

THE LIBRARY PAGE

Demmer Memorial Library, Three Lakes, Wisconsin 54562



Connecting people to the TRANSFORMATIVE power of knowledge by providing opportunities to explore, learn, create, and share.

July is a busy time at the Demmer Library! We're excited to see so many people coming in to get their summer reads, check out programs, or sit for a bit to get some work done.

We've updated our pandemic policies, and as the situation continues to evolve the library board will continue to review and make changes. Here is our current situation:

Open: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday.

- Mondays and Wednesdays: 12 PM – 7 PM
- Tuesdays and Thursdays: 9 AM – 5 PM
- Fridays: 12 PM – 5 PM

In-person services

- Visits no longer have time limits.
- Face masks not required for vaccinated individuals on short visits.

HOURS

MON/WED 12PM-7 PM

TUES/THURS-9AM-5PM

FRI 12PM-5PM

Erica Brewster
Demmer Director

- Those staying longer than 30 minutes, unvaccinated, or children under 12, must wear a face mask. Even if you are vaccinated we ask that you be considerate of those unable to be vaccinated and wear a mask for a longer visit to the library.
- Librarians will also be wearing face masks.

Extended self-service vestibule hours:

- Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 10 AM – 12 PM
- Front doors are open for pick-up of reserved library materials, free magazine/puzzle exchange, and used book sale when interior of library is closed.
- Reserved items on the cart to the right of the door as you enter, organized by last 4 digits of your telephone number.

Meeting and study rooms are available and can be reserved for 2 hours one time per week; further use depends on availability.

Details and service updates can be found here:
<https://demmerlibrary.org/current-services/>

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Three Lakes Genealogical Society

There is no Genealogical meeting in the month of July. The Society has begun a series of DNA tutorial videos from Brigham Young University. Additional videos will be presented at the August and September meetings. The first DNA webinar proved to be interesting at our May meeting. The most surprising information was that siblings don't have the same DNA. (Remember there are 22 DNA chromosomes plus the sex chromosomes.) Only identical twins, triplets, have identical DNA.

DNA is a way to enhance your genealogy research when combined with traditional genealogical research. DNA tests are available for you to purchase with the purpose of finding matches to known relatives, unknown relatives and possibly an adoptive parent/relative. Some tests also include health information to determine medical risk. For more information, check out our DNA on our webpage:

<http://3lgs.org/tlgs.DNA.html>

Oral History Project

The Three Lakes Genealogical Society and the Three Lakes Historical Society want to preserve oral or written histories of boys and girls who attended Three Lakes Schools during the '40s, '50s, 60s and early 70's. Your story will become part of the history collection and kept at the Three Lakes Historical Museum.

Interested? Leave a message at 715-546-2295 or email familyhistory@demmerlibrary.org

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There is a computer available in the Local History Room to use for those researchers who get those nasty little cameras when searching familysearch.org. The computer is available for two hours, but may be requested for a longer time if needed.



For more information about TLGS or to ask for help with your genealogy, please email familyhistory@demmerlibrary.org or call Nancy at 715-479-8971. You also can look at our website at 3lgl.org; be advised the site currently is being updated.



Ask Your TLGS

Genealogist

The Three Lakes Genealogical Society (TLGS) will be offering a service called "Ask Your TLGS Genealogist." The purpose of this service is to offer one-on-one opportunities to anyone who has family history or genealogy questions. The Society, in cooperation with the Demmer Library, has set up **Thursdays from 2pm-4pm** in the Local History Room for people to drop in for research help. Help on BlueJeans.com also will be available.



Genealogy Tip

It is important to keep track of your sources from where you get your information, and to be consistent in how you write those sources. Two good sources for this are Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace by Elizabeth Shown Mills (available at Demmer Library) and Guide to Genealogical Writing by Penelope L. Stratton and Henry B. Hoff (available on interlibrary loan).



Coffee and Kids

Summer offers children many opportunities to discover new hobbies, new books, and just how exciting it is to read just for fun. Summer is also a great time for hands-on explorations that connect kids to their environment.

This helps build background knowledge and ensures that children are ready for the challenges of the new school year.

Some fun activities that may spark a child's interest in reading might include:

- Read a book while sitting in a tent or laying in a hammock.
- Observe a flower or vegetable garden and keep a journal of your observations. Draw pictures of what is growing in the garden to go along with your writing.
- Swap books with a friend. Keep sharing books throughout the summer.
- Take a walk. Write about or draw the things you see that show summer is here.



Visit the Storybook Gardens of Three Lakes.



We are thrilled to introduce Story Book Gardens – Three Lakes!

We currently have 5 interactive story spaces in three outdoor locations within easy walking distance of each other in downtown Three Lakes: at the Demmer Library (6961 West School Street), at the Three Lakes Historical Museum (1798 Huron St), and at the Reiter Center (1852 S Michigan St).

Each garden features a bench, an activity, and a small “library” donated by the Three Lakes Lions Club and built by a local volunteer, painted by students in the Three Lakes School 7-12 art program. The libraries contain fiction and non-fiction story books on the theme of the garden for families to read together.

Visit them all, and then stop by the Demmer Library with your punched bookmark to claim your reward!

Find loads of hands-on activities at startwithabook.org. Just choose from one of 24 topics (art, music, dinosaurs, bugs, detectives, flight, sports, stars, planets and the night sky and more) and start exploring.



Family Chalk Art

Tuesday, July 6th @ 10:00 AM

Come to the Demmer and get your chalk to make chalk art around our building.



K-9 Officer Jason

Tuesday, July 13th @ 10:00 AM

@ Demmer Green Space--Bring a blanket. Come meet K-9 Officer Jason and his partner Mark Raddatz. Find out what a typical day looks like for him. Pre-registration is requested but not necessary.



Trees for Tomorrow: **Reptiles and Amphibians**

Tuesday, July 20th @ 10:00 AM

@ Demmer Green Space--Bring a blanket. Who's slimy and who's not? Students take a close-up look at differences between reptiles and amphibians and learn more about species found in Wisconsin. Participants will have an opportunity to observe TFT's own reptiles up close!

Animal Yoga

Tuesday, July 27 @ 3:00 PM

@Demmer Green Space-- Animal Yoga! Animal yoga poses and movements inspire children of all ages to learn about earth's creatures while stretching the body. Please bring towel or mat. This class will be outdoor. Shanna from Sacred North will lead the class.



Books the Other Channel Book Club

Tuesday, July 27--6:30 PM

in person or via BlueJeans



Books the Other Channel book discussion group will discuss The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek by KM Richardson on July 27 at 6:30 PM.

Meet in person at the library or join online via BlueJeans. Email demmer@demmerlibrary.org to receive sign-in information if you don't receive it directly from the organizer.

Each book for the group may be checked out at the Demmer. Everyone Welcome!

To register call 715-546-3391 or email librarian@demmerlibrary.org



Use your computer, smartphone or tablet to log books or activities for all ages. And don't forget to stop by the Library to pick up any prizes earned.

Follow these simple steps to register individually or a family:

1. Go to demmerlibrary.beanstack.org
2. Click on Register an Individual or Family
3. It will ask you if you want to register yourself or your child.
4. If registering as a family, the parent should begin by clicking **I am registering myself**. Once complete, follow the prompts to add another adult or child.
5. To view and log under each family member's name simply choose **switch reader** in the upper left corner of your home page after logging in.
6. Once registered, access your account by logging in to Beanstack using the username and password that you initially created.

When using a public computer, make sure you Sign Out of your Beanstack account after each use.

