

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.

In these fast and overwhelming times...

As director, I want to ask everybody in the Demmer family to thank the amazing staff – Carolyn Eaglesham, April Hansen, Peter Kotarba, Candice Johnson, Erica Pertile - who work hard each day to make a Demmer a welcoming, service-oriented, and fun place to be.

Take Carolyn and me out of the equation and our staff average 1.4 years at the Demmer. We've said good-bye to a lot of friends due to retirement, marriage, family commitments, etc., but we've also gained incredible people over the last five years. Everybody who has come in has jumped in feet-first and learned fast to keep things flowing as seamlessly as possible.

I'm sad to leave a team with great potential, attitude, and work ethic right when things feel so promising. I will stay on through mid-February, but we haven't been able to hire a director when there are no affordable houses in the area. I have no doubt in anybody's ability to learn what they need to learn, but I also know the exhaustion of new things when you're still learning and a full-time person short.

Joan Rychlock deserves thanks for regularly volunteering 3-6 hours per week shelving, scanning book donations, organizing, and generally keeping us in line. As we get closer to being short on paid staff again volunteer commitment is crucial to keeping the train on the tracks.

Further, I'd like to express my gratitude to the seven volunteers making sometimes difficult decisions about the mission and purpose of our library. Ann Asbeck, Dianna Blicharz, Jeff Boehm, Steve Garbowicz, Kathleen Olkowski, and Patty Wallesverd, our Demmer Library Board of Trustees, do more than show up once a month to vote on a few policies and review financial statements. Often, they put in multiple additional un-paid hours to learn about new issues and make decisions that affect both staff and the community.

A special note of thanks and congratulations to Steve Garbowicz who will step off the board at the end of this year. During his 16 years on the board, he has hired three directors, participated in the 12 years of discussion and action on a new library building, and has routinely provided guidance on governmental procedure. His experience will be missed, but his "retirement" is well-earned.

Finally, thanks to you all for supporting our library and those who keep it ticking. May we have the luxury of taking everything it does and everybody who contributes for granted for years to come.

*Sincerely and with deepest gratitude,
Director Erica*

HOURS

MON/WED 9AM-7PM

TUES/THURS/FRI 9AM-5PM

SAT 9AM-2PM

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Three Lakes Genealogical Society



Next Meeting: There is no meeting in December. The Three Lakes Genealogical Society will be enjoying its annual Christmas party. The next meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, January 23, in the lower level on Demmer Library. Guests are welcome to attend.

The THREE LAKES GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY will present a free Beginning Genealogy Course beginning Tuesday, January 17, from 1-3:30 p.m. The classes will be on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month through the first week in May. If you can't attend on Tuesdays but are interested in Saturday morning classes, please use the contact information. Also, we hope to offer BlueJeans (similar to Zoom) in addition to the in-person experience. These classes are for those people who know NOTHING about genealogy and those who need a refresher course. This is a low-key class with lots of information. Note: There will be homework. For more information email familyhistory@demmerlibrary.org or call Nancy at 715-479-8971.

Book Club –The TLGS is not recommending a book for December, Instead, we recommend you read your favorite holiday stories.

ASK YOUR TLGS GENEALOGIST will not meet on Thursdays, December 22 and 29, because of the holidays. There will be a genealogist in the Local History Room from 2-4 p.m. on December 1, 8 and 15.

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

Before you meet with your family during the holidays, have some family questions prepared that you have always wanted to ask. How did Grandma and Grandpa meet? Do you know where they were married? You can ask about aunts, uncles, cousins, great-grandparents, places, and more. If you are prepared, you might learn priceless information.

Books the Other Channel Book Club

Tuesday, December 20--6:30 PM

in person or via BlueJeans

Books the Other Channel book discussion group will discuss *The River* by Peter Heller on December 20th 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

December 13th

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Demmer Tamarack Room

During Story Hour

In person or virtual w/BlueJeans

Find the groups monthly tips below:

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.



Is it Christmas Yet?

By: Mari Lynn Garbowicz



Traditions can become a favorite part of the holiday season. The familiarity and anticipation of doing something special as a family year after year is special.

