



# 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

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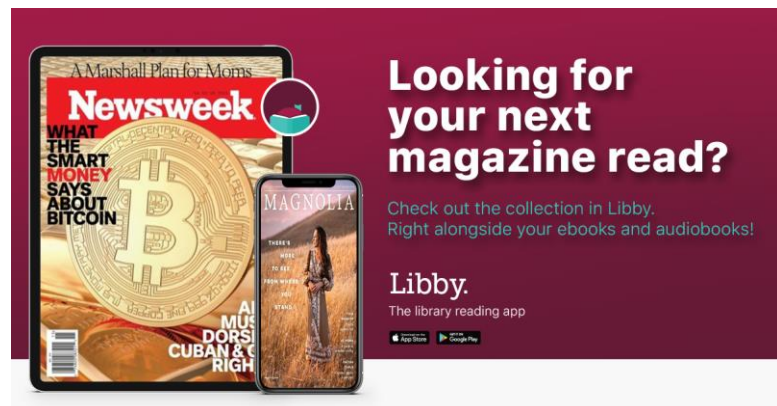
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## Upcoming Events at the Library:

- 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, July 15, Drop-In between 11:00 – 1:00 for a Summer Reading Bluey and Dog Man Party. Meet Hazel, the Paws for Humanity ambassador. After 1:00 we will take a trip to Paws for Humanity. Parents or guardians must accompany children.
- Tuesday, July 22, Drop-In between 11:00 – 1:00 for Summer Reading for children Christmas in July. Get in the spirit with crafts, snacks, music, and “A Charlie Brown Christmas.”
- Tuesday, July 29, 12:00 noon – Sarett Nature Center: a naturalist will present a program with live animals.
- 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.



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.



Meet Mittens, the MelCat mascot. To celebrate 20 years of the Michigan eLibrary (MeL) ([www.mel.org](http://www.mel.org)) each week we are showcasing a few of the great cache of resources and information you have access to for FREE.



AtoZDatabases - Detailed information on 30 million businesses and executives and 2 million new businesses. Includes data on over 200 million residents as well as new movers/homeowners. Special features include a background and criminal history search. Information provided on U. S. healthcare professionals. Includes a jobs database and email marketing.

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### 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](http://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 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 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	CHANCE	SETTING	SETTING	SETTING	SETTING
Choose a book by its cover	A book with a vehicle on the cover	A book with a black cover						SUGGESTED
								A book you read/heard /saw a review of
								SUGGESTED
								A book suggested by a friend
								SUGGESTED
								READER'S CHOICE
CHANCE	TITLE	TITLE	TITLE					CHANCE
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	<b>Earn entries by:</b> Completing a color set Completing all 4 corners Completing 4 CHANCE challenges  <b>Bonus:</b> Complete the entire board for 2 additional entries  <b>Boards must be returned to the Library by Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2025. Winners will be notified by Sept. 6.</b>				OTHER	
<b>CHANCE CHALLENGES</b> Visit the library to receive your CHANCE CHALLENGE CARD								A book older than you
								OTHER
								A bio-graphy or auto-biography
								OTHER
								Re-read an old favorite
	AUTHOR	AUTHOR	AUTHOR	CHANCE	BOOK	BOOK	BOOK	
A book by a foreign author	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 that has 200 pages or fewer		


**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](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:

July 1 @ 12:00 p.m. Noon  
Planting Progress: The Transformation of Michigan Agriculture

July 9 @ 7:00 p.m.  
From Cadillac to Traverse City: The Historic Old Indian Trail

July 15 @ 12:00 p.m. Noon  
Art Adams the Paths of Life: A Capitol Catalogue

July 23 @ 7:00 p.m.  
The Surprising Automotive Heritage of Jackson, Michigan

July 29 @ 12:00 p.m. Noon  
Rewind - Soupy Sales and the Detroit Experience

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:

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**SATURDAY**  
Three Oaks Library

**MAY 3**  
High Noon

**“WHISKERINOS at Bat! The House of David’s Barnstorming Baseball Team”**, presented by Dr. Brian Carroll, Historian and Archivist at the Israelite House of David. A rare and wonderful opportunity to learn about the Colony, and their teams.

**SATURDAY**  
Three Oaks Library

**JUNE 7**  
High Noon

**“Just a Little Baseball”**, presented by the Biggest Little Baseball Museum, takes a look at our National Pastime and gives a historic overview of the game. Attendees will learn, reminisce, reflect, and enjoy.

**SATURDAY**  
Masonic Lodge  
14 1/2 N. Elm  
(Above Alapash)  
*A great opportunity to visit  
the historic Masonic  
Lodge, established in 1867*

**JULY 5**  
High Noon

**“Jackie Was the First”**, presented by the Biggest Little Baseball Museum, is a look back at black players in baseball, and explains the rise and fall of the Negro Leagues, highlighting Jackie Robinson along with other players and their roles in integrating baseball. *\*(Recently presented to the History Hounds of the Michigan Historical Society with high marks!)*

**SATURDAY**  
Three Oaks Library

**AUGUST 2**  
High Noon

**“The Ball: Dead, Live, and Spit”**, defines the sometimes talked about but rarely defined “dead ball era”, “live ball era”, and the role the spitball played in each.

**Admission is free, and includes a complimentary box of Cracker Jacks.** The Biggest Little Baseball Museum is a 501c3, and accepts donations of baseball books, as well as used baseballs and softballs. The above programs can be presented to your organization, for which the Biggest Little Baseball Museum will accept a monetary contribution. The Biggest Little Baseball Museum is located in the middle of Three Oaks Magnificent Quarter Mile, in a room on the second floor of the historic Three Oaks Township Library. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the library opens at 10 AM 6 days a week, and is open until 6 PM Monday thru Thursday, 5 PM on Friday, and 2 PM on Saturday.