To Log books or activities:

1. Sign into your Beanstack account. In the upper left corner click on your name or switch readers. The program for the appropriate age level will display. Click return to this program under the reading program.
2. Click Log Reading and Activities in the right hand corner.
3. Preschoolers log books for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten—fill out number of books and click log.
4. Adults, Teens, and Children log books for the Winter Reading Program— fill out the number of books and click log.
5. Adults, Teens, and Children, Log activities—click activities. Select Activity/activities completed and click log.

When using a public computer, make sure you Sign Out of your Beanstack account after each use.

If you have questions or need help with the online Beanstack process, please contact the Library 715-546-3391. Bring in your device if you need help with the Beanstack Tracker app. We appreciate your patience with this new online component to our Winter Reading Program.



Booking Ahead

High interest titles added to the catalog and released in June/July

Give us a call to put your name on the list - (715) 546-3391



Fallen by Linda Castillo

The Women's March by Jennifer Chiaverini

A Good Day for Chardonnay by Darynda Jones

It's Better This Way by Debbie Macomber

The Therapist by B.A. Paris

The Cellist by Daniel Silva

False Witness by Karin Slaughter

Nine Lives by Danielle Steel

Sleeping Bear by Connor Sullivan

Where the Truth Lies by Anna Bailey

Blind Tiger by Sandra Brown

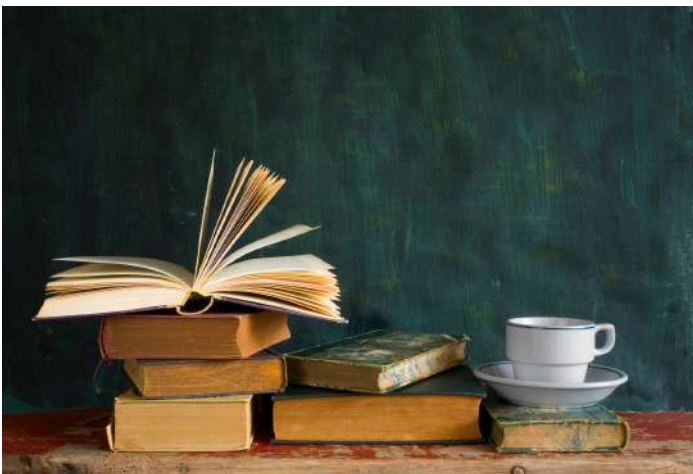
Another Kind of Eden by James Lee Burke

Viral by Robin Cook

Vortex by Catherine Coulter

Cul de Sac by Joy Fielding

Where I Left Her by Amber Garza



Historical Clippings

Three Lakes Museum

July 2021

Help Wanted - Marine Mailman

Delivering the Mail on the Three Lakes Chain

The first government contract for a marine mail route on the Three Lakes Chain was awarded to Allie Beach around 1910. He used a wheelbarrow to carry the mail to the Maple Lake dock and his route covered the entire government charted area. It took him all day to make the trip in his one cylinder, gas powered, metal boat.

Through the decades several men and their boats contracted with the United States Post Office to deliver mail from June to September. Sometimes more than 200 mail boxes, mounted to the ends of piers, ran along the 70 plus miles of the shoreline route.



From information provided by the Post Office in Three Lakes we know that these men ran the water route.

1910's Allie Beach

1920's-30's Adolph Hoffman

1939-43 Joe "Shorty" Motylewski

1944-47 Hubert Godlewski

1947-1960 Emil Zembinski

1961-67 Mitchell Lipski

1968-71 Julius Nagy

1972-78 Stanley Schoberg

1978-80 Louis Anderson

Winning bids had to meet the requirements for not only a dependable boat but also a car to transport the mail from the post office in town to the landing on Highway X where the route began and ended.

VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS CAR AND BOAT

An ordinary passenger car, equipped with locking device will provide sufficient space to transport the mails on this route from the Three Lakes Post Office to the start of the water portion on this route. Motor vehicles used for this service must have a seat belt assembly installed at the drivers seat and the motor vehicle shall not be driven unless the driver has properly restrained himself with the seat belt assembly.

