

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.

Don't let summer slip away

When did it get to be August???

It's time to start taking this summer thing seriously. With four days to go in the month, we are second among WVLS libraries for number of wi-fi uses. Our study rooms were booked almost non-stop for the first three weeks of the month and we were fitting people into any overflow areas we could find. The first two weeks of the month cars were parked and people were parked on picnic tables at 7:30 AM until well after closing at 7 PM at night.

July is when we reach our peak of the Yin to our Yang of the January/February Demmer. We double the number of checkouts in July compared to January and 93% of those are items from our own collection. We also signed up 36 people for new library cards just this month! But July is also the time we set records for the numbers of people seeking space to work. We're not bemoaning this as a problem per se – this is what we had in mind when we remodeled the building – but it is a

reminder that summer is short and you shouldn't let it slip by.

So, if you're one who has spent a lot of time on Zoom, take a moment to review your summer check list. Silence your phone and take an hour to:

- Read a book on the dock
- Go berry picking ([Thunder Lake Marsh](#) is a great place for wild blueberries in late July and dewberries in August)
- Watch a sunset – no photographs!
- Visit the [Story Book Gardens](#) (no age is too old!)
- Participate in the Octopus Scavenger hunt (age doesn't count)
- Hike the [Sam Campbell Trail](#)
- Ride a bike on the [Three Eagle Trail](#)
- Visit downtown Three Lakes – [go in a store you've never been in before](#)

Whatever you do with the rest of your summer, don't spend it all on a Zoom call!

HOURS

MON/WED 9AM-7PM

TUES/THURS/FRI 9AM-5PM

SAT 9AM-2PM

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Three Lakes Genealogical Society



Next Meeting: The next TLGS meeting will be at 1-3 p.m. on Monday, August 22 in the Maple Room (lower level) of Demmer Memorial Library. The business meeting will be followed by the program “The 1950 Census” and a demonstration of Shotbox, “an all-in-one portable light studio that allows you to scan faster, capture amazing photos, and have fun unleashing your creative side all just using your smartphone.” (shotbox.me)



Book Club – TLGS Book is not meeting this month but is recommending an August Book of the Month for individual reading. The book is ***The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion*** by Fannie Flagg. It is available at Demmer Memorial Library (FIC FLA) and by interlibrary loan.

The Book Club will resume meeting in person and on BlueJeans on September 15 when we resume the Nathan Dylan Goodwin genealogical crime mysteries with ***The Spyglass File***. Mr. Goodwin's books are available at Demmer Memorial Library.



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

Do you need help with your genealogy research? Help is available at “Ask Your TLGS Genealogist.” A TLGS member is in the Local History Room of Demmer Library every Thursday from 2-4 p.m. No appointments are necessary. Need help but can't make it on Thursdays? Email familyhistory@demmerlibrary.org or call Nancy at 715-479-8971.



Genealogy Tip

Your ancestors may have gone someplace else to get married (or unmarried). Think of the hordes of couples attracted to Nevada to elope or divorce. Cross state lines to break down your brick walls and check neighboring counties where ancestors may have gone.

Books the Other Channel Book Club

**Tuesday, August 23--6:30 PM
in person or via BlueJeans**



Books the Other Channel book discussion group will discuss *Verity* by Colleen Hoover on August 23 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



What is Coffee & Kids?

During the school year 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:

Are They Clouds or ?

We want children to comprehend what they read. This means they are interacting with what they read, not just saying words on a page.

The theme of our Coffee & Kids resources this summer is **MAKING CONNECTIONS**.

This month we explore making connections with clouds. Next time there are clouds in the sky grab a blanket and enjoy a little story time under some white fluffy clouds.

Books about clouds to enjoy:

Clouds (Let's-Read-and-Find-Out Science) by Anne Rockwell

Let's Read-and-Find-Out Science books are great beginning science books. This book explains how clouds are formed and the different types of clouds. It also includes an experiment in the back for how to make a cloud in a jar.



