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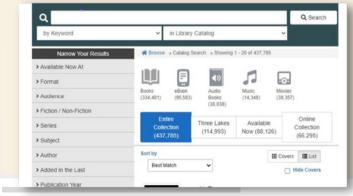
Connecting people to the TRANSFORMATIVE power of knowledge by providing opportunities to <u>explore</u>, <u>learn</u>, <u>create</u>, and <u>share</u>.

#### A New Way to Find What You're Looking For!

Around mid-February you will be welcomed to a whole new experience when searching for a book, DVD, magazine, or even an e-book.

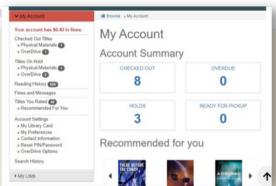
Wisconsin Valley Library Service, member libraries, and the Demmer Library staff have been backstage busily preparing our new online catalog for you.

The new library search that will help you easily sort between fiction and nonfiction books, see all the books in a particular series, or just browse for what to read, listen to, or watch next. You'll be able to see if it is currently available at the Demmer, or if you can order it from another library.



#### **HOURS**

MON/WED 9AM-7PM TUES/THURS/FRI 9AM-5PM SAT 9AM-2PM



In addition, you'll have a single place to see your account information: items checked out, items on hold - including your Libby/OverDrive items, any outstanding fines, and all of your account settings (library card number, preferences, etc.). You'll be able to reset your own PIN if you've forgotten it and update some of your contact information.

You can also opt in to saving your reading history and as you rate the books you've read (only you will see your rating), the system might suggest some ideas for you to read next.

We're excited and hope you are too! We'll be here to help you learn to use this tool. Once it officially launches, we will have more information for you and some hands-on learning opportunities.

#### **CONTACT**

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# Three Lakes Genealogical Society

The Three Lakes Genealogical Society (TLGS) February Meeting will be 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. on **Monday, February 28,** in the Maple Room in the lower level of Demmer Memorial Library. Members and guests may bring genealogy questions and "brick walls" for discussion.

NEW! The Three Lakes Genealogical Society Book Club — Club will meet from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on the third Thursday of the month through April. The next meeting is **Thursday**, **February 17th**, in the Tamarack Room in the lower level of Demmer Memorial Library. We will discuss the genealogical crime mystery *The Lost Ancestor* by Nathan Dylan Goodwin. This book is the second book in the Morton Farrier series.

The Lost Ancestor 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.

#### New Genealogy Books at the Demmer







Guide to Genealogical Writing (3rd edition) by Penelope Stratton,
The Family Tree Cemetery Field Guide: How to Find, Record, & Preserve Your
Ancestor's Graves by Joy Neighbors

Planning a future for your family's past (2nd edition) by Marian Burk Wood

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**



When you're at your wit's end, try these measures: Organize and reexamine your records, write a research report on the steps you've taken and records you've found, or focus on another branch for awhile. Source: Family Tree Magazine.

#### **Books the Other Channel Book Club**

Tuesday, February 22--6:30 PM in person or via BlueJeans



Books the Other Channel book discussion group will discuss The Bad Muslim Discount by Syed Masood on February 22 at 6:30 PM.

Meet in person at the library or join online via BlueJeans. Email <u>demmer@demmerlibrary.org</u> 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** 

February 15th 10:00 am - 10:45 am

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

#### What is Coffee & Kids?

R'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:



#### **About Assessments**

#### For Every Child, Multiple Measures



A parent seeking information about a child's learning is likely to be told about assessments that are done in the school setting. Discussions about assessments often use education terminology that may be unfamiliar to a parent. However, misunderstandings about assessments and what the results mean can be avoided by having some basic knowledge about assessments. AND by asking questions and expecting clear answers from those providing assessment information.

Asking questions about your school assessments

No one assessment can provide the information needed to understand and facilitate the learning of every individual child. With this in mind, parents may find these discussion-guiding questions useful:

- What assessments are used in this classroom/at this grade level/in this district? Specifically, in which assessments does my child participate?
- What is the purpose of these assessments?
- What do the results of the assessments mean in terms of the learning of my child? What actions are likely to be enacted as a result of the findings?
- How, when and with whom are the assessment results shared?

