

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.

Dear Patrons,

As winter settles in, February brings opportunities to embrace the season while **exploring** your community. Here at the library, we're excited to offer engaging programs and events to **share** with each other and **learn** from the expertise in the area. Whether you're venturing out for a unique activity or cozying up for a night of entertainment, there's something for everyone this month.

Ice Fishing Series

Get hooked on winter fun with our Ice Fishing Series with Scottie from Scottie's Bait & Tackle! Whether you're a seasoned angler or a curious beginner, his presentations will have you ready to tackle the frozen lakes with confidence. He is speaking from 5-5:45 February 4th-6th (each day with a new topic!) all leading up to the Maple Lake Frozen Ice Challenge on February 8th. Thank you, Fish & Wildlife and Explore Three Lakes Visitors Bureau, for what promises to be an exciting event!

Silver Screen Sweethearts

Celebrate love in all its forms with our Valentine's Day Movies! On February 13th, love is in the air with special movie showings of Casablanca, An Affair to Remember, and Roman Holiday! Beginning at 10am with Casablanca, settle in for classic romance and snacks with your special someone.

Whether you're angling to get outside or enjoying the season from the heart-warming indoors, we hope you'll join us for these special events and more.

As always, thank you for making our library a vibrant part of the community. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Warm regards,

Jill
Library Director

HOURS

MON/WED 9AM-7PM

TUES/THURS/FRI 9AM-5PM

SAT 9AM-2PM

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Three Lakes Genealogical Society



On February 24th, the Three Lakes Genealogical Society will view a webinar by Robyn Smith titled "Putting it all together - making sense of the research you've done." This presentation tackles the issue of organizing the mass of documents, binders, and files to help you tell the story of your family. She will share examples of the kinds of tables and tools she uses for organization, analysis and citations. She will help you to better understand what records you have and be able to use them more efficiently. All are welcome to view it with us in person or through Zoom.

Don't forget to visit Ask Your Three Lakes Genealogist on Thursdays, 2-4 pm, in the Local History Room. A TLGS volunteer will be there to help you with your genealogical questions.

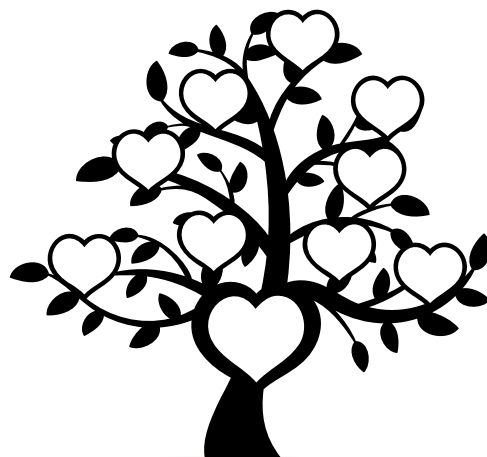
In the local history room there is a computer dedicated to genealogical research as well as a curated collection of genealogical books for check out.

For more information about the Three Lakes Genealogical Society, please contact TLGS co-president Mari Lynn at 715-891-1146 or co-president Beth at 715-477-1617, or familyhistory@demmerlibrary.org.

TLGS website: www.3lgs.org

TLGS email: familyhistory@demmer.org

We Are Three Lakes: <http://3lgs.org/TNG/index.php>



Books the Other Channel Book Club

Tuesday, February 25th--6:30 PM

in person or via Zoom

Books the Other Channel book discussion group will discuss *The Charm School* by Nelson DeMille on February 25th 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 is welcome!

To register call 715-546-3391 or email librarian@demmerlibrary.org



SILVER SCREEN SWEETHEARTS

THURSDAY, 13 FEBRUARY, 2025

DEMMER MAPLE ROOM

3 CLASSIC ROMANCE FILMS ON VALENTINE'S DAY

CASABLANCA -- 10AM-12PM

AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER -- 12:30PM-2:30PM

ROMAN HOLIDAY -- 3PM-5PM



FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE
DEMMER LIBRARY AT 715-546-3391 OR
EMAIL DEMMER@DEMMERLIBRARY.ORG



Story Hour Demmer Library Tuesdays@ 10 am

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

(Arrival/social time begins at 9:45am)



Monday, February 3rd
3:30pm
Tamarack Room



Crafts, games, trivia and more!

Lego Club

Monday, February 10th 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.



DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS CLUB

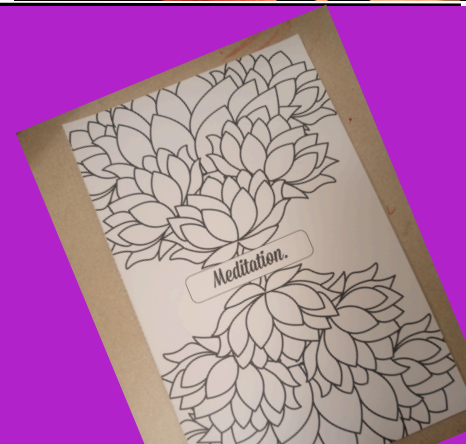
First and Third Sundays @ 6:00pm

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.



TEEN TAKE AND MAKES

A grab bag of crafts will be in the Young Adult Department for the month of February.





Monthly Writing Group

TWO MEETINGS THIS MONTH!

Thursday, February 6th @ 1:00pm

Thursday, February 20th @ 1:00pm

Demmer Maple Room

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



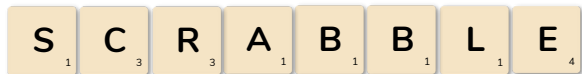
PROVIDING SUPPORT AND RESOURCES FOR OUR VETERANS.

Veterans Services Office Hours

Demmer Library

Every 3rd Wednesday

12-4 PM



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.



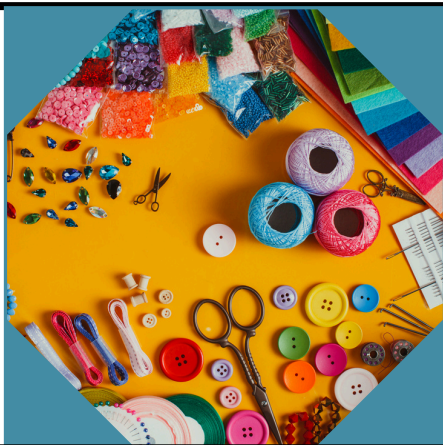
Demmer Crafternoon

The 2nd Tuesday of each month

2:30pm

Demmer Libratory

Registration is required.



ICE FISHING SERIES

Knowledge and tips with Scottie
from Scottie's Bait and Tackle

FEBRUARY 4TH-6TH

5-5:45PM

DEMMEER MAPLE ROOM

- Three sessions
- Three different topics
- From tip ups to tip downs
- Something for everyone!

Booking Ahead

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



Out of the Woods by Hannah Bonam-Young

Haunting and Homicide by Ava Burke

The Note by Alafair Burke

Lie for a Million by Janet Dailey

Mask of the Deer Woman by Laurie Dove

The Stolen Queen by Fiona Davis

Order of Swans by Jude Deveraux

Hold Strong by Robert Dugoni, Jeff Langholz & Chris Crabtree

Isola by Allegra Goodman

Deep End by Ali Hazelwood

The Sequel by Jean Hanff Korelitz

The Invitation by Vi Keeland

The Last Room on the Left by Leah Konen

The Crash by Freida Mcfadden

We All Live Here by Jojo Moyes

Paranoia by James Patterson & James O. Born

The Rules of Fortune by Danielle Prescod

Bonded in Death by J.D. Robb

The Inheritance by Trisha Sakhlecha

Better Than Friends by Jill Shalvis

Stay in the Light by A.M. Shine

Earl Crush by Alexandra Vasti

Good Dirt by Charmaine Wilkerson

Tell Me What You Did by Carter Wilson

We Do Not Part by Han Kang, E. Yaewon, Paige Aniyah Morris

The Rainfall Market by You Yeong-Gwang & Slin Jung



Historical Clippings

Three Lakes Museum

February 2025

In the early 1970's a group of dedicated Three Lakes residents were working hard to promote and improve the community. One successful and popular event that *Three Lakes Unlimited*, a volunteer group, ran for more than a decade was the Ice Box Derby at Sheltered Valley.

Phil Burnside, former publisher of the 1970's Three Lakes newspaper *Northern Son*, was a field editor for *SnoTrack* magazine when this article he wrote on this event was published in the January 1980 issue.

In Three Lakes, Wisconsin, a new winter sport was created from scrap materials, family teamwork and good old American ingenuity. They call it...

THE ICE BOX DERBY

The six-year-old racer adjusted his gloves, feeling the tension every competitor feels just before the moment of truth. His helmet muffles much of the outside sounds—race officials talking track conditions, setting heats, preparing the course—and he is alone with his thoughts.

