

# 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 Library Patrons,

As we gather to celebrate Thanksgiving, I am reminded of the abundant gifts our library community shares throughout the year. Like a welcoming table set with favorite dishes passed down through generations, our library has become a place where knowledge, stories, and community connections are shared and cherished. Your steadfast support and engagement with our programs, collections, and services have made 2024 truly a year of abundance for which we are deeply thankful.

From the record attendance at our summer reading program to the thoughtful discussions at our book clubs, from the laughter of children during story hour to the quiet concentration of students in our study rooms – you have brought these spaces to life in countless meaningful ways. Your suggestions have helped shape our collections, and your participation has made our community events successful beyond measure.

As we look toward the future, I want to share two meaningful ways you can give back to help ensure our library continues to thrive. Consider joining our dedicated Friends of the Library group, where volunteers support everything from book sales to special events. Your time and talents can make a real difference in expanding our programming and reaching more community members. Additionally, the Library Foundation's end-of-year giving campaign provides vital support for innovative programs, technology upgrades, and collection enhancements that our regular budget cannot cover. Your tax-deductible contribution, of any size, helps us build a stronger library for generations to come.

Thank you for making our library a cornerstone of learning, discovery, and community connection. We are honored to serve you and look forward to many more chapters together.

Warmest regards,  
Jill Roth

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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



Happy Thanksgiving! Three Lakes Genealogical Society is sure you are looking forward to Turkey Day. When you're with your relatives and/or friends, take time to remember those people who aren't with you while you are celebrating. They are special to you. Be sure to share your memories.

Three Lakes Genealogical Society will not be meeting this month. However, Ask Your Three Lakes Society Genealogist is available from 2 – 4 pm on Thursdays (November 7, 14 and 21) in the Local History Room of Demmer Memorial Library. No appointment is necessary. The TLGS volunteer will be there to help you iron out those genealogy questions you have.

If you haven't been to the Local History Room, it is open whenever the library is open. It has genealogy books, many resource books for the Three Lakes area and Wisconsin, a computer with a very large monitor, and a scