

# 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.

## *A Thank You Valentine*

When I started at the Demmer Library in 2018, the library was housed in the former Choo Choo store on Superior Street. It had a welcoming feel despite its petite size. It had a distinct book store vibe. It was unique. I started as a limited term employee desperately hoping I could "prove" myself and have full time someday. I was enrolled in college classes as I worked. I enjoyed doing both at the same time as it gave me great discussions in both areas.

Fast forward to 2023, and here I am amazed that I get to continue supporting this library. Not only has the Demmer been integral in my graduating my program, it has been a lynch pin in my life. The relationship and collaborations that I have made while working here have brought joy and emotional currency to my work and home life.

I am honored to be the Demmer's Interim Director while we look for the next right fit for our amazing library. And I can't wait to add more programs once we find our next team member.

Thank you,

*- Director-ish, April Hansen*

## **HOURS**

**MON/WED 9AM-7PM**

**TUES/THURS/FRI 9AM-5PM**

**SAT 9AM-2PM**

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# Three Lakes Genealogical Society



**Next Meeting:** Monday, March 27, 1 pm, in the Maple Room. Need to get rid of your winter doldrums? We can do that! The Three Lakes Genealogical Society is here to help you with your family genealogy research endeavors. Our meetings are at 1:00 p.m. on the fourth Mondays of the month, All levels of genealogists are invited to attend. Topic – Tips for Searching on FamilySearch, Ancestry and Google.

"Ask Your Three Lakes Genealogical Society Genealogist" is open for business every Thursday in the Local History Room of the library; no appointment is necessary.

Book Club – at-home reading

Ladies of the Lights: Michigan Women in the U.S. Lighthouse Service by Patricia Majher. Available at Demmer and Amazon.com

In 2023, the TLGS Book Club recommends books for at-home reading. We don't meet in person but we wish to recommend a book for your enjoyment every month. The books are available at Demmer Memorial Library in Three Lakes, Walter E. Olson Memorial Library in Eagle River, Amazon.com and/or Kindle. Be sure to check the libraries first; they often have interlibrary loans.

The books recommended for the first half of 2023 are:

**March** - *Ladies of the Lights: Michigan Women in the U.S. Lighthouse Service*

by Patricia Majher

**April** – *The Sterling Affair* by Nathan Dylan Goodwin

**May** – *Badger Boneyards: the eternal rest of the story* by Dennis McCann

**June** – *In the Blood* by Steve Robinson



## 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](mailto:familyhistory@demmerlibrary.org) or call Nancy at 715-479-8971.



## Genealogy Tip

When searching for women, search by her initials. Many assume that men are more prone to be recorded by their initials, but it is common for women also, depending upon the circumstance. And, of course, don't forget to search for women as Mrs. Husband's name. This is common even in the 1950s and 1960s.  
Source – Genealogybank.com

## Books the Other Channel Book Club

**Tuesday, March 28--6:30 PM  
in person or via BlueJeans**



Books the Other Channel book discussion group will discuss *Aurora* by David Koepp on March 28th 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)**

# Coffee and Kids



## 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:



## Hear Ye, Hear Ye Read All About It!!!



By Mari Lynn Garbowicz

Coffee and Kids has enjoyed providing the community with resources to aid in promoting literacy to your child. Hopefully, Coffee and Kids discussions and information provided in the Demmer Library Newsletters have been valuable to you.

We are letting you know that Coffee and Kids will no longer be meeting at the Demmer Library in its current format. Perhaps, we will be able to provide something different in the future. Please let your Demmer Library staff know if there is a specific topic that you may want to see discussed, and we will work to accommodate your request.

You also will not see the Coffee and Kids section in the monthly newsletter. However, you will be able to access previous information by logging onto the Demmer website ([demmerlibrary.org](http://demmerlibrary.org)) and accessing the Library Page newsletter. There you will find links to all the previous Coffee and Kids resources. Back articles can be found under the heading of "Programs".

Coffee and Kids wishes you and your child a magical journey with literacy and books. We sincerely hope that the information provided through this program was relevant and useful for you and your child.

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



# EVENTS



## Story Hour Demmer Library Tuesdays@ 10 am

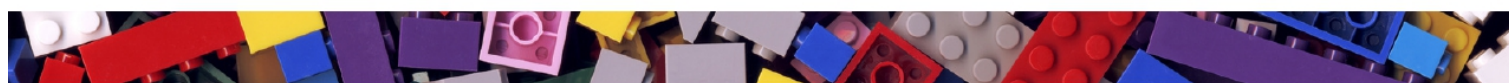
Story Hour is 30 to 45 minutes of reading books, playing games, songs, and interactive fun.

## 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](mailto:librarian@demmerlibrary.org) to get your invitation to our game.



## Lego Club

Monday, March 13 @ 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, March 20**

**3:15 pm**

**Demmer Maple Room**

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



# DROP IN YOGA

Mondays & Wednesdays  
11:15am  
Demmer Maple Room



Beginners welcome.  
This FREE 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.



