

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.

Exciting news for our community – the Demmer Library has secured a \$500 grant to introduce a board game collection at the library! Whether you're a seasoned strategist, a casual player, or just looking for a fun and social activity, our diverse selection of games will have something for everyone. See the list below for a preview of the first wave of games hitting the shelves.



Travel through time with Carcassonne, a tile-placement game set in Medieval France. Compete to develop the southern landscape by strategically placing tiles and claiming features with your meeples. A classic with simple rules and endless replayability.



Journey back to the Renaissance with Splendor, a chip-collecting and card development game. Amass wealth and prestige by building your gem collection and purchasing development cards. It's a game of elegance and strategy that's easy to learn yet offers deep gameplay.



Discover the captivating world of Wingspan, a competitive, medium-weight, card-driven, engine-building game tailor-made for bird lovers. Build your preserve strategically to attract a variety of feathered friends, each with unique abilities.



Enter the world of espionage with Codenames, a spy-themed word game. Give and guess clues to uncover your team's agents while avoiding the opposing side. It's a party game that combines deduction and strategy, suitable for large groups and endless entertainment.



Cooperation is key in Pandemic, a thrilling cooperative board game. Join forces to prevent global outbreaks of four deadly diseases. The strategic challenge and urgent theme make it an immersive and exciting experience for all player

HOURS

MON/WED 9AM-7PM

TUES/THURS/FRI 9AM-5PM

SAT 9AM-2PM

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Three Lakes Genealogical Society



Make plans to participate in Three Lakes Genealogical Society in 2024. We meet at 1-3 pm on the 4th Monday of the month in the Maple Room of Demmer Library in Three Lakes. We have been growing. Remember our society welcomes genealogist of all levels – very beginners to experienced. For more information, contact Nancy at 715-479-8971/815-543-7904 or email familyhistory@demmerlibrary.org.

Next Meeting – The Three Lakes Genealogical Society won't be meeting as usual because we have our Holiday Party this month. We hope you have a wonderful Holiday Season. You might discuss your family traditions, histories, stories, and ancestors during your holiday events.

Beginning Genealogy Class –

The Three Lakes Genealogical Society is offering an 8-session Beginning Genealogy Course at Demmer Memorial Library in Three Lakes beginning on Monday, January 8. Meeting on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the months January through April, it will be at 10am to noon in the Maple Room.

The course will explain, demonstrate and provide practice in doing basic genealogy research. It will begin with the basics of sound research practices, discuss where to look for genealogical evidence, and take you to different types of genealogical websites. Research charts, documentation and organization will be covered.

Genealogical software, online subscription options and numerous free websites will be discussed. Guided support for researching and building your tree will be provided. Contact Dottie Winger at 608-234-7788 or dwinger67@yahoo.com with questions or to reserve a seat. A PowerPoint will be shared for you to follow along during class. Please bring a laptop or tablet to each session.

Book Club –At Home Reading

For December – TLGS recommends you choose your favorite holiday books to read with your family or as an individual. The classics always work! Can you find new classics?



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

If your ancestor is difficult to find, try searching newspapers. You can go to historical centers and libraries in your family's area, search free sites online, or search pay sites online. These records can be more fun because, instead of just the basic information, you find more interesting – and sometimes WOW – because you might find marriages, obituaries, arrest reports, and more

Books the Other Channel Book Club

Tuesday, December 19--6:30 PM

in person or via BlueJeans

Books the Other Channel book discussion group will discuss Horse by Geraldine Brooks on December 19 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



Join Us in Shaping the Future: Become a Demmer Library Trustee

Are you passionate about books, literacy, and the positive impact that libraries have on communities? If so, the Demmer Library has an exciting opportunity for you. We're on the lookout for a dedicated individual to join our Board of Trustees. This is your chance to help shape the future of our beloved library and ensure it continues to thrive and serve our community effectively.

The Role of a Trustee

The Board of Trustees plays a vital role in guiding the Demmer Library's mission. As a Trustee, you'll be responsible for making important decisions and providing strategic direction to the library. It's a commitment that can have a profound impact on our community and ensure that our library remains a vibrant center for knowledge, learning, and cultural enrichment.

What We're Looking For

We're seeking an enthusiastic individual who is willing to commit to a three-year term, starting in January 2024. If you have a passion for books, education, and community service, we encourage you to submit your name for consideration. To express your interest in becoming a Trustee, please send an email to aasbeck41@gmail.com by Friday, December 1, 2023. In your email, include the following information:

Your name

Address

Phone number

Email address

A brief statement describing why you're interested in serving as a Trustee

Learn More and Get Involved

If you have questions about the responsibilities and impact of a Trustee, feel free to contact the Library Director, Peter Kotarba, at 715-546-3391 or director@demmerlibrary.org.

At the Demmer Library, we believe that community involvement is essential in shaping the future of our institution. Your participation as a Trustee can help us continue to be a strong and dynamic resource for our community.

By joining the Demmer Library's Board of Trustees, you can play an essential role in our mission to connect people to the transformative power of knowledge by providing opportunities to explore, learn, create, and share.

We look forward to hearing from individuals who are as passionate as we are about the incredible influence libraries have in our community. Help us continue our journey of fostering a vibrant, educated, and engaged community.

EVENTS



Story Hour Demmer Library Tuesdays@ 10 am

Story Hour is 30 to 45 minutes of stories, games, songs, and interactive fun.

