
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 Valued Patrons,

As we step into a new year, the Demmer is excited to bring you fresh opportunities for growth and connection. We've partnered with local organizations to offer enriching workshops, events, and foster stronger community bonds. Keep an eye on our calendar for exciting programs (ice fishing anyone?)!

We're expanding our Library of Things with new additions like light therapy lamps, ring lights, and *coming soon* state park passes, enabling you to explore and create without extra cost. Have a suggestion? Let us know—your input shapes our offerings.

This year we're aiming to explore new technologies to inspire creativity and learning. Thank you for being part of our journey—together, let's make 2025 a year of discovery and connection.

As always, we're looking for help with fundraising. If you're looking for an opportunity to help with book sales and finding new ways to support the library, the Friends of the Library could use you!

Have a happy new year!

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HOURS

MON/WED 9AM-7PM

TUES/THURS/FRI 9AM-5PM

SAT 9AM-2PM

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Three Lakes Genealogical Society



2025 Beginning Genealogy Course

When:

2nd and 4th Mondays of each month, January through April, 9:30am to 12:30pm

Where:

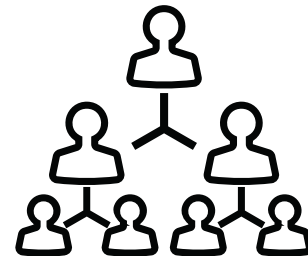
Demmer Library, Three Lakes, WI in the Maple Room on the lower level.

Presented by:

Three Lakes Genealogical Society

Your Instructor:

Dottie Winger



Contact Dottie at 608-234-7788 or dwinger67@yahoo.com with questions or to reserve a seat.

This 8-session 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. Breaks and practice time are built into each meeting.

Recommended supplies: Please bring a laptop to each session (or use one of our spares). Notebook, binder, and pen/pencil suggested but not required. Print the handouts shared via Google Drive to avoid copying fees. Download the presentations shared via Google Drive before each class.

Books the Other Channel Book Club

Tuesday, January 28th--6:30 PM

in person or via Zoom



Books the Other Channel book discussion group will discuss Codename Nemo: The Hunt for a Nazi U-boat and the Elusive Enigma Machine by Charles Lachman on January 28th 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

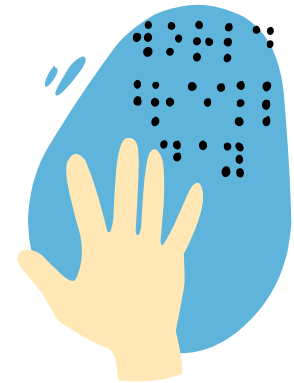
JANUARY IS BRAILLE LITERACY MONTH

INTRODUCTION TO BRAILLE

Even if you don't need to learn braille by touch, it is a useful skill to learn braille by sight too. As well as fostering foster empathy and understanding towards people who are blind or visually impaired, it allows readers to engage more effectively with this community, whether it's through writing notes, labeling items, or exchanging messages.

SO... WHO INVENTED IT?

Louis Braille was a French educator and inventor who is best known for developing the braille system, a tactile reading and writing system used by people who are blind or visually impaired.



Louis Braille was born on January 4, 1809, in Coupvray, France. At the age of three, he accidentally injured his eye with a tool in his father's workshop, leading to an infection that spread to his other eye, resulting in total blindness. Despite his visual impairment, Braille excelled in his studies. He attended the Royal Institute for Blind Youth (Institut National des Jeunes Aveugles) in Paris, where he later became a teacher.

While at the Royal Institute for Blind Youth, Braille began working on developing a system that would allow blind individuals to read and write independently. In 1824, at the age of 15, he introduced the braille system, which consists of raised dots arranged in cells, with each cell representing a letter, number, punctuation mark, or musical notation.

Initially, the braille system faced resistance from some educators and institutions. However, its efficiency and effectiveness gradually led to its widespread adoption. Braille's system revolutionized education and communication for people who are blind, providing them with access to literature, information, and opportunities for education and employment.

Check out the Libratory this month to find more braille literacy activities



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, January 6th
3:30pm
Tamarack Room



Crafts, games, trivia and more!

