

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.

As part of our commitment to serving the community, we want to highlight an initiative aimed at reaching out to our homebound neighbors who may be unable to access the services provided by our local library.

The Demmer Library is not merely a repository of books but a hub of resources and opportunities for personal growth, education, and entertainment. We offer books, audiobooks, DVDs, magazines, CDs, and more to our patrons to enjoy. However, we recognize not everyone in our community is able to physically visit the library due to various reasons, including health concerns, mobility issues, or age-related limitations.

In light of this, we want to keep you apprised of the homebound services offered by the Demmer. These services are designed to bring the library experience directly to individuals who are unable to leave their homes. These services include:

1. ****Home Delivery:**** We invite homebound folks to contact us to share their likes/dislikes/needs/etc. Library staff will then choose materials we think they'll enjoy and deliver them straight to their homes on a regular basis! Additionally, homebound individuals can request specific books or materials, and have them delivered directly to their doorstep.
2. ****Digital Library:**** Through the library's digital platform, Libby, homebound individuals can access a vast collection of e-books, audiobooks, and magazines from the comfort of their homes using their smartphones, tablets, or computers.

If you know any folks unable to leave their homes, we encourage you to spread the word about these invaluable services. By sharing these important local services, we can ensure that everyone, regardless of their circumstances, has access to the enriching resources and opportunities provided by our local library. If any folks are interested, please have them call 715-546-3391 or email demmer@demmerlibrary.org to get started. Thank you for your continued support in making our community a more inclusive and supportive place.

HOURS

MON/WED 9AM-7PM

TUES/THURS/FRI 9AM-5PM

SAT 9AM-2PM

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Three Lakes Genealogical Society



Do you WATL? Does your organization WATL? Of course, you ask, "What is WATL?" WATL is We Are Three Lakes - a website designed by the Three Lakes Genealogical Society to gather and share information about people and various groups in the Three Lakes area - Three Lakes, Sugar Camp and Clearwater Lake.

You can share photos, genealogy information, histories, stories and more about family members. Camps and resorts can share photos and history. Everyone can participate! Businesses, churches, community organizations, schools, and many other organizations can share information on We Are Three Lakes. Family members, former campers, etc, from across the country can find memories and information on WATL.

Members of the Three Lakes Genealogical Society can help individuals or come to your organization to explain the website and explain how you can participate. We can help you input your old photos or special stories into WATL or do it for you.

You can access the We Are Three Lakes website at our Three Lakes Genealogical Society website - 3lgs.org. The link is in the left column. While you're in the TLGS website, take a minute to familiarize yourself with what TLGS does.

So, the answer to "Do you or does your organization do WATL?" should be, "We should! Show us how!"

Remember you are always invited to attend our meetings. Our April 22nd meeting begins at 1 pm. The program, Writing Family History Narratives: Stories, Biographies and Memoirs" begins at 2 pm. We meet in the Maple Room of Demmer Memorial Library in Three Lakes.

The TLGS Book of the Month for At Home Reading is Sarah's Key by Tatiana de Rosnay. It is available at Demmer Memorial Library and Amazon.com.

For more information about Three Lakes Genealogical Society, please contact TLGS President Nancy Bailey at 715-479-8971 or familyhistory@demmerlibrary.org.



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

What is the Code of Ethics for Genealogy?
Promote research results and opinions in a clear, well-organized manner and local history.
Source: theconversation.com

Books the Other Channel Book Club

Tuesday, April 26--6:30 PM

in person or via Zoom

Books the Other Channel book discussion group will discuss *Having Our Say: The Delany Sister's First 100 Years* by the Delany Sisters on April 23 at 6:30 PM

Meet in person at the library or join online via Zoom. 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





Monthly Writing Group

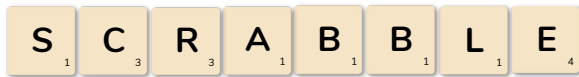
April 18th @ 1:00pm
Demmer Maple Room

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



Demmer Crafternoon

The 3rd Tuesday of each month
2:30pm
Demmer Libratory
Registration is required.



Drop In Play

2nd & 4th
Thursdays
1 pm-3 pm
Demmer Fireplace
Area

How many of us miss playing a good game of Scrabble? Stop by the Demmer on the dates and times listed as we bring Scrabble players together.



READY, SET, PARTIAL ECLIPSE

Monday, April 8th @ 2:00pm

Join us at the Library as we view the partial eclipse. Eclipse starts at 12:55pm, reaches max at 2:08, and ends at 3:20pm. Glasses will be provided!

READY, SET, GROW

Wednesday, April 10th @ 6:30pm Demmer Maple Room

Join us as we participate in a webinar with gardening expert Melinda Myers. Use container gardens to boost the color and seasonal interest in any size landscape, garden, balcony, or deck. You'll learn strategies for extending your enjoyment year-round by transforming all or a portion of the container planting with the changing seasons.