One commonly used way of describing assessments is to think in terms of assessment purposes:

Assessment FOR learning: providing students with ongoing feedback about their work for the specific purpose of helping students improve while they are still gaining knowledge and practicing skills. The information gathered is used by teachers to provide feedback and adjust their instruction, and by students to focus their learning.

Assessment AS learning: helping students to set learning goals and monitor their own progress by reflecting on their learning.

Both assessment FOR and assessment AS learning provide students with day-to-day feedback on their work. These are often called **FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT**.

The aim of formative assessment is to gather actionable feedback that improves the overall teaching and learning process.

- It is a diagnostic method of evaluation.
- Results from formative assessments are immediately made available.
- Formative assessments are non-graded.

Assessment OF learning: evaluation and reporting of progress in the form of grades or scoring after a period of learning or at the end of a unit or course to determine what students have learned. Teachers use multiple assessment tools such as written tests, projects, portfolios, oral presentations and conferences. These are often referred to as SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT. Included are annual or semi-annual or grade level standardized tests

Further explanation and additional resources related to this article can be found on the <u>Coffee and Kids Resource Page on the Demmer website.</u>

#### **EVENTS**



# WINTER OLYMPICS READING CHALLENGE





#### Story Hour Three Lakes

Tuesdays@ 9:45 am Demmer Maple Room

#### Story Hour Sugar Camp Wednesday @ 8:30 am

Story Hour is 30 to 45 minutes of reading books, playing games, songs,

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 <a href="mailto:librarian@demmerlibrary.o">librarian@demmerlibrary.o</a>rg to get your invitation to our game.





#### <u>Lego Club</u> Monday, February 14th @ 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.

## WOMEN IN STEM Tuesday, February 22nd @ 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.



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From January 31st to February 25th, the Demmer Library in Three Lakes will hold a Winter Olympics Reading Program to coincide with the Winter Olympics in Bejing. The library is using the app Beanstack to keep track of minutes read. You can log minutes by going to their Beanstack site at demmerlibrary.beanstack.org, you can download the app, or stop by the library to get a paper reading log. The Winter Olympics Reading Program is for all ages and will have a prize drawing February 25th. There will be three winners in each age group.

Call 715-546-3391 or follow the Demmer Library on Facebook for more details.



### <u>Demmer Crafternoon</u>

The 2nd Tuesday of each month
2:30pm
Demmer Libratory

Learn to make a different craft each month!

Registration is required.

# Tabletop Tech

#### 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month

Drop in anytime between 2-4, and let us help you with your technology questions.



# Booking Ahead

High interest titles added to the catalog and released in February/March Give us a call to put your name on the list - (715) 546-3391



Wild Irish Rose by Rhys Bowen Shadows Reel by CJ Box The Match by Harlan Coben Calder Grit by Janet Dailey A Relative Murder by Jude Deveraux The Recovery Agent by Janet Evanovich The Paris Apartment by Lucy Foley Sierra Six by Mark Greaney The Christie Affair by Nina De Gramont The Golden Couple by Greer Hendricks Killer View by Roy Johansen The Dickens Boy by Thomas Keneally House of Sky and Breath by Sarah J. Maas *The Summer Getaway* by Susan Mallery Fear Thy Neighbor by Fern Michaels Run, Rose, Run by James Patterson Along the Rio Grande by Tracie Peterson Diablo Mesa by Preston and Child Citizen K-9 by David Rosenfelt What Happened to the Bennetts by Lisa Scottoline High Stakes by Danielle Steel French Braid by Anne Tyler The Shop on Royal Street by Karen White A Safe House by Stuart Woods



#### 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



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#### Telling the Stories - Things We Know...

Frank Epler, a carpenter born in 1859, went to northern Wisconsin with a party of deer hunters in 1902 in search of a new home. Having heard of the Northwoods and lakes, when deer season was over the group went to North Crandon (Argonne now). As the Soo Line Train didn't stop at Gagen they had to get off at North Crandon and walk to Three Lakes. When they arrived at Stone Lake Bridge they talked to a farmer who told them there were twenty seven lakes in this chain, that there were a few summer cottages and a couple resorts, and that all the lakes were good fishing lakes. Frank saw the building potential, and moved his family here in 1904.

Frank's son Ed, born in 1893, remembered the move to Three Lakes and living in the American Hotel on Main Street for a time. The hotel, established about 1896 later became Hotel Three Lakes and then Lowey's. Eventually torn down in the late 1960's, it was replaced by the Best Western Alpine Motor Inn that then became The Oneida Village. All on the same corner.





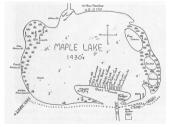




Ed Epler grew up in Three Lakes and became renowned for his skills as an auto mechanic. The first Badger Garage, built by Epler and Ray Barker, was located on the sand flats of Maple Lake, created when the water level suddenly dropped eight feet. This was a result of the Maple to Townline canal dredged in 1904 to connect Maple Lake to the Chain. Ed kept a crew of four mechanics on seven days a week repairing tourist automobiles that made the grueling trip up Highway 26. With few parts on hand, Ed and his mechanics often created the necessary parts in the shop.

By the late 1930's roads were becoming a tolerable form of transportation around the maze of lakes. Water routes were no longer needed and it was decided that the canal connecting Maple Lake to Townline was no longer necessary. A dam was constructed at the Maple Lake end and by the mid 1940's the water level had risen to original levels. The buildings that had been constructed on the sand flats were razed and Ed Epler had already moved the Badger Garage up the hill and onto Superior Street.







Ed married Olga Johnson, daughter of Julius and Petrina. Julius Johnson's job as a boss with South Shore Railroad brought him and his family to Three Lakes where in 1890 they purchased three lots with a small house on one for \$150. One of the lots was sold for delinquent taxes of \$0.68. Over time the Johnson's added onto the house, raised their family and ultimately died there. One hundred years later the town sold the house to the newly formed Historical Society to become the home of the Three Lakes Museum.

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#### ... and How We Know It

We're able to put all of the pieces of that story that began in 1859, together with images that support it, because family, friends, and community members took the time to write them down and share them.

In 1973 at 80 years of age, Ed Epler published his book, *Eighty Years in God's Country*. This was a compilation of Ed's recollections of life in Three Lakes. He expressed his appreciation to old friends who shared memories: George Campbell, Art Nelson, Raymond Neu, Dave Nelson, Walt Goldsworthy, the Johnson family, Fred Williams, William Neu Jr., the Step family, Lawrence Wheeler, and Vernon Dobbs. It is a wonderful easy to read book that brings early Three Lakes to life.

Ten years later in 1983 the newly formed Three Lakes Centennial Museum Committee accepted the challenge to compile a local history book telling more stories of the people that settled here. They reminded people that they were all a part of the local history, a community with a legacy that needed to be preserved before it was lost. The work on this book project was in addition to the establishment of a physical space to collect and display the local artifacts of the past, the Three Lakes Museum. Community engagement was essential to publish this book of stories called *The Pine the Plow and the Pioneer*.



A brochure was mailed out to the 800 residents of the Three Lakes area and included instructions and an example of how to complete the form. The response was immediate and the project was so successful that a second volume was published the following year.



"...over the years, we have met o many wonderful people. I remember Loewy's Restaurant with good home cooked meals, no fast foods there. We'd get a nice warm bath at the Chalet Hotel for 50 cents a person. We'd shop at Dobb's Red Owl store and the groceries would be carried out by the Stoehr boys. Our car was serviced at Epler's Badger Garage. Hardware was bought at Richard Dobb's store. Ice cream cones for a nickel at the drugstore. Our mail was delivered by boat right to the pier, rain or shine by Emil Zembinski, a service now a thing of the past. The old railroad depot where we would meet the train and our commuting husbands on weekends. All, only memories now but never to be forgotten."

Tina Karlsson in *The Pine The Plow and The Pioneer* reminiscing about when in 1936, she and her husband Ernst were introduced to the Northwoods

It has been 40 years since local history was formally gathered, published and made available to everyone. Since then the museum has collected, archived and displayed countless artifacts, documents and images. A lot has happened. A lot has changed. But one thing remains. Three Lakes is a community with history and that history is you, whether your family has been here 100 years or one. View our history as a jigsaw puzzle of a thousand pieces and you will see that what you know and share helps to complete that puzzle.

At this time, the Demmer Library, the Three Lakes Historical Society, and the Three Lakes Genealogy Society are all collaborating to collect your stories. The great thing is, this time you don't have to pound them out on an old typewriter. Today's technology can have you and your family or friends sitting around a table reminiscing and recording on your phone. Or you could pound it out on your laptop. Any way you do it, please do it. It's important for the generations to come that what happens today is not lost.