One holiday activity that may become a family tradition is the 24 days of Christmas books tradition – a simple and educational twist on an advent calendar.

To do this, wrap 24 Christmas books and put them under the tree or in a special basket. Every night before bed, let your children choose a book to unwrap and then read it together.

The best thing about this tradition is that it doesn't have to cost a lot. To find the 24 books:

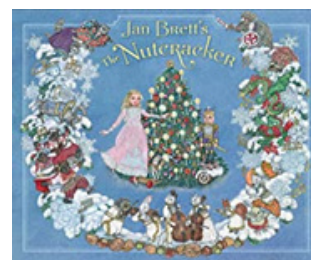
1. Use What You Have. Find Christmas books that you already have at your home.
2. Shop for Cheap Books. Go to thrift stores or use Facebook/Online Garage sales to find seasonal books.
3. Buy a Few New Books.
4. Use Your Local Library



Each night leading up to Christmas, your child selects one book to unwrap and then you read it together. You might want to save *The Night Before Christmas* for December 24th.

This activity adds so much excitement to the days leading up to Christmas, and it strengthens the bond between parent and child. Sharing a good story together is a wonderful way to create Christmas memories that will last a lifetime.

The Demmer Library is a wonderful resource for books you may want to include in this activity. Some suggestions are:



For the full list of book suggestions, please visit the Coffee and Kids Resource Page on the Demmer website.

EVENTS



Story Hour Demmer Library Tuesdays@ 9:45 am

Story Hour is 30 to 45 minutes of reading books, playing games, songs, and interactive fun.

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, December 12th @ 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.



Pokemon Club

Monday, December 19th

3:15 pm

Demmer Maple Room

Join us as we talk about Pokemon and learn how
to play the card game.



DROP IN YOGA

Starting November 3rd
10:00am - 11:00 am
Demmer Maple Room
Thursdays in November and December



Beginners welcome.
Class is facilitated by
yoga videos

Demmer Crafternoon

The 3rd Tuesday of each month
2:30pm
Demmer Libratory

Learn to make a different craft each month!
Registration is required.



WINTER USED BOOK SALE

SAT. DECEMBER 10TH 2022
9:30AM-12PM
DEMMEER LIBRARY
MAPLE ROOM

Hardcover--\$2.00
Paperback--\$1.00
Purchase and fill a tote bag
\$10.00



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Topics to be discussed: How to organize your genealogy; What is available at Demmer Library; What are pedigree charts and family group pages; How to contact relatives; How to store and preserve your documents and heirlooms; Genealogy software packages; Ancestry.com; Fold3.com; Familysearch.org; Findagrave.com; Land records; Probate records; Newspapers; and Writing a Narrative.

The instructor, Nancy Bailey, will guide the attendees with their research and will be available outside of class time. For more information email familyhistory@demmerlibrary.org or call Nancy at 715-479-897

Booking Ahead

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

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



Death of a Traitor by M.C. Beaton

Earth's the Best Place for Love by Elizabeth Berg

Storm Watch by C.J. Box

Wicked Dreams by Lisa Jackson

Collateral Damage by J.A. Jance

More Than Meets the Eye by Iris Johansen and Roy Johansen

Unnatural History by Jonathan Kellerman

The House at the End of the World by Dean Koontz

Sleep No More by Jayne Ann Krentz

Someone Else's Shoes by Jojo Moyes

3 Days to Live by James Patterson

The House of Wolves by James Patterson

Encore in Death by J.D. Robb

Without a Trace by Danielle Steel

The Cliff's Edge 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

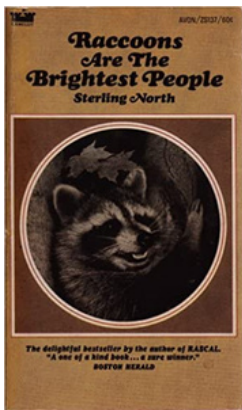
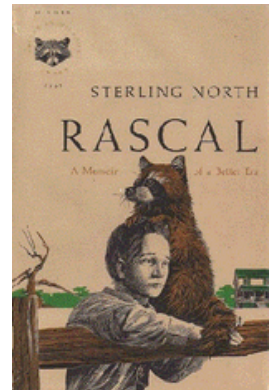
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Carl Marty Was a Lot of Things to Three Lakes and in Japan, a Cartoon Character?