Lego Club

Monday, December 13th 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

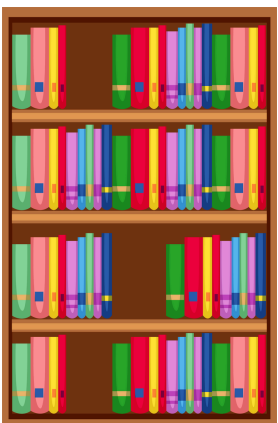
@Demmer Maple Room. Lego Club is for children of all ages. Come and free build with your friends or play Lego Creationary.



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.



Library "Shelfie" Day

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Visit the Library's Selfie Station! Then make sure to share your "shelfie"!



Monthly Writing Group

Thursday, January 16th @ 1:00pm
Demmer Maple Room

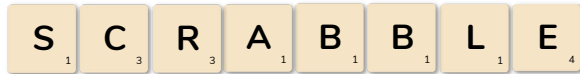
Beginning writers as well as established authors are encouraged to attend, share writing projects, successes and help each other.



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.



Coming in February!

ICE FISHING

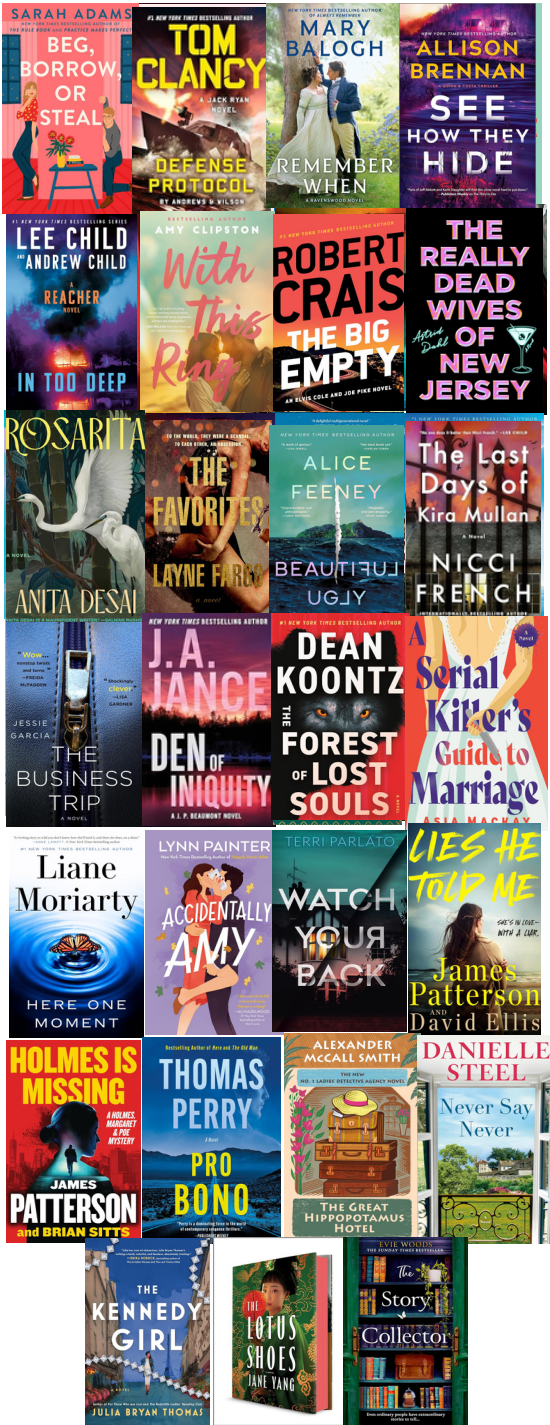
With Scottie!



Booking Ahead

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

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



Beg, Borrow, or Steal by Sarah Adams

Tom Clancy Defense Protocol by Brian Andrews & Jeffrey Wilson

Remember When by Mary Balogh

See How They Hide by Allison Brennan

In Too Deep by Lee Child & Andrew Child

With This Ring by Amy Clipston

The Big Empty by Robert Crais

The Really Dead Wives of New Jersey by Astrid Dahl

Rosarita by Anita Desai

The Favorites by Layne Fargo

Beautiful Ugly by Alice Feeney

The Last Days of Kira Mullan by Nicci French

The Business Trip by Jessie Garcia

Den of Iniquity by J.A. Jance

The Forest of Lost Souls by Dean Koontz

A Serial Killer's Guide to Marriage by Asia Mackay

Here One Moment by Liane Moriarty

Accidentally Amy by Lynn Painter

Watch Your Back by Terri Parlato

Lies He Told Me by James Patterson & David Ellis

Holmes Is Missing by James Patterson, James & Brian Sitts

Pro Bono by Thomas Perry

The Great Hippopotamus Hotel by Alexander McCall Smith

Never Say Never by Danielle Steel

The Kennedy Girl by Julia Bryan Thomas

The Lotus Shoes by Jane Yang

The Story Collector by Evie Woods

Historical Clippings

Three Lakes Museum

January 2025

In *The Pine the Plow and the Pioneer, vol. 1*, the late Walt Goldsworthy described in his article, *Water ... Wood ... Wildlife - The Three Lakes Story*, attributes of early settlers.

The architects of Three Lakes history, per se, were a colorful lot. As they passed across the lakes and through the pine forests they wove a pattern of life rich in courage and determination. The land was hard and the life style rugged. It bred humor, pathos and strength of character. Some failed, some anchored their roots into the land, others driven by a restless spirit moved on to distant Horizons. The passing of each fathered interesting incidents which reflect the evolution of the community.

Frank Epler was born in Warsaw, Indiana, in 1859, where he and his father cut fire wood and sold it to the Pennsylvania Railroad for their wood burning engines.

He came to Dunbar, Wisconsin, with a party of deer hunters in 1902, in search of a new home. Having heard of the Northwoods and lakes, when deer season was over they went to North Crandon (Argonne now). As the Soo Line Train did not stop at Gagen they had to get off at North Crandon and walk to Three Lakes. When they arrived at Stone Lake Bridge, they talked to a farmer who told them there were twenty seven lakes in this chain, that there were a few summer cottages and a couple resorts, and that all the lakes were good fishing lakes.

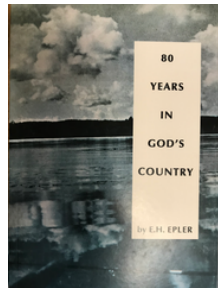
Epler, a carpenter who loved hunting and fishing, saw the future building potential, and moved his family here in 1904. Epler built actively in the next twenty five years. In 1905 he built Lakeside Resort for Wesley Beach and he built Carl Marty Sr. 's first summer home, south of the Northern Hotel.

In 1912, he helped build the bank, which is solid concrete.

Ed Epler was the young son of Frank Epler. Frank was a builder, Ed became a mechanic. He married Olga Johnson, built a home on Lake Julia and in 1973 published his stories of life in Three Lakes as he remembered it -

80 Years in God's Country

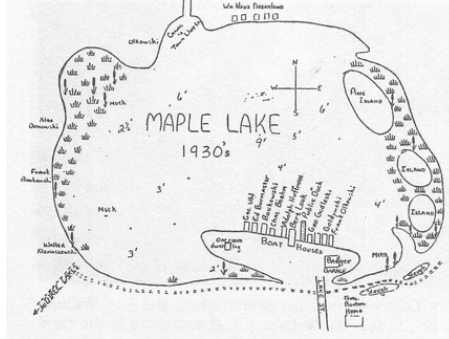
Epler's recollections of Three Lakes past is a wonderful read. It's finally in Chapter 13 that the Milwaukee Sentinel's *Jaunts with Jamie* wrote "*When the Auto Age Came to Three Lakes*". Epler talked about his history with early automobiles, mechanics, the roads and repairs. And for the 40 years owned the Badger Garage, a corner landmark on Superior Street across from the depot. This Clipping includes excerpts taken directly from the book with images from the Museum archives.



