldiers in the Civil War

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:

