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## HOURS

MON/WED 9AM-7PM

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# Three Lakes Genealogical Society



The Three Lakes Genealogical Society welcomes guests and new members regardless of their knowledge of their family's genealogy or how to do genealogy research. We are a group of beginners progressing to very advanced in our genealogical endeavors. Our members will help those researchers answer those hard-to-find genealogical questions. Call Nancy Bailey 715-479-8971 or email [familyhistory@demmerlibrary.org](mailto:familyhistory@demmerlibrary.org) for more information.

**Next Meeting** – Monday, September 25, at 1 pm in the Maple Room (lower level) of Demmer Memorial Library. The program is Members Helping Members – members and guests are welcome to bring their genealogical brick walls to the meeting for members to offer suggestions for finding those difficult to find records.

**Book Club** – At Home Reading for August – *It's All Relative: Adventures Up and Down the World's Family Tree* by A. J. Jacobs. It is available at Demmer Memorial Library and Amazon.com. September's book is *The Foundlings*, the next book in the Genealogical Crime Mystery series by Nathan Dylan Goodwin. It is available at Demmer Memorial Library and Amazon.com.

We Are Three Lakes also wishes to connect with the community – schools, organizations, service organizations, resorts, library, historical society, etc. It is an excellent way to brag and showcase your group. We are planning an informational meeting in early August so you can see all the possibilities of this site. For more information, contact the Three Lakes Genealogical Society at [familyhistory@demmerlibrary.org](mailto:familyhistory@demmerlibrary.org) or call President Nancy Bailey at 715-479-8971.

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## 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

"Build Up the Bigger Picture. Research other connected lines of your family tree. Your elusive ancestor's stories will often be intertwined with their siblings' and extended family members'. Discovering their records is often key to getting farther.

Source: Find My Past

## Books the Other Channel Book Club

**Tuesday, September 26--6:30 PM  
in person or via BlueJeans**

Books the Other Channel book discussion group will discuss *The Paper Daughters of Chinatown* by Heather B. Moore on September 26 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)



# WRITING SERIES

FOUR EVENTS TO GET YOUR  
WRITING MIND THINKING



**THURSDAYS IN SEPTEMBER**  
**@1:00PM IN THE DEMMER**  
**MAPLE ROOM**

**SEPT 7TH**-BEGINNING THAT BOOK YOU  
ALWAYS WANTED TO WRITE W/AUTHOR  
**DAVID CARLSON**

**SEPT 14TH**-FLASH FICTION WRITING

**SEPT 21ST**-YOU CAN SOMETIMES TELL A  
BOOK BY ITS COVER—ART LEADS THE WAY  
W/AUTHOR **DAVID CARLSON** AND ARTIST  
**KATHY CARLSON**

**SEPT 28TH**-FLASH FICTION READING



# EVENTS



## Story Hour Demmer Library Tuesdays@ 10 am

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



First Monday of the month, starting Monday, October 2nd  
Games, crafts, trivia and more.....

Monday, May 6 @ 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

## Lego Club Monday, September 11 @ 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, September 18**  
**3:15 pm**  
**Demmer Maple Room**

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



# LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when the Demmer joins the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries nationwide to remind everyone about the valuable resources available with a library card.

From borrowing books, ebooks, and audiobooks to getting tech help, learning new skills, or attending a book club or story time, a library card helps everyone do more of what they enjoy. If you don't have one, ask a librarian about getting one!

## DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS CLUB

**First and Third Sundays @ 5:00pm**

**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.



## **TEEN LIBRARY COUNCIL**

**Youth Ages 12-18**

Every 4th Monday starting:

Monday, September 25

Maple Room

4:00pm-5:00pm

- Make decisions about teen spaces, programs and books.
- Earn volunteer hours needed for graduation.
- Participation looks good on college and job applications.
- FOOD & FUN



## *Demmer Crafternoon*

The 3rd Tuesday of each month

2:30pm

Demmer Libratory

This month we will make junk journals!

Registration is required.

**The Library will be closed on  
Monday, September 4th for Labor Day.**

# Booking Ahead

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

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



*Bright Lights, Big Christmas* by Mary Kay Andrews

*Traitors Gate* by Jeffrey Archer

*The Long Game* by Elena Armas

*Dead on Target* by M.C. Beaton

*The Golden Gate* by Amy Chua

*Every Duke Has His Day* by Suzanne Enoch

*Code Red* by Vince Flynn

*The Armor of Light* by Ken Follett

*Blessing of the Lost Girls* by J.A. Jance

*Reykjavik* by Ragnar Jonasson, Ragnar/ Katrin Jakobsdóttir

*The Neighbors We Want* by Tim Lane

*All You Have to Do Is Call* by Kerri Maher

*The Stranger Upstairs* by Lisa M. Matlin

*Santa and Company* by Fern Michaels

*The September House* by Carissa Orlando

*12 Months to Live* by James Patterson

*23 1/2 Lies* by James Patterson

*Death by a Thousand Sips* by Gretchen Rue

*Second Act* by Danielle Steel

*Main Character Energy* by Jamie Varon





# Historical Clippings

Three Lakes Museum

September 2023

The Museum staff just has to mention an exciting museum Happening! On the list of summer projects, the Visitor Center exhibit area was finally completed with the installation of the display board above the artifact case. Now the rotating displays can easily be changed without damage to the wall. Thanks to those involved in making this happen!