READY, SET, SILENT READ-IN

Friday, April 12th @ 12:00pm-2:00pm

April 12th is Drop Everything and Read day. Join us as we celebrate by silent reading in some of our coziest spots in the library. Cozy refreshments will be served.

EVENTS



Story Hour Demmer Library Tuesdays@ 10 am

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

Harry Potter Club at the Demmer Library

Monday, April 1st
3:30pm
Tamarack Room



Crafts, games, trivia and more



Lego Club

Monday, April 8th 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, April 15th

3:15 pm

Demmer Maple Room

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

Ready

Set

LIBRARY

NATIONAL
LIBRARY WEEK

April 7-13, 2024

Hey library lovers, it's that time of year again—National Library Week! We need your help spreading some library love by sharing what you appreciate most about the services and resources your library provides.

We want to know how YOU library!

Participating is easy:

- Snap a pic or shoot a video showcasing your favorite thing about your library.
- Post to Instagram, X, Threads, or on the I Love Libraries Facebook page with the hashtag #HowILibrary.
- And don't forget to tag your library to let them know how much they are appreciated!

What's in it for you?

Grand Prize (1 winner): A VISA gift card (\$150.00 USD value) and choice of one ALA Graphics poster.

Second Prize (3 winners): Choice of one ALA Graphics poster.

So, let's see those book stacks, creative reading spots, and all the adventures that libraries take you on! If you don't have a photo to share, check out the Library Elements graphics at ilovelibraries.org.

Join the #HowILibrary movement, and let's make this the best National Library Week ever! Official rules coming soon!

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

NO Teen Advisory Council for March!

Happy Spring Break!!!!

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

Booking Ahead

High interest titles added to the catalog and released in April.

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

Stag by Dane Bahr

Just for the Summer by Melody Carlson

Lost Man's Lane by Scott Carson

The Best Way to Bury Your Husband by Alexia Casale

Kill for Me, Kill for You by Steve Cavanagh

A Catered Quilting Bee by Isis Crawford

Sleeping Giants by Rene Denfeld

Don't Turn Around by Harry Dolan

The Marriage Sabbatical by Lian Dolan

Good Half Gone by Tarryn Fisher

Has Anyone Seen Charlotte Salter? By Nicci French & Jane Collingwood

The Vacancy in Room 10 by Seraphina Nova Glass

The Trail of Lost Hearts by Tracey Garvis Graves

The Still Point by Tammy Greenwood

Everyone Is Watching by Heather Gudenkauf

Manila Takes Manhattan by Carla De Guzman

Just for the Summer by Abby Jimenez

Kill Me Tomorrow by William Johnstone & J.A.

Johnstone

Bye, Baby by Carola Lovering

Daughter of Mine by Megan Miranda

The Mars House by Natasha Pulley

Wolf at the Table by Adam Rapp

The North Line by Matt Riordan

The Truth About the Devlins by Lisa Scottoline

The Wartime Book Club by Kate Thompson



Historical Clippings

Three Lakes Museum

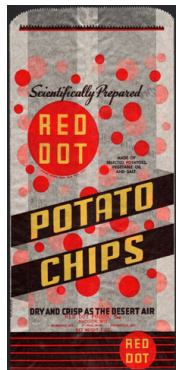
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Red Dot - Potato to Chips

Potato chips have been around for a long time. Legend has it that the potato chip was invented at a resort in Saratoga Springs, New York, in 1853. The story goes, a chef at the resort cooked up the paper-thin fried chips as a snarky reply to a diner who had complained that his fried potatoes were too thick and greasy.

While gaining in popularity, for many years chips were still produced by small, regional potato chip manufacturers who kettle-fried them in small batches for the store sales. Customers scooped the chips out of barrels or glass display cases into paper bags. But chips sold this way quickly went stale.

Frederick J. Meyer and his wife Kaye, students at the University of Wisconsin Madison, started a snack food business to support themselves and by the time they graduated in 1932 they had a thriving business selling packaged snacks to Madison area grocers. It soon became apparent that potato chips were their best sellers. In 1938 they purchased a continuous potato chip making machine, built a factory and called their business *Red Dot Foods*. This also happened to be the same year the H.W. Lay & Company in Atlanta, Georgia, got its start.