The boat shall meet the following minimum specifications: overall length - 16', beam 5', coast guard approved lights and safety devices, steering wheel, remote controls, convertible top or similar equipment to protect mails from rain, mail capacity 950 pounds, 40 hp motor; be properly licensed and insured for commercial useage in the state of Wisconsin. Boat will be operated in a manner to comply with Wisconsin laws and boating regulations.

The U. S. Postal Service does not require the use of new vehicle equipment in the performance of the stated service, but the successful bidder may elect to provide new equipment. If used equipment is to be provided by the successful bidder, it must have a remaining service life reasonable close to the time period of the contract. All equipment to be used for service specified in this advertisement will be inspected and must be acceptable to the Contracting Officer.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

The following highway insurance coverage is required:

1. Limit for bodily injuries to or death of one person: \$10,000.00.
2. Limit for bodily injuries to or death of all persons injured or killed in any one accident: \$20,000.00.
3. Limit for loss or damage in any one accident to property of others (other than mail): \$5,000.00.

The successful bidder will be required to complete PS 5420, Certification of Insurance, Prior to award of contract.

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to bid on this route, the bidder or one member of a bonafide partnership must live in Oneida County, or any adjoining county. Those counties are: Vilas, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Price, Iron.

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THE UNUSUAL IN POSTAL JOBS -- It's A Lake Cruise For A

Mail Carrier in Northeastern Wisconsin's Resort Region

(As a summer feature, Stim-U-Letter brings to its land-bound readers a story of mail delivery by speedboat.)

"Three Lake, Wisconsin boasts a chain of 27 connecting lakes with a shoreline of 700 miles. The summer residents of 13 of these lakes get their mail delivered by boat. The marine letter carrier is Emil Zembinski, a husky, personable young man of 34.

"Emil, as you might suspect, lives on the shore of one of the lakes. He gets up early, when the morning mist on the lake is like breath on a mirror.

"He's at the post office by seven where he sorts and bundles his mail. By nine he's shoving off from Town Line Lake in his fast, 19-foot inboard speedboat.

"Aboard will be half a dozen sight-seers who have made reservations as far as two weeks ahead. This 5½ hour ride through, save for the lawns of the lakeside cottages, a virgin wilderness, is considered a must by many vacationists and local residents, for that matter. As one calculating vacationist told us, 'It's a terrific ride for about 20¢ a lake.'

"Emil's marine route takes him over Planting Ground Lake and through a channel to Long Lake, then up another channel to the dam that separates the Eagle River chain of lakes from the Three Lakes chain. He often stops to talk with the fishermen who are leaving their boats lifted over the dam by operator in charge.

"Then he doubles back along the opposite shore of Long Lake to Island Lake, Round and Little Forks Lake where he stops to gas up.

"Then comes Big Fork Lake and Four Mile Lake where he delivers mail to Sam Campbell, author, lecturer and wild life philosopher who lives on an island.

"Emil serves the east side of Big Fork and goes on to Medicine, Big and Little Laurel, one of the most scenic sections of the 70-mile run, and then on to Big Stone and Deer Lake, where he heads back to the Village of Three Lakes.

"Emil delivers the Milwaukee Sentinel to those among his more than 200 stops who get their papers by mail. He also handles the parcel post deliveries, everything from eggs to lawn mowers.

"The mail is put in boxes at the end of piers.

"Emil's job is not only a lot of fun, but it has its exciting moments. He has rescued people from overturned boats and it's not uncommon for him to stop and help a tenderfoot land a big muskie.

"His knowledge of the lakes and channels has helped him to beat boats faster than his in the annual races. He 'retired' the Northern trophy by winning it the required five times."

(Because of his busy convention schedule, Director Goshey has not prepared the message which usually appears in this space.)

Emil Zembinski was a well-documented Three Lakes mail carrier and was featured on the front page of the USPS Upper Region newsletter in June of 1957

