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

For the Demmer the New Year brings new possibilities, new software for our online catalog, and a new staff member! As this year rolls out, we will help you transition with the new online catalog and all it has to offer. For now, we want to introduce our new Librarian Sarah Steinbacher:

Hi Three Lakes! My name is Sarah and I am new here at the Demmer Library. I am so excited to get the opportunity to share my love of libraries with you. If there is one thing I've noticed from my short time here, it is that the Demmer is the pulse of the community. Thank you for the warm welcome, and please, anytime you want to "talk books", I'm game!

"The library card is a passport to wonders and miracles, glimpses into other lives, religions, experiences, the hopes and dreams and strivings of ALL human beings." – Libba Bray

The staff at the Demmer Library wish you a wonderful New Year!

HOURS

MON/WED 9AM-7PM

TUES/THURS/FRI 9AM-5PM

SAT 9AM-2PM

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Three Lakes Genealogical Society



The Three Lakes Genealogical Society (TLGS) January Meeting will be 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 p.m. on **Monday, January 24**, in the Maple Room in the lower level of Demmer Memorial Library. The topic will be a planning session for the Beginning Genealogy Workshop to be held this summer. Guests are always welcome!

NEW! TLGS Beginning Genealogy Class - 7 sessions on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month beginning **January 18**.

1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. This is an introduction to the world of genealogy. Topics will include organizing your genealogy at the beginning of your adventure, sources for your research, what records you need, and much more.

Class size is limited. Register and/or get more information by calling Nancy at 715-479-8971 or email at nancy3lgs@gmail.com

NEW! The Three Lakes Genealogical Society Book Club – Club will meet at 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on the third Thursday of the month through April. The inaugural meeting will be on **Thursday, January 20**, in the Tamarack Room in the lower level of Demmer Memorial Library.

We will discuss *Hiding the Past* by Nathan Dylan Goodwin. It is a mystery that uses forensic genealogy (traditional genealogy combined with genetic genealogy) to solve the crime. *Hiding the Past* is available at Demmer Memorial Library, Crandon Public Library and also is available for purchase on Amazon.com.

Those who can't attend the book club at the library may join us on Bluejeans. If you wish to join us virtually on Bluejeans, contact TLGS at familyhistory@demmerlibrary.org or call Nancy at 715-479-8971.



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

Weekly on Thursdays from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the Local History Room of Demmer Memorial Library. A TLGS volunteer is available to help you with your genealogy "brick walls" or other genealogy questions. It's a great way to get that special one-on-one help. No appointments are necessary.

Genealogy Tip



Charting what you know about a problem ancestor through the years, by making a timeline, can help solve your research puzzle. Start with the earliest date you have for a person and then list everything you know about him or her and the immediate family. Include your speculations, but make these clear by highlighting them or adding a question mark. Sometimes paper and pencil work the best – or some might use Excel or tables.

Books the Other Channel Book Club

**Tuesday, January 25--6:30 PM
in person or via BlueJeans**

Books the Other Channel book discussion group will discuss *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger on January 25 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



Coffee and Kids

January 18th
10:00 am - 10:45 am

Demmer Tamarack Room
During Story Hour
In person or virtual w/BlueJeans



What is Coffee & Kids?

It's a once monthly, parent led discussion group where parents can discuss concerns, share stories and ask questions centered around their children. Retired educators Ann Asbeck, Mari Lynn Garbowicz, and Beth Jacobson are able to provide guidance based on proven research and years of experience. They will share what is developmentally appropriate and relevant to today's learner. Coffee and Kids provides a relaxed atmosphere for give and take discussions.

Find the groups monthly tips below: Strategies for Solving Word Problems

When I was an elementary student, story problems were my nemesis. Many tears were shed in 4th grade because I couldn't do them! So I understand the frustration that can come with helping your student complete this type of task!

To begin work on a story problem, students should not start with a math skill....they should begin by using their READING COMPREHENSION skills. If you are helping your child, make sure they understand what the problem is saying and what the problem is asking them to do. This may require using reading skills such as retelling, visualizing, making connections, or using their prior knowledge.

Once your child understands what the problem is saying, and what they are being asked to figure out, then you can proceed with doing the math. Below you will find some strategies and links to help you along the way. I wish I had known these strategies when I was in 4th grade!!!!

BASIC STEPS:



- Read the problem until you understand it.
- Identify the problem or question
- Use a highlighter to determine which information will be needed to solve the problem. Beware!!! Sometimes there will be too much information. **Don't automatically use all the numbers!** Focus on key words or phrases and the numbers needed to solve the problem. Using a highlighter will help your student focus on the important information.
- Solve the problem
- Ask yourself, "Does the answer make sense?" Reread the word problem to determine this
- If the answer doesn't make sense, try different ways to solve the problem until you get an answer that does make sense.



Use the **CUBES** Method

C - Circle the numbers/number word

U - Underline the question

B - Box the key words

E - Eliminate the extra information OR Evaluate what steps you need to take

S - Solve & Check

For the rest of this article including links please visit the Coffee and Kids Resource page at www.demmerlibrary.org.

EVENTS



Story Hour Three Lakes

Tuesdays @ 9:45 am
Demmer Maple Room

Story Hour Sugar Camp

Wednesday @ 8:30 pm
Sugar Camp School (Check in at office)

Story Hour is 30 to 45 minutes of reading books, playing games, songs, and interactive fun. Social time/play time starts at 9:45 with Story Hour starting promptly at 10 am.

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS CLUB

Saturdays @ 10:00am

in person at the Demmer Maple Room or virtual

Fight Dragons, Goblins, and more! Join us as we use Roll20 to virtually play D&D. Email librarian@demmerlibrary.org to get your invitation to our game.