This month's *Clipping*, another in the series of the **Superior Street Project**, is based on the current display in the Visitor Center. While you can read about the history of the bank here, you will have to stop in to see the "modern", recently donated, money counting machines bank tellers once used.

## *It's Always Been a Bank* 1784 Superior Street



1912



1920



1968



1992

Clark G. Kuney opened the State Bank of Three Lakes on November 6, 1912 with capital of \$10,000 which increased to \$25,000 by July 25, 1918. Kueny and his relatives and business associates continued to do business until April 2, 1923, when the bank was closed by order of the state banking commissioner who found that it had accumulated too much "frozen paper" or frozen assets.

*"The direct cause of the closing of this bank is the result of the former management which was of the one-man type making excessive loans to various enterprises in which he (Kuney) was personally interested."*

The Capital Times (Madison, Wisconsin) 04 Apr 1923, p9

This may have indicated suspicious illegal activity but Kuney was acquitted of all charges in a jury trial.

The closed State Bank was reorganized as People's State Bank and was chartered in August of 1923. Fred H. Dobbs, who also owned a general merchandise and grocery business, had substantial land holdings, and owned a local hardware store and resort cottages in the area, was named bank president.

The original bank reorganization papers, on display in the exhibit, were signed by many other notable, recognizable Three Lakes businessmen.

A bank has always occupied the location of the current bank at 1784 Superior Street since 1912.

Maybe not as headline grabbing as Bonnie and Clyde, Three Lakes still made the news with a bank robbery as told by Ed Epler in *Eighty Years in God's Country*

Burt Louk, the Three Lakes town constable in the 1920's, also owned a taxi service. One day he drove a man several places in the morning and was supposed to meet him in front of the bank at one o'clock for a ride to Rhinelander.

Unbeknownst to Burt, the man had just robbed the bank and locked the young cashier, Harry Olkowski, in the vault. A device had been installed on the vault door to hold it open about three inches and Harry kept a rifle in there, but since Harry knew the robber, he felt they could catch him without a shooting.

When Burt got home from delivering the man to Rhinelander, Harry told him what had happened at the bank. Notifying the authorities, the bank robber was caught at the Rhinelander depot waiting for the southbound train - right where Burt had left him!

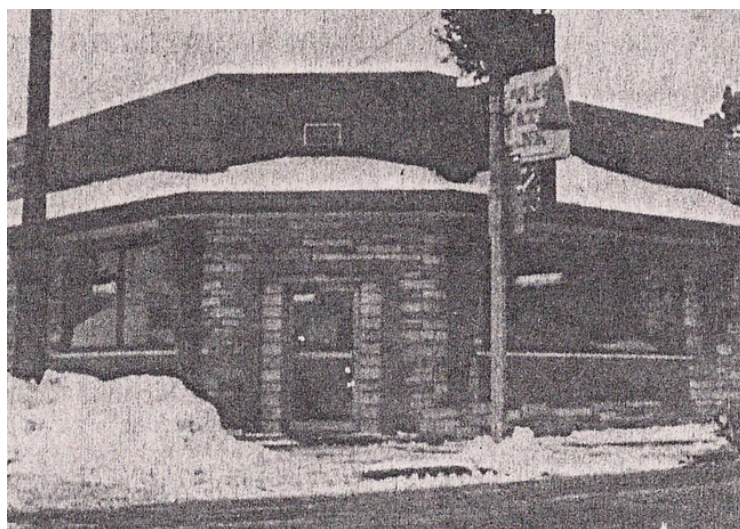
**Burt Louk appears in many pages of Three Lakes history and wore many hats -**

Born in 1867, Burt came to Three Lakes as a child. From 1886-1895 he was a guide on the lakes and in the woods for hunters and fishermen. He married Minnie Bender of Three Lakes in 1890 and they raised a family here.

In 1895, Burt ran a livery service. First with a horse and wagon and later a Maxwell automobile.

He owned a 22-foot launch holding 10 passengers which was used for pleasure parties on the entire chain of 27 lakes. Because of his knowledge of the area, 1912 found him in real estate.

Burt also owned a 40 acre seed potato farm, was deputy sheriff of Oneida County and Director of Peoples State Bank in the years 1911 -1912.



Does anyone  
remember this ?