

# 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.

August 22, 1971 marks 50 years of the Edward U. Demmer Memorial Library. Fifty years bring changes, but the passion and love for the Demmer among locals, summer visitors, and library staff remains.

I'd like to share a letter written by Mae E. Demmer, wife of Edward Demmer and mother of Lawrence (Larry) Demmer.

*Reflections on the Demmer Library at Three Lakes, Wisconsin, by Mae E. Demmer, 1981*

As the tenth anniversary of the library approaches, the Demmer family cannot help but feel a great satisfaction with its presence. The seed of inspiration was planted in a small article appearing in the Vilas Count News in the spring of 1970.

That article recited the extremely overcrowded conditions of what then constituted the Three Lakes [Community] library. A trip to the library, indeed, confirmed the need for expansion.

At about that time, the Edward U. Demmer Foundation, which my husband had established in 1963 in memory of his parents to benefit the citizens of Wisconsin, received substantial funding from Mr. Demmer's estate. The trustees of the foundation were intent on finding an appropriate project which they could underwrite in memory of Mr. Demmer who had died the previous

year. Inasmuch as we had summered in the Three Lakes area since the late 1930's, it seemed an ideal location for funding a project which would be of benefit to the entire community. A library was considered by the trustees as a project of the permanence worthy of such a memorial.

With the assistance of the Town Board and Library Board and fine cooperation of the library staff, decisions were made and construction began. The following year, on August 22, 1971, the library was dedicated to the Town of Three Lakes.

Over the past ten years, the response to the library and the many activities which it provides the community has been tremendous. Interest in its growth and development has been supported by both full-time and seasonal residents.

The Demmer family and Demmer trustees look forward with both satisfaction and anticipation to the continuing significant role the library will play in enriching the lives of the residents of Three Lakes, Wisconsin.

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The estate of Lawrence Demmer later provided the substantial base of funding that made the 2018-2019 building project a possibility. The Demmer family legacy has lived on, and I hope they would be as proud of Demmer now as they were in 1971 and 1981.

## HOURS

MON/WED 12PM-7 PM

TUES/THURS-9AM-5PM

FRI 12PM-5PM

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# Three Lakes Genealogical Society

The next meeting is on Monday, August 23 at 1:00 p.m. in the Maple Room and on Blue Jeans. The Society has begun a series of DNA tutorial videos from Brigham Young University. The topic of the next video is DNA Kindergarten part 3 - Using your 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:familyhistory@demmerlibrary.org) or call Nancy at 715-479-8971. You also can look at our website at [3lgl.org](http://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](http://BlueJeans.com) also will be available.



### Genealogy Tip

When looking for your people, start with the census. You might have to try different spellings of the names and be creative in other ways..



# Welcome back to Story Hour!

and welcome to Ms. Candice,  
our new children's librarian.

**Tuesdays, 9:30 AM in  
Three Lakes  
Wednesdays, 8:30 AM  
in Sugar Camp  
starting September 14**

As a newer member of the Demmer Library team, I am thrilled to introduce myself as the children's librarian. My name is Candice and my family and I moved to the area from Green Bay about 18 months ago.

As a former preschool teacher, I bring to the Demmer a love of learning and reading and sharing that with young people. It is going to be a great year of Story Hour and I look forward to getting to know you and your families!

If you have questions or are ready to register your 3-5 year old for Story Hour, call the library at 715-546-3391 or email me at [children@demmerlibrary.org](mailto:children@demmerlibrary.org).



## Coffee and Kids

**Parents as Partners**  
Setting the Tone for the Coming School Year

Dear Families:

We are trusting you had a healthy and happy summer with your children. The first day of school is just around the corner! We encourage you to be a partner with your child's teacher and their education. As former educators we know that when parents are eager, energetic and interested it helps the teacher do a better job. It's important for families and teachers to be a team, building a good working relationship. Here are a few strategies to help you with that:




- Sometime during the 1st week of school write your child's teacher a quick note letting them know a little bit about your child.
- Let the teacher know what works/doesn't work with your child. You know them best!
- Attend Open House and let the teacher know that you are available to discuss your child at any time.
- Come to Open House with only 1-2 direct questions you may have about the year. If you need more time, make an appointment for a private conference.
- Ask if there is something you could do to help the teacher.
- Ask the teacher about how their summer was, or a little bit about themselves.
- Don't hesitate to ask questions.
- If you have a concern, don't wait to discuss it. Bring it out in the open as soon as it's appropriate.
- Bring chocolate or coffee!!!!



For the full article and list of books, go to the Coffee and Kids Resource page at <https://demmerlibrary.org/coffee-and-kids/>

# August 2021

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22 Happy 50th anniversary!	23 Make a Demmer Library pin	24 Make a Demmer Library pin	25 Stop by the library and get a treat! 	26 Make a Demmer Library pin	27 Make a Demmer Library pin

## TO 50 YEARS!

Stop in the week of August 23rd to make your own Demmer anniversary pin, and for a special treat on Wednesday!

**FORWARD THREE LAKES AND THE DEMMER LIBRARY PRESENT:**

## **WRITING SUCCESSFUL GRANT PROPOSALS**

*Take your first steps to becoming a successful grant writer for your organization!*

**AUGUST 27 10AM-3PM  
THREE LAKES HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
OR  
ONLINE VIA ZOOM\***

*\*all participants are welcome to attend virtually; in-person participation limited to 30 with preference given to members of organizations serving the Three Lakes community.*

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TO REGISTER: VISIT  
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OR CALL 715-546-3391**

*Presenter: Rena Beyer, Grant Specialist U.S.A.*





## Going on a Gnome Hunt

**All of August**

Your mission is to find the hand whittled, hand painted gnomes in the Three Lakes Area. When you find a gnome, bring it into the library for a special prize. The gnomes will be in public places around town.