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Harry Potter Club at the Demmer Library

Monday,
December 4th

Games, crafts, trivia and more.....



Lego Club

Monday, December 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, December 18

3:15 pm

Demmer Maple Room

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



DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS CLUB

First and Third Sundays @ 6:00pm

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 to get your invitation to our game.



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THE OFFICIAL NAME OF THE DEMMER TEEN LIBRARY COUNCIL
Youth Ages 12-18

December 14, 3:30pm in the Demmer Libratory

- 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

Registration is required.

Monthly Writing Group

December 14th @ 1:00pm

Demmer Maple Room

Beginning writers as well as established authors are encouraged to attend, share writing projects, successes and help each other.



Free Gift Wrap Station

STARTING NOVEMBER 22 &
RUNNING THE MONTH OF
DECEMBER

Sneak away to the library's Tamarack Room and use the free wrapping supplies this holiday season. Available during open hours.

Hard to wrap presents around the kids? Let us help!



Booking Ahead

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



Everything Is Not Enough by Lola Akinmade Akerstrom

Keep Your Friends Close by Lucinda Berry

Bulletproof Barista by Cleo Coyle

Night Shift by Annie Crown

Silent City by Sarah Davis-goff

Blood Sisters by Vanessa Lillie

Guy's Girl by Emma Noyes

The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters

A Grandmother Begins the Story by Michelle Porter

The Lost Tomb by Douglas Preston

Dead Mountain by Preston and Child

Today Tonight Forever by Madeline Kay Sneed

Sweet Thing by David Swinson

Fancy Meeting You Here by Julie Tieu

The Engagement Party by Finley Turner



Mitten Tree available at the Demmer Library

The volunteers at the Reiter Center have collected mittens and socks for the community to take. Items will be available in the vestibule during open hours of the library and are free for the taking.



Historical Clippings

Three Lakes Museum

November 2023

This story has one more page. To read it please visit our website demmerlibrary.org

Searching Local Newspapers

And Watching the Details of a Story Unfold

Not all of Three Lakes history has been retold or published or saved in the museum archives. One way to uncover "new" old stories is to go through local newspaper collections. This search could be general or direct and can sometimes lead to unexpected results. This story of a Three Lakes hunting tragedy in 1912 is a great example. Read through the articles and see how the details emerge.

A special thanks to Les Anderson for doing all of the footwork on this story!

SET GUN FATAL TO SUPERIOR MAN
SUPERIOR, Wis., Nov. 5.—Stumbling over a hidden "set" gun, Stanley R. Currie, 22, principal of the Three Lakes, Wis., school, was killed Sunday.
It is believed that Currie unsuspectingly walked into the hidden instrument of death in the thick brush, and received the full charge.
The use of set guns is against the law and prosecution is expected.

"SET" GUN TAKES A LIFE

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The Vilas County News (Eagle River, Wisconsin) Wed, 06 Nov 1912, p5

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The New North (Rhinelander, Wisconsin) Thu, 07 Nov 1912, p4.

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Immediately after the shooting J.H. Korzilius and M.H. Thompson, deputy sheriffs at Three Lakes, went to the scene, but were unable to find the gun, although the wire and other evidence of the death trap were visible. It is believed that whoever placed the gun in the woods either saw or afterward learned of the shooting and hastened to remove the weapon before the officers arrived.

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The Grand Rapids Tribune (Grand Rapids [Wisconsin Rapids], Wisconsin) Wed, 13 Nov 1912, p8

HOLD WUNDERLICH FOR MAN'S DEATH Coroner's Jury Finds- He Set Gun Which Took Life Of Stanley Currie
 Rex J. Wunderlich, a prominent farmer and hotel keeper of Three Lakes, was arrested Saturday afternoon on the charge of having placed the set gun which caused the death of Stanley R. Currie, the Three Lakes school principal, on Sunday, November 3.

Wunderlich's arrest followed the verdict of the coroner's jury that investigated the shooting of Currie. The inquest was conducted in this city Saturday afternoon by Coroner Chas. Decanter. The Jury after the completion of testimony found that the gun which ended-the life of Mr. Currie was placed in the woods by Wunderlich. Their verdict was as follows:

"That said S.R. Currie came to his death at a place about 3 miles north of the village of Three Lakes, Oneida county on the 3rd day of November, 1912, at about 6:45 a.m. Further that the deceased came to his death by being shot by a set gun, said set gun having been set and placed in position by R.J. Wunderlich of Three Lakes."

Wunderlich is held on a charge of manslaughter. His bail was placed at \$5000 which was furnished late a Saturday night. His hearing was adjourned until Saturday, Nov. 20.

At the inquest three witnesses were examined, R.J. Wunderlich, W.J. Neu and Archie Nelson. The witnesses were not permitted to hear each other's testimony. It was chiefly through the testimony of Archie Nelson, a youth, that Wunderlich was held. Nelson testified to being with Wunderlich when he placed the death trap, which killed Currie, in the woods. The gun, Nelson stated, was set on the Saturday before the tragedy. The boy's admission was secured through the efforts of Sheriff Crofoot and District Attorney Fricke, who by shrewdly questioning Nelson in private gained from him the startling evidence.

Wunderlich is a resident of Three Lakes and well known throughout the county. He has many business interests in this county and elsewhere. He formerly lived in Antigo.

The New North (Eagle River, Wisconsin) Thu, 14 Nov 1912, p1