He looks over at the competition. It's a mean-looking sled, black with chrome exhausts and a wrap-around windshield. His opponent looks straight ahead, up over the starting ramp and into the deep blue sky ahead. Neither racer can see the hill below, dropping like a cliff to where, so far down, the flagman marks the finish.

"Ready, gentlemen?" Both racers look over the starter, who holds the release lever calmly. They each nod their heads. No time now for fear.

Suddenly the starting chute flips forward and the long, smooth hill comes into full view. Hundreds of spectators, tiny in the distance, are spread out along the course. The race is on, and now there is only time to wrestle your sled and the hill, only time to shift your weight to help steer. The handlebars feel like the only solid thing in the whole world, and you're gaining speed fast.

You feel the wind on your cheeks, feel every bump on the carefully prepared track. There's that rough spot ahead, and you brace yourself to make sure you don't lose control like three others before you already have.

Your skis hissing on the compacted snow, you're sure you'll make it over, and you do, without any trouble at all. For the first time in the race you take your mind off your sled long enough to look around. You're halfway down and still gaining speed. Your competitor is only feet away, and falling back slowly. You're beating him out, but it's going to be close. You've seen other races lost in the last split second, and you know you don't have that trophy in your hands yet. You have to run at least two more heats to win it all. Your opponent starts gaining and you begin to worry. You bring your attention back to your sled, focusing your entire body on making it move even faster. You strain in your seat as if you could push your 80-pound rig just that little extra.

You cross the finish line to a cheering crowd. You've won, but just by a foot. As your sled glides to a stop, you smile and wave. You've done it. You've made it through this heat.



The young racers compete one-on-one off a starting ramp, down a long hill at Sheltered Valley to the finish line. An Open Class lets their folks get a taste of the fun too

photos by Kurt Krueger and Phil Burnside

The annual Ice Box Derby at Three Lakes, Wisconsin, was started five years ago as a weekend diversion at the end of winter. It was an excuse for families to get out and enjoy the warming spring sun, and for fathers and their youngsters to build their own sled and find out how good a job they could do as a team. The event caught on in a big way.

Last winter over 25 sleds competed in the day-long Derby with over 60 entrants in the five weight classes. The kids can enter in Flyweight, Bantamweight, Lightweight or Heavyweight classes. (Racers use sandbags to bring their sleds up to racing weight.) At the end of the day, the adults get their chance to join in the racing fun with a special Open Class event.

What is an Ice Box Derby racer? In appearance it is very similar to the more traditional summer Soap Box Derby racer, except the body is mounted on downhill skis rather than wheels.

Ingenuity is the guide word, and every year new design principles are utilized, some featuring fully-enclosed cockpits, four-point independent suspension and rack and pinion steering. The more basic rigs, however, have always performed well.

Each sled in competition is required to have steering and braking systems equal to their job, and must meet certain requirements as to width and length of skis, overall width and length and, of course, weight limits dictated by class. In most cases, the sled's sponsor will change drivers as weight classes change, making for even wider participation.

There are no requirements as to specific construction details, but the builder of any sled should be aware that a 60- pound rig with a 60-pound or heavier rider will have to take considerable punishment on the way down the course. Build your sled stronger than you think you need to. Many who don't never reach the finish line.

Building the sleds, regardless of how they end up in the standings at the end of the day, is always rewarding for everyone involved. Dad gets to spend some time on those long, cold winter nights with his son or daughter planning and building the rig, and more often than not Mom gets involved too. Towing the sled behind the family snowmobile for just plain fun or for serious secret testing on secluded hillsides or experimenting with new lubricants only adds to the fun.

Youngsters down to four years old have all competed safely, and while there are always some spills during the day, no injuries have ever occurred during the races. Contestants are required to wear helmets and some parents have built their sleds with roll cages and lap belts for added safety.

How do the racers get back up to the top of the hill for the next run? In Three Lakes, the Derby sponsors borrow the municipally-owned, Northern Lights Snowmobile Club operated trail drag tractor, a Tucker Sno-Cat for the day. Several racers are hitched up behind the Sno-Cat and dragged to the top. Individuals who often use their Derby sleds as kiddie-tows on family snowmobile outings, usually bring their snowmobiles for hauling the kids back to the top on practice runs.



Old snowmobile parts never die—they fade into Ice Box Derby racers, the winter equivalent of the Soap Box Derby machine

And the six-year-old racer who won his Lightweight heat? He lost the trophy in the final heat to an outstanding sled made of skis, a big plastic wastebasket and a steering set-up salvaged from a 1968 Panther. But already he's planning next year's sled. The Ice Box Derby will be back and so will he. And he's sure he can beat them all.