Lego Club

Monday, January 10th @ 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

@Demmer Maple Room. Lego Club is for children of all ages. Come and free build with your friends or play Lego Creationary.



January 21st 11am-3pm

@Demmer Maple Room & Tamarack Room

Drop in any time to play Wii Games on our large screen TV's.

WII GAME DAY

WOMEN IN STEM

Tuesday, January 25th @ 5:30 PM

@ Demmer Maple Room--Join us as we highlight a Woman in a STEM career. Past presenters have been Firefighters, Architects, and Farmers. Find out what it's like to be a woman in these fields and what you can do to encourage others.



Memories of Three Lakes

HOME EDITION
DECEMBER AND JANUARY



Do you have a favorite family memory of Three Lakes? Here's your chance to record your family recalling that story and have it saved in the Three Lakes oral history archive. Drop in the library, email librarian@demmerlibrary.org or check our website for how to participate.

Demmer Crafternoon

Tuesday, January 11

2:30 p.m.

Demmer Libratory

Learn to make a snowflake wall art out of coat hangers.

Registration is required.



Booking Ahead

High interest titles added to the catalog and released in January/February

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



Death of a Green Eyed Monster by M. C. Beaton

Her Hidden Genius by Marie Benedict

The Magnolia Palace by Fiona Davis

Caramel Pecan Roll Murder by Joanne Fluke

Anthem by Noah Hawley

Nothing to Lose by J.A. Jance

The Department of Rare Books and Special Collections by
Eva Jurczyk

City of the Dead by Jonathon Kellerman

Gwendy's Final Task by Stephen King

The Accomplice by Lisa Lutz

The Good Son by Jacquelyn Mitchard

How High We Go In the Dark by Sequoia Nagamatsu

Steal by James Patterson

Abandoned in Death by J.D. Robb

Garden of Sins by Laura Joh Rowland

Highland Wolf by Lyndsay Sands

The Family You Make by Jill Shalvis

Disappearance of a Scribe by Dana Stabenow

End of Days by Brad Taylor

A Game of Fear by Charles Todd



Mitten Tree available at the Demmer Library



From now until spring the Reiter Center and the Demmer Library are collecting mittens and hats. Items will be available in the vestibule during open hours of the library and are free for the taking.



Historical Clippings

Three Lakes Museum

January 2022

Join us on the Wisconsin Historical Society Press Facebook page Wednesday, January 5 at 7pm for another in the series of live book talks exploring all things Wisconsin!

"Book Bites" - Matt Blessing discusses

"Alaska, Ho! Arville Schaleben and the Matanuska Valley Colony"



This New Deal resettlement project moved 202 families from the upper Midwest to southcentral Alaska in an effort to alleviate rural poverty in one region and populate a fertile valley in America's vast northern territory.

In the summer of 1935 the Milwaukee Journal reporter Arville Schaleben began chronicling this farming community. Working and sleeping in a government-issued tent, Schaleben filed nearly 150 stories for the Journal, providing a vivid portrait of these modern pioneers as they set up housekeeping, found creative ways to earn a living, and raised their families.

Wednesday, January 5th 2022

7:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Free and online on the

Wisconsin Historical Society Press Facebook page Online Webinar

<https://www.wisconsinhistory.org/Records/Event/EV8295>



Matt Blessing recently retired from the Wisconsin Historical Society but remains actively engaged in studying the history of the conservation and environmental movements in Wisconsin, including the legacies of John Muir and Aldo Leopold.

You can read Matt Blessings' award winning article, "Alaska, Ho! Arville Schaleben and the Matanuska Valley Colony", in the Wisconsin Magazine of History: Volume 103, number 2, winter 2019

<https://content.wisconsinhistory.org/digital/collection/wmh/id/53200/rec/7>

In the era of the Great Depression of the 1930's, President Franklin Roosevelt focused on the programs of the New Deal. These agencies had three goals: relief, recovery, and reform. In early 1934, the Roosevelt administration secured \$500 million, the equivalent of \$9.5 billion today, from Congress to fund the Federal Emergency Relief Agency. It was determined that a portion of this money, \$900,000, would be used in a dual plan to (1) help alleviate the financial hardships of the cutover regions of northern Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota, and (2) add to the population of the Alaskan Territory, in danger as the Japanese eyed its rich resources.

Families were selected from these northern regions on the basis of their ability to survive the tough pioneering challenges homesteading would demand in the Matanuska Valley in Alaska, a fertile valley at the base of the Chugach Mountain range.



In 1935, Palmer, Alaska, became the seat of the Alaska Rural Rehabilitation Corporation and a supply center for one of the most unusual experiments in American history: the Matanuska Valley Colony, a planned agricultural colony of 203 families. Since the climate of the Alaskan valley was somewhat similar to the areas they would come from, it was believed this group possessed the traits that set them apart for consideration for this New Deal program.

Although many farms failed during the social experiment, Palmer survived as the sole Alaska city whose economy is dominated by farming. Despite criticism and conjecture, the colony was a testament to those 203 families that traveled by train and ship, their housing being a tent city for that first Alaskan summer, each family drawing lots for individual 40-acre tracts and a \$3,300 start up loan.



1935 Margaret and Wesley Worden and children — Richard, Jackie and Joyce, and dog Fritz, waiting for the mailman (Oscar Lawonn) to bring the mail about going to Alaska.

Wesley and Margaret Worden and their young children from Three Lakes, Wisconsin, were chosen to join this group of settlers to carve out a new life.

You can read an account of the experiences of Wesley and Margaret, covering almost a half-century of pioneering experiences, written by Margaret Worden, in *The Pine the Plow and the Pioneer, volume 2*, available for purchase at the Three Lakes Historical Society website, or the Museum Visitor Center or Demmer Library to view.