## Yearly Candidate Forum

Every year the Demmer Library Board of Trustees work on planning a candidate forum for the town of Three Lakes. Details are still being worked out for this years event that may take on a different look. Please check the Demmer website and facebook page later in the month for more details.

Need a portable CD player for your  
music or audiobook?

**\*\*Now available behind the front  
desk for check out!\*\***



## JOIN OUR TEAM



## Library Director

We're still seeking a skilled, motivated, community-minded leader to take the Demmer Library into it's next chapter. Are you or do you know an experienced librarian or administrator who is looking for the chance to live and work in a professional setting in Three Lakes?

To apply, submit a letter of interest and current resume to:  
[director@demmerlibrary.org](mailto:director@demmerlibrary.org),  
subject: Library Director  
Application

Read more at <https://demmerlibrary.org/employment/>



# Booking Ahead

High interest titles added to the catalog and released in March/April

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



*Simply Lies by David Baldacci*

*Earth's the Right Place for Love by Elizabeth Berg*

*Woman of the Year by Darcey Bell*

*My Heart Will Find You by Jude Deveraux*

*Forget What You Know by Christina Dodd*

*Wyoming Wild by Sarah M. Eden*

*Desolation Creek by J.A. Johnstone*

*Mother of the Bride Murder by Leslie Meier*

*Someone Else's Shoes by Jojo Moyes*

*The Rescue by T. Jefferson Parker*

*The 23rd Midnight by James Patterson*

*Dark Angel by John Sandford*

*The Wedding Planner by Danielle Steel*

*Hang the Moon by Jeannette Walls*

*Two Wars and a Wedding by Lauren Willig*



## 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

March 2023

## 1808 Superior Street

Back when the town was laid out by the railroad and land developers, the first block on the north side of Main Street was divided into seven parcels with equal street frontage. On the corner today is the hardware store at 1812 Superior Street. The Kelley Law Office is at 1804 Superior Street. On the parcel address 1808 is the Rental store portion of the hardware store.

Like all businesses on that block, the parcel at 1808 has lots of history. First to claim that location was FS Campbell who came to Three Lakes to run a general store. In 1886 he opened his business in a small frame building on the *south* side of the road. By 1902 he had outgrown that white frame building and sold it to Andrew Hanson, a leather boot maker. Hanson immediately moved the building across the street and then built his house next to it at number 1804.

FS, intending to insure his new two story Mercantile would last for all time, opened his new store in 1902 in the only brick building in town at number 1808.

(The Dobb's building on the opposite corner looks similar but was built in 1924 after the tornado knocked down that frame building)



In the early days, Campbell's mercantile shared the block with four other store owners - Dobbs, Neu, McNinch and Olkowski. All businesses were thriving as Three Lakes was growing.



So much changed in May of 1908 when a still to this day unexplained explosion leveled the uninsured building. Believing bricks were his insurance against fire, FS did not have insurance money to rebuild. He moved to a farm outside of town and developed potato farming techniques that brought successful agriculture to this area setting Three Lakes history in motion.

1808 became an empty lot between the damaged, underinsured McNinch store on the corner and Hanson's house and business on the other side.

The next occupants at 1808 are not disputed though some names and dates are a little fuzzy. In 1911 Herman and Augusta Puls had come to the Three Lakes area and purchased 10 acres of land on Deer Lake and established a resort. They built several log cabins for guests to rent, and named their place Chicago Resort or Deer Lake Lodge.



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Augusta Puls cooked all the meals. Frequent guests were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Marty, Sr. and the Walter Olson family. Several acres of their property were sold to the Marty's for a cabin which set more Three Lakes history in motion.



In 1918, the resort was sold and Mr. and Mrs. Puls moved to Three Lakes. Cy Williams drew up plans for a 17 room hotel which was completed in 1920 and named Hotel Badger. At 1808 Superior Street Lodging and meals were provided, with Mrs. Puls again doing the cooking. She thought the town of Three Lakes was the greatest.

Times were difficult during the Depression and the hotel was sold to the Gus Anders family. The Puls moved to Sugar Camp on Highway A.



From Les Anderson -

*In September of 1938, the Hotel Badger was purchased by Gus C. and Sadie I. Anders, and Orville Basch. These three were already owners of the Black Forest. G.C. Anders worked in Chicago as a stock trader, and Mrs. Anders stayed in Three Lakes and operated the Chalet. Orville Basch assisted at the Black Forest and Chalet.*



*In the fall of 1944, the old Badger Hotel was remodeled following plans by Cy Williams into the Swiss chalet style. It had been renamed the Chalet Hotel in 1939, but now looked the part.*

*In February of 1949 the Chalet was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eickenberger.*

*In May of 1951, the Eickenbergers sold the Chalet to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sadowski, Jr.*

Tragically The Chalet was lost to fire in March of 1992 and was razed that summer.

