



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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Library Closings:

July 4 & 5, 2025

FOUNDED IN 1859 – 166 YEARS OF SERVICE!



We have some very exciting news! Our library recently accepted a donation of five professionally made ship models made by Master Model Shipwright Fred Tournier. When Fred passed away he left his model ships to his friend Bruce Bollenbach, who reached out to the library.

The model ships are:

the “Lady Washington,” a Bermuda sloop built in 1787;
the “Smuggler,” a schooner built in 1877;
the “Benjamin W. Latham”, built in 1902;
the “Half Moon,” a Dutch Vlieboot used in the Hudson Bay in 1609;
and the “Diligence,” an English Revenue Cutter used in the 18th century.

The ships make a lovely addition to our historic building and we are thrilled to be the caretakers of these replicas of history.

Stop in and check out these pieces of Maritime history.



This week for our Children's Color Our World Summer Reading Program on Tuesday, July 1, 11:00 – 1:00 we will be painting rocks with tattoos and acrylic paint markers.

There is still time for teens and adults to join in the fun by picking up a Bookopoly Game Board at the checkout desk. All items do need to be checked out from Three Oaks Library.

Free Wi-Fi

Free Public Computers
with Microsoft Office

Fax and Copy
Service Available

Laminating Available

Mobile Hotspots
(\$25 deposit)

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

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

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

[Kanopy](http://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/>



Free online tutoring—
anytime, anywhere!

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 1, Drop-in between 11:00 – 1:00 for Summer Reading Activities for children and do rock painting with tattoos and acrylic paint markers.
- Tuesday, July 8, Second Monday Book Club – on break for July. See you in August!
- Tuesday, July 8, Drop-in between 11:00 – 1:00 for Summer Reading Activities for children and try your hand at various quilting patterns.
- 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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and check our website, www.threeoaks.michlibrary.org
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.



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/>



Are you out of Hoopla borrows for June? No problem! 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 you're your Three Oaks Library card? <https://www.hoopladigital.com/collection/30266>



Join the fun with the PBS KIDS Hoopla BingePass! From Arthur's adventures to Daniel Tiger's neighborhood, these programs help kids ages 2-8 learn and grow with lovable, diverse characters who inspire and celebrate every child. <https://www.hoopladigital.com/bingeaccess/17606717>

To celebrate 20 years of the Michigan eLibrary (MeL) each week we are showcasing a few of the great cache of resources and information you have access to for FREE.



MyHeritage Library Edition - Family history resource including more than 6 billion historical records from the United States, Europe, Latin America, and other regions. Includes the full USA federal census (1790-1940); census of England and Wales (1841-1901); U.S. World War II Army Enlistment as well as records of Union and Confederate Civil War soldiers. <https://tinyurl.com/4depbk3h>



Consumer Reports (via MasterFILE Complete) - Provides clear reviews of commonly purchased products. Consumer Reports uses careful research, consumer insights, journalism, and policy expertise to help you inform purchase decisions. Also works to improve the products and services that businesses deliver, and drive regulatory and fair competitive practices. <https://tinyurl.com/4zeumb3y>



For elementary students. Content from children's magazines, easy-to-read encyclopedia entries, and images. Students can learn about animals, musicians, fitness, space exploration, and much more. Pulls content from Middle Search Plus, Primary Search, Newspaper Source Plus, and the eBook K-8 Collection. <https://tinyurl.com/27vkk8a2>



MICHIGAN ACTIVITY PASS

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 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 	<p>Earn entries by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completing a color set Completing all 4 corners Completing 4 CHANCE challenges <p>Bonus: Complete the entire board for 2 additional entries</p> <p>Boards must be returned to the Library by Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2025. Winners will be notified by Sept. 6.</p>				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	OTHER
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:

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.

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:





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
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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.