Explore My World Clouds by Marfe Delano

A nice introduction to clouds for students in PreK to first grade. Lots of real pictures paired with simple text on each page make this a great book for young readers.

National Geographic Kids Everything Weather by Kathy Furgang.

This book is full of fun facts and amazing photographs. There is information about clouds to be found.

The Cloud Book by Tomie de Paola

This book describes the different types of clouds, along with stories and myths about them.

It Looked Like Spilt Milk by Charles Shaw

The white shape silhouetted against a blue background changes on every page. Is it a rabbit, a bird, an ice cream cone, or just spilt milk?

Little Cloud by Eric Carle

In this delightful book, the little cloud floats and does his own thing changing shape.



Suggested Activities:

Conduct a science experiment by making a cloud in a jar.

<https://coolscienceexperimentshq.com/make-a-cloud-form-in-a-jar/>

Types of clouds with a hands on activity.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eQ0Ctod0fzs>

Learn about the types of clouds and how they are formed.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eCumUup9vWQ&t=10s>

After reading a book about clouds why not head outside and watch to see what shapes you can spot amongst the clouds in the sky?

Afterall, maybe it really was just spilt milk!!!!

Please visit the Coffee and Kids Resource Page on the Demmer website for more helpful articles.

Demmer Memorial Library Presents:

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August Programs



Tie Dye Day **August 2 @ 10:00 AM**

@Demmer Green Space- Bring an item to tie dye and we will provide the dyes.



Water Play Day **August 9 @ 10:00 AM**

@Demmer Green Space-Come expecting to get wet! We will play water games like drip-drop and more!



Great Octopus Hunt **all of August**

Be on the look out for the Demmer octopuses located around town. If you find one, bring it back to the library to claim your prize

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.



S'MORES & STORYTIME SUMMER SENDOFF



**Aug, 10th
2022
4:00 PM**

Demmer Library Parking Lot

Join Miss Candice and
Miss April for stories and
s'mores as we say good
bye to summer
programming!



THE GREAT OCTOPUS HUNT

THE WHOLE MONTH OF AUGUST!!!

**OCTOPUS HUNTING IS OPEN TO ALL
AGES**

**FIND AN
OCTOPUS**

**BRING IT TO
THE LIBRARY**

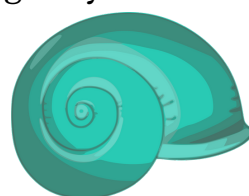
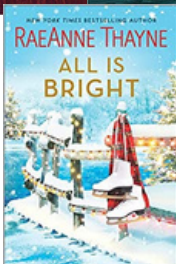
**COLLECT YOUR
PRIZE**



Booking Ahead

High interest titles added to the catalog and released in August/September

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



Next in Line by Jeffrey Archer

The Winners by Fredrick Backman

Treasure State: A Cassie Dewell Novel by C.J. Box

The Rising Tide by Ann Cleeves

Haven by Emma Donoghue

Daisy Darker by Alice Feeney

Oath of Loyalty by Vince Flynn

Captive by Iris Johansen

Hell and Back by Craig Johnson

Fairy Tale by Stephen King

Dark Music by David Lagercrantz

Robert B. Parker's Fallout by Mike Lupica

Clive Cussler's Hellburner by Mike Maden

A Song of Comfortable Chairs by Alexander McCall Smith

Falling Stars by Fern Michaels

Babysitter by Joyce Carol Oates

Blowback by James Patterson

A Truth to Lie For by Anne Perry

Carrie Soto is Back by Taylor Jenkins Reid

The Girl from Guernica by Karen Robards

Desperation in Death by J.D. Robb

Dreamland by Nicholas Sparks

Lucy by the Sea by Elizabeth Strout

Suspect by Scott Turow

All Is Bright by Raeanne Thayne

Historical Clippings

Three Lakes Museum

August 2022

We Have a Cow Pass?