Then how did the Madison based Red Dot Foods connect with the Northwoods? There were three things. When the Meyer's first started packaging and selling chips in 1938, they used glassine bags instead of metal cans. The number one manufacturer of glassine bags was the Rhinelander Paper Mill. Later in 1942, Meyer purchased over 4000 acres for a farm near Sugar Camp in Oneida County, the old logging town originally called Robbins west of Three Lakes. The primary purpose of the Red Dot Farm was to develop potatoes varieties, searching for the perfect potato for chips. It included a chip factory on Rhinelander's



north side that put these varieties to test. Among the major potato chip manufacturers of that time, Red Dot was the only one to grow its own potatoes and invest in long-term agricultural testing to improve productivity and crop quality.

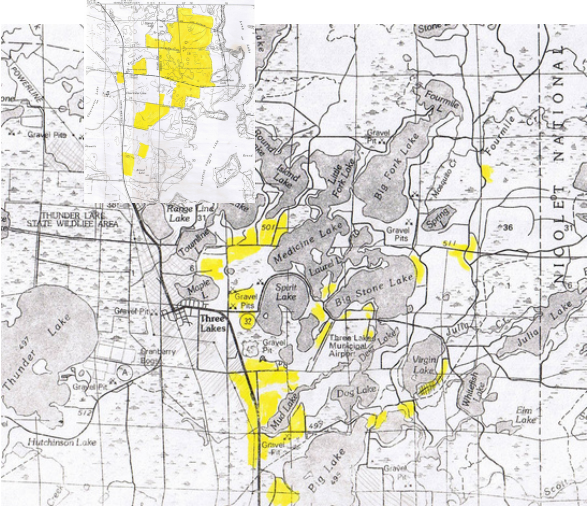
And maybe a slight reach, in 1894 the Joseph Godlewsk family had come to Three Lakes. Son George farmed the area that was purchased in 1912 by Leonard Starks, known as the "Potato King". After Starks death, his daughter, Lelah Starks took over and eventually a section that farm became the UW-Madison Rhinelander Agriculture Research Station for potato research that benefited Red Dot Foods.



By the end of the 1950's, Red Dot was at the peak of its popularity in a field of about 250 regional potato chip manufacturers. And there were only four big ones. These included Blue Bell on the West Coast, Morton in Dallas, Lays in Atlanta, and Fred Meyer's Red Dot in Wisconsin.

By 1961 Red Dot owned eight factories, two potato farms and 83 branch warehouses throughout the country. In May of that year Meyer sold it all to the H.W. Lay & Company. By the 1970's, Lay & Co. had become Frito Lay, Red Dot had been sold again, and finally shut down in 1973.

The foundation for Red Dot Foods history in the Northwoods started well before the Meyer's. As the logging and lumber era came to a close just after 1900, Three Lakes turned to farming the vast cutovers. Eventually after trial and error it was determined that the naturally sandy soil was best suited for growing potatoes. Family owned and operated potato farms were everywhere north and south of the town. Potato growing as a major crop had begun in central Wisconsin in 1890 and was establishing itself in the Three Lakes area by 1910. Much of the early success of potato farming in Three Lakes could be attributed to the work of F S Campbell.



One of Three Lakes earliest general store operators, Campbell moved back to his farm south of town to grow potatoes after losing his store, the only brick building on Superior Street, to a dynamite explosion in 1908.



Soon he received local and regional acclaim for growing prize-winning potatoes. By 1915 he was crowned the "Potato King of Wisconsin" and lectured about potatoes all over the state. Specializing in seed potatoes, Campbell pioneered potato farming in Oneida County. One famous quote from the Milwaukee Journal, November 1915, is "Mr. Campbell helped materially to make Oneida County the champion potato county in the United States as determined by this show".

As the new potato economy took off, larger operations settled in as seed potato production was in demand. By the 1950's, farms like Sunset / Oneida and Winkler's, had expanded to the hundreds of acres. Equipment was modernized. Irrigation pipe brought water to the fields. Warehouses were built in Three Lakes and just north of town near the railroad tracks and long lines of rail cars transported the potatoes to distant destinations. By the 1970's though things were slowing down. The last passenger train departed Three Lakes in 1971 and in June of 1980 the very last freight train made its way out of the station. The line was abandoned, tracks removed and the large potato farms of Three Lakes were abandoned or sold.

The Sugar Camp potato fields west of Three Lakes tell a different story. Henry Sowinski and his sons Alvin and David of Sowinski Farms had already been farming and growing potatoes when Fred Meyer brought Red Dot Foods north. They made their connection with Red Dot in the early years, contracting to provide chip potatoes to the Rhinelander processing plant. When Meyer sold to Lay, they continued their business commitment to providing chip potatoes for processing. By not depending on rail transportation, Sowinski's instead grew their fleet of transport trucks to expand their business. This and an ongoing generational family business model has led them to be Frito Lay's longest potato supplier.



This early photo is of Henry Sowinski, his sons, Alvin and David, and one of his grandsons in a field.

In case you missed it, March 14th is National Potato Chip Day. But really, any day is a good day for chips!