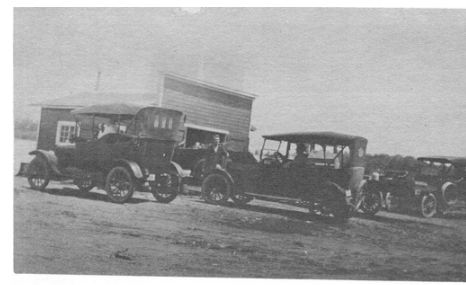
*...and 40 at the
Badger Garage
on Superior Street*

From *Jaunts With Jamie* -

"Ever since Ed Epler retired from the garage business at Three Lakes in 1960 we've been pestering him to tell us about the early days of the motor car which he helped to pioneer in Oneida and Forest Counties. He finally consented. In 1910 Ed was employed by Ace Rhinehart and together they built a little shop at Maple Lake, the first of a chain of 27 lakes. (** see the note below on Maple Lake) The shop was built to repair boat engines, mostly inboards at that time. Rhinehart built two launches which he used for trips over the chain. I drove a livery boat, said Ed. My pay was \$1.00 a day and the days were long.



Shop equipment included a Delco light plant, a small lathe, and a few hand tools, including one for smoothing babbitt in connecting rods. There was a blowtorch for preheating crankshafts before pouring babbitt, two babbitt ladles and two bearing scrapers. It was all pretty primitive said Ed. If we got a 750/o fit on a bearing that was considered very good and stood up well.



The first garage built on the bar at Maple Lake in 1910 to service and repair marine engines.

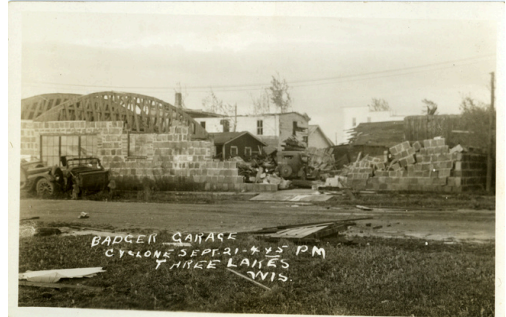
We also had a forge. If a piston ring broke, Mr. Rhinehart would make a new one from a cast iron bearing of an old wagon wheel.

I was the self-starter. It was always my job to start the tight, newly repaired engines with a hand crank to wear in the rings and bearings. Gasoline was shipped to Three Lakes in 50 gallon drums, carted to the shops and dispensed to the customers in one gallon containers. Mr. Rhinehart was a very particular mechanic.

Three Lakes residents began to buy their first cars from about 1912 to 1917. William J. Neu, a merchant, bought a 1912 Ford and installed a one gallon gas pump in front of his store - the first in town. Clark G. Kuney built the bank in 1912 and bought a 1913 Buick, the first car to make the then arduous trip to Rhinelander-22 miles. Today without exceeding the speed limit, you can make the trip from Three Lakes to Rhinelander in half an hour. Half a century ago it took Clark Kuney from sun up to sun down to make the journey in his 1913 Buick. The roads were not only impossible but impassable, said Ed.

In 1917 Ed and Ray Barker purchased the shop from Ace Rhinehart. When they went into service during World War I they sold out to Joe Kaskey and after the war bought it back. In 1920 they bought a downtown lot and built a garage. They enlarged the bulding in 1924 and began selling Chevrolets and Chryslers.”

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The Badger Garage employed up to eight mechanics to service the local and the tourist trade. Never less than four employees were on hand seven days a week. Like most of the town, the Badger Garage was not spared by the tornado that ran right through Three Lakes September 21, 1924. The Town was resilient and rebuilt. Ed Epler rebuilt the Garage. His roots were anchored to this community.



** *Jaunts With Jamie* referred to Maple Lake as being part of the Chain. This was only temporary as a canal was dug from Townline Lake to Maple Lake in 1904 to aid transportation to outlying lakes with no road access. A miscalculation in lake levels resulted in a drop of 8 feet in Maple Lake creating the sand bars. By 1939 it was determined the canal was no loner needed and the dam put in place raised Maple Lake levels back to normal. Refer back to the April 2021 *Clippings* to read more.