Well, we had a cow pass, in some places called a cattle creep or underpass. It has been a part of Three Lakes for a long time, right there under our nose, but most have never seen nor heard of it. The following was written by Nancy Brewster to explain it's history.



The Old Cow Pass

Not very many people know about the cow pass under Highway 45 in Three Lakes. Bruce Brewster and his family know about it. The cow pass was constructed under the highway to connect the Maple Lake Dairy farm with the pasture on the other side of the highway. Bruce remembers moving cows through that cow pass twice a day many summers during his youth.



THREE LAKES
Dell Brewster has commenced work
on his new farm near this village.

The New North - 4 May 1911 - p 12 (Rhineland, WI)

His grandparents, Dell and Nora Brewster, owned the farm on the corner of Hwy 32 & 45. Dell started building the farm in 1911. . Four years later, in 1915, Dell built a barn for the cattle they would purchase.

Dell Brewster is building a new
barn on his place at Ever Green
Farm.

The New North, 24 Jun 1915, - Page 10 (Rhineland, WI)



In time, the farm would consist of a farmhouse, barn, and Maple Lake Dairy. Nora Brewster took care of the livestock, ran the dairy and the store while Dell purchased farm equipment for planting and harvesting. Nora had a knack for buying land and eventually they owned the land to the north on Maple Lake and the land to their south, where Bruce's parents, Norman and Jean Cunningham Brewster, eventually built their house and raised their family after World War II.

The Brewster farm was on the north side of the current Hwy 45. The cow pass was at the back of the barn. The cows were led to the narrow opening and walked in single file through the pass under the highway. The cow pass was constructed of sturdy wooden boards laid horizontally and nailed into place. The cows would come out on the south side of the road where they would spend the day grazing in the pasture.



This summer (2022), the old cow pass will be filled in as part of the reconstruction of Hwy 45. Bruce took his grandson, Liam, through the cow pass one final time to see the back of the old barn that Dell built in 1915.



The following is from the Maple Lake Dairy exhibit in the agriculture section of the Three Lakes Museum

Millard Brewster and his son Dell ran a sawmill in Three Lakes in the first decade of the 20th century. Dell returned to southern Wisconsin to claim a wife, Nora Nelson Brewster, who financed the purchase of a tract of land on Maple Lake. Dell bought the sawmill from his father and moved the operation to that land. Over the years Nora acquired several adjacent parcels of land and built a large barn.

Nora built up a herd of Guernsey dairy cows, the breed that had the highest butterfat content to their milk. Nora separated out the cream and made cheese and ice cream. They built a small store and had glass milk bottles imprinted with "Maple Lake Dairy." They sold their products to summer residents and tourists. Dell died in 1952 and Nora continued managing the operation for several more years. But the movement to form dairy cooperatives finally came to the north country and electricity became common even in the deep woods. Milk and cheese became widely available commercially, and the cost of maintaining a herd was quickly outstripped by the value of the lake front land.

The remnants of the dairy can still be seen in Three Lakes. A large white barn, now serving as storage for Watercraft Sales, hovers over Highway 45 South, just adjacent to the intersection with Highway 32. Beneath the highway there is a "cow pass" that allowed the cows to leave and return to the barn in safety from the field across the highway.

So, that's why we had a cow pass



Bruce Brewster and the Maple Lake Dairy label

From the archives -

Most pioneer families had a milk cow, two if they were lucky. Cows provided a daily source of milk to be churned into butter, or curdled into cottage cheese on the stove.

Dairying as a small Northwoods industry began in earnest around the beginning of the 20th century. The cut and burned-over land provided some pasture, though in the end not enough to sustain large industrial herds. Local dairying involved small, community-based dairy farms and creameries. Some farms combined the whole operation and produced cheese and ice cream for sale to the public. The invention of refrigeration and changes in transportation and competition from outside the region ultimately contributed to there being fewer Northwoods dairy operations.