This month's *Clippings* is a great example of the value of historical archive preservation and how those asking questions can also add some amazing context to the collection.

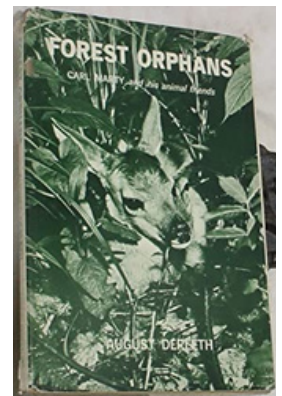
This past July a local historian on the board of the Sterling North Society in Edgerton, WI, contacted the Museum with questions regarding Carl Marty. He is writing a book about Sterling North's "Rascal" book from 1963 and how it was adapted to a Disney movie in 1969 and a Japanese anime series in 1977. There is always interest in Carl Marty, the Northernnaire and Showboat, and of course the animals, so we were ready to find some answers. We were certainly surprised then that while the museum was able to help him, he in turn provided us with information that we were unaware of.

The Sterling North Society operates the museum of the boyhood home of North, author of the 1963 book *Rascal*, a book of his childhood memories of raising a baby raccoon in the early 1920's in rural Wisconsin. The cute baby raccoon grows into an adult and begins to do what adult raccoons do - raiding cornfields and hen houses - always at the risk of being shot by irate neighbors. The young Sterling is faced with releasing Rascal back into the wild.



North's sequel to *Rascal* was *Raccoons Are the Brightest People*. Written in 1968 from the perspective of an adult, he talks about relationships of animal with animal and people with animals. In cases where a wild creature is injured and cannot survive on its own, North believed it was possible to rehab those animals, especially raccoons. Featured in chapter five of this book is Carl Marty, an established advocate for wild animals.

For many reasons North may have known about Marty. Marty's Northernnaire entertainers and wild animals were advertised across the country. Marlin Perkins of Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom fame had a show in the 1950's called *Zoo Parade* where in a winter episode Marty introduced all of his animal friends. And in 1964, August Derleth, another Wisconsin author, published *Forest Orphans - Carl Marty and His Forest Friends*.



Just making some connections to get to the Japan part

Fast forward a little to the mid 1970's

from our Sterling North historian -

*In 1976, Japanese animators created an anime series based on Sterling North's book *Rascal* and lifted stories from the Carl Marty chapter in *Raccoon's Are the Brightest People*. They transformed him into a younger and more handsome fellow, and transplanted him and the hotel into the anime. So Carl is a character in a half-dozen of 52 episodes of this very well-known Japanese series from 1977.*

The series was dubbed into a half-dozen languages and distributed world-wide - but never in English or to the USA.



It is difficult without context or translation to know who and what is happening here. The buff bearded guy appears to be comforting Ginger or Rusty, Carl's Cocker Spaniels. He then is confronted by a well dressed balding man with a gun? This man is next seen on the porch of a hotel, but not the Northernaire, instead the Hotel Three Lakes, again with a gun.

Araiguma Rasukaru, literally Raccoon Rascal, the Japanese version, revolved around a young boy who decided to save an animal discovered by a hunter. As the boy attempted to make the raccoon part of his family, he soon realized it wouldn't work and decided to release Rascal back into the wild.

Unfortunately the lesson of the story, raccoons don't make good pets, seemed to be lost on the Japanese who began importing record numbers of the non-native raccoons yearly. Just as in *Rascal* and the final episodes of *Araiguma Rasukaru*, the adult raccoons became unmanageable and the invasive species were released into the wild. By 2008 raccoons could be found in all of Japan negatively affecting the ecosystem. It is estimated that possibly 80% of Japan's ancient temples have been damaged by the animals. Raccoons have been deemed pests in Japan and are banned from further import. Without any natural enemies, the Japanese government decided to adopt a 0% tolerance policy where the goal is to kill as many raccoons as possible. Yikes!

