



# 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  
Stacey Koziel  
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Tom Rosenbluth  
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Christina Zebell

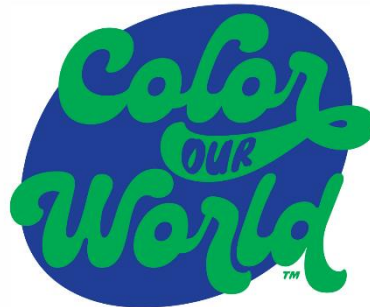
## Library Staff:

Cheryl Kersey,  
*Director*  
Heidi Clark  
Erin Przybylinski  
Debbie Sieler  
Peggy Zechel

## Library Closings:

May 24 & 26, 2025

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



Coming up this summer....

We are gearing up to “Color Our World” for Summer Reading 2025! Children of all ages can be registered now by calling 756-5621 or emailing [director@threeoakslibrary.org](mailto:director@threeoakslibrary.org).

This allows us to order an age appropriate Bridging Book for each child. After June 16 you may pick up your Bridging Book and a Reading Log at the library.

Miss Peggy has been hard at work getting our Children’s Art Studio rooms ready on the second floor. Each Tuesday, from June 17 to August 19, 11:00 – 1:00, children of all ages are invited to drop in at the studio for different stations with stories, Bridging Book activities, snacks, crafts, and art projects. Bring your Bridging Book and Reading Log with you each week so you will can chart your progress and earn charms. Each week we will celebrate a different art style.

All winners of Grand Prizes will be notified by August 23.



Summer Reading for teens and adults will be Bookopoly - complete challenges to earn entries into the Grand Prize Drawings. You may register now at 756-5621 or [director@threeoakslibrary.org](mailto:director@threeoakslibrary.org) and receive a Reading Log bookmark.

You may pick up a Game Board after Memorial Day and you have until Labor Day to complete it. Winners will be notified by September 6.



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/>



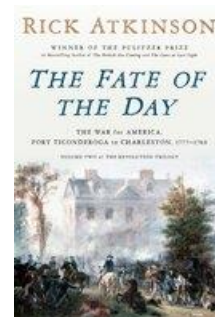
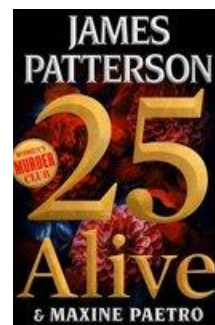
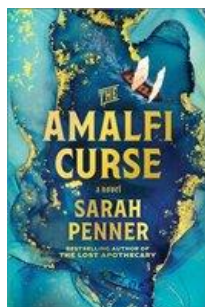
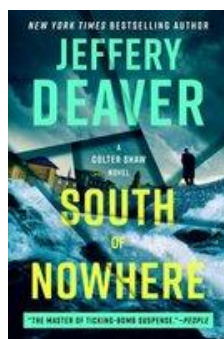
## Upcoming Events at the Library:

- 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.
- Bookopoly, Teen & Adult Summer Reading, Memorial Day to Labor Day.
- Monday, June 9, 2:00, Second Monday Book Club. “Tender at the Bone” by Ruth Reichl
- Color Our World, Children’s Summer Reading with Bridging Books, June 17 – August 19.
- Tuesday, June 17, Color Our World Kick Off & Stained Glass Fun, 11:00 – 1:00.
- Tuesday, June 17, Children’s Coastline Film Festival presents Disney’s “Rescuers Down Under,” 1:00. Popcorn provided.

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

## A Few of Our Newest Books:





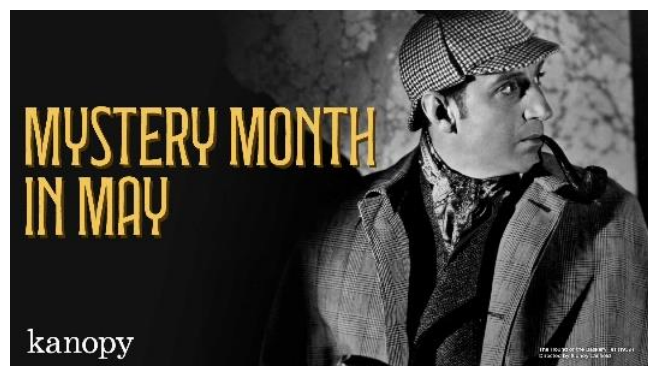
Our Seed Catalog is ready and waiting for gardeners!

We are again participating in the Michigan Seed Libraries One Seed, One State program. This year's seed is the "Little Finger Carrot."

We have many packets of the seeds available to be "checked out" of our Seed Catalog. It would be greatly appreciated you could "return" a few seeds at the end of the season to our Seed Catalog.

More information can be found at

[www.miseedlibrary.org](http://www.miseedlibrary.org)



May is Mystery Month, and Kanopy is your destination for thrilling films that will keep you guessing until the very end. Whether you're a fan of detective stories or psychological thrillers, there's something for everyone. Watch for FREE with your Three Oaks Library card and immerse yourself in a world of mystery:

<http://www.kanopy.com/category/15704>



Are you out of hoopla Borrowows for the month? It's no problem with hoopla's Bonus Borrowows! Titles in hoopla's Bonus Borrowows program don't count against your limit, and they're available the last seven days of each month.

<https://www.hoopladigital.com/collecti on/30266>





2025 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Michigan eLibrary Catalog (MeLCat) and inter-library loan service. Over the past two decades, the service has grown from 12 member libraries to more than 435 public, school, academic and special libraries. Three Oaks Township Public Library has been a proud member of MeLCat since 2012.

MeLCat has amassed holdings of over 34 million items and filled more than 16 million requests. In our last fiscal year Three Oaks Library processed 1,315 items via MeLCat. If you have never used MeLCat, it's easy to get started! Just head to [www.mel.org](http://www.mel.org) and type what you are looking for (books, audiobooks, movies, music, and more) into the MeLCat Keyword Search. When you find what you want, log-in with your Three Oaks Library card and request the item. It will be sent to our library, usually with two weeks, and you will be notified to come pick it up. If you need any assistance, please call us at 269.756.5621 or text us at 269.230.4724.

MeL also has a robust eResource library including Learning Express, Academic Search Complete, AtoZ Databases, Britannica, Auto Repair Source, MasterFile, Explora, World Book, and many, many more.

To highlight MeL's anniversary, we will be showcasing a different eResource each month in our newsletters.



There's still time to check out StoryWalk on the Preserves at Chikaming Open Lands. 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>

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.

[alliance@hsmichigan.org](mailto:alliance@hsmichigan.org)

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:

May 6 @ 12:00 p.m. Noon  
Gilded Dreams: The Story of the  
Steam Yacht Winyah

May 14 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Chain of Title: Uncovering an Old Grist  
Mill

May 20 @ 12:00 p.m. Noon  
Apples, Berries, and Peaches - Oh My!  
A History of the Fruit Ridge

May 28 @ 7:00 p.m.  
Rewind - Restoring the Light: Saving  
the St. Helena Lighthouse

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:







**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.***