## FAB Lab Make it! Camp

**August 3-5, 10:00AM-3:00PM**

Join us for our 3 day maker camp. Space is limited to 12 students (ages 8-17 years), cost is \$25 which includes lunch. Please call the library at 715-546-3391 for more information and to register.

Participants will be working with programmable robot cars. Special emphasis will be on data collecting and the cars special features



## Trees for Tomorrow: Logging Days

**Tuesday, August 10th @ 10:00 AM**

@ Demmer Green Space--Watch out Paul Bunyan! After a glimpse at early logging camp life, students swing into logging events such as crosscut sawing, lighting a match with a small hatchet, and the tree cookie roll.

## WOMEN IN STEM

**Tuesday, August 24th @ 5:30 PM**



@ Demmer Green Space--Students combine classroom introduction with an orienteering field course designed to teach the basics of map and compass use. Classroom work introduces how to use a compass and read a map. Students then use these skills to complete an orienteering field course while investigating the forest.

## Books the Other Channel Book Club

**Tuesday, August 24--6:30 PM**

**in person or via BlueJeans**

Books the Other Channel book discussion group will discuss Lets Pretend This Never Happened by Jenny Lawson on August 24 at 6:30 PM .



Meet in person at the library or join online via BlueJeans. Email [demmer@demmerlibrary.org](mailto: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](mailto:librarian@demmerlibrary.org)

# 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



*The Guide* by Peter Heller

*The Guilt Trip* by Sandie Jones

*Billy Summers* by Stephen King

*Down Range* by Taylor Moore

*The Noise* by James Patterson

*The Madness of Crowds* by Louise Penny

*Bloodless* by Douglas Preston

*Complications* by Danielle Steel

*Class Act* by Stuart Woods

*The Heron's Cry* by Ann Cleeves

*The Burning* by Jonathon Kellerman

*A Darker Reality* by Anne Perry

*Clive Cussler's The Serpent's Eye* by Robin Burcell

*Enemy at the Gates* by Vince Flynn

*Forgotten in Death* by J.D. Robb

*High Stakes* by Iris Johansen

*Robert B. Parker's Stone Throw*

# Historical Clippings

Three Lakes Museum

August 2021

## *In Support of Our Community*

### The Three Lakes Volunteer Fire Department

By Mary Flannery - taken from *The Pine the Plow and the Pioneer, volume 2*

Fire protection for the community of Three Lakes has evolved from the earliest of fire fighting methods - the bucket brigade - to the modern mechanized equipment of today. Prior to the spring of the year 1937, when the Three Lakes Volunteer Fire Department was formally organized, the town fathers answered the "fire call" with the support of a "hand pumper" which was at first pulled to the fires by hand and later redesigned to fit into the budding automotive era of the century allowing it to be hauled by truck.

For many years the pioneer fire department headquartered in the Badger Garage. Later when the need of a more efficient fire department was felt, the town purchased a 1937 model Ford Truck complete with a firefighting unit. This unit was housed in the town garage. Almost simultaneously a volunteer group consisting of local villagers was organized to take charge of and be responsible for the truck and equipment and to place themselves on "call" 24 hours a day, rain or shine, heat or cold, in the role of village firemen.

On August 7, 1937, the eight original firemen were Gordon Beach (1st Chief), Fred Bonack Sr., Frank Budney, Stanley Rychlock, Alex Olkowski, Louis Stedje, Richard Dobbs and Art Godleski.



In January 1986, surviving charter members of the Three Lakes Fire Department were - left to right: Art Godleski, Gordon Beach, first chief, and Richard Dobbs.



With the installation of the water and sewer system in the village in 1958, and at the request of insurance underwriters, membership was increased to 20, and a second pumper and hose carrier was purchased. With the completion of a new community building, which had one section especially designed to serve as a fire station, other much needed equipment was added to strengthen the efficiency of the department.

In the spirit of true community service, plans were made to promote a number of fund-raising activities to help finance the expansion program, plus an attempt to better service the community without creating added demands upon the taxpayers of the Three Lakes township.

Thus the Annual Firemen's Picnic was born. At this time each year the Three Lakes Volunteer Fire Department takes the opportunity to pay tribute to all those who have served on its roster since its humble beginning, back in the days when forest fires were a major threat to the community, also to thank all those who have contributed to the support of the unit down through the years, hence, in honor and in memory, a salute to the past and present. The future will depend upon the continued support of the general public.

The first Firemen's Picnic was July 20th, 1958 at Marty's Show Boat grounds. It was then moved to the Three Lakes Community Park, today known as Cy Williams Park.

**64<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL THREE LAKES  
FIREMEN'S PICNIC**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

**Starts at Noon, Cy Williams Park on Maple Lake**

**MUSIC • FUN • PRIZES • FLEA MARKET  
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BRATS • CORN, ETC.**



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**3rd: \$100**

**4th: \$100**

**5th: \$100**

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Raffle by  
Three Lakes  
Tavern League**

**Special Raffle by the Three Lakes Tavern League**

**\$2,000 First Prize**

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**Eight more cash payouts from \$750 - \$100**

**ATTENDANCE DRAWINGS!**

**- Only 100 tickets sold -**

**SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FIREMEN!**  
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Traditionally, the Three Lakes Fireman's Picnic is held on the first Sunday in August. Make sure it's on your calendar "in support of our community"



Duane Tillman — Annual Fireman's Picnic.

—Harvey Hansen photo

Date of this picture is unknown. Do you know?