

Three Oaks Township Public Library

Director's Report: June 9, 2026

May 2026 circulation statistics:

- 1,238 total circulation: 693 physical items checked out + 466 e-items checked out (Libby, hoopla, Kanopy) + 79 e-magazines (on Libby).
- 30 items borrowed via inter-library loan, 32 items lent via inter-library loan
- 90 different sign-ins on public computers; 40 different names
- 22 in-person programs were offered last month & attendance was 45 in-person plus 30 passive programming.

Upcoming Events:

- 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.
- June 1 to August 31 to Summer Reading America's 250th Birthday Bingo for teens and adults begins. Pick up your bingo sheet at the checkout desk or in the newsletter.
- Thursday, June 11, First Family Movie Night @ the Library, 6:30. "National Treasure"
- Tuesday, June 16, 11:00 – 1:00 Summer Reading for children begins. Drop-In/No registration needed. Collect the weekly dinosaur trading card. First week is: Stegosaurus.
- Thursday, June 18, 6:30 Sourdough class. The class is full!
- Monday, June 22, "Unearth a Story" Movie Mondays, 1:00. The original "Jurassic Park" will be shown with Children's Coastline Film Festival.
- Tuesday, June 23, 11:00 – 1:00 Summer Reading for children begins. Drop-In/No registration needed. Collect the weekly dinosaur trading card. This week's card is: Triceratops.
- Thursday, June 25, 6:00. Free Family Movie Night @ the Library, 6:30. "Night at the Museum"

There were 9 people at our special Hometown Story Time with local authors Tera (Koebel) Baker & Violet Baker on June 4.

The library has been open until 8:00 on Thursdays since May 7. We saw one person, one time, who came in to print something. I know that people are aware the library is here and we are doing things because over half of the people signed up for the sourdough class do not have library cards. We are in a good place with circulation numbers. We may see a decrease in physical checkouts but that is always countered with an uptick in e-checkouts on Libby, Kanopy, and Hoopla.

Our Friends of the Library have graciously assumed the America250MI celebration of the reading of the Declaration of Independence on July 8, at 6:00 pm. They will provide cupcake, water, candy for children, and pocket copies of the Declaration for attendees. We will have it on the raised part of the library lawn where we can put the podium and speakers. They will also pay for the microphone and speaker set up and it will be added to our Library of Things after the event.

Summer Reading for teens and adults began June 1. It is an America's 250th birthday Bingo sheet. They can complete up to 12 possible Bingos on each sheet.

"Unearth a Story" Summer Reading for children begins Tuesday, June 16. Each Tuesday through August 11 we will have a drop-in time from 11:00 – 1:00. Each week features a different dinosaur and special dino trading card, plus stories, activities, snacks, and games. There will be three big special events: Sarett Nature Center, Critchlow Alligator Sanctuary, and a trip to Washington Zoo in Michigan City.

The Sourdough class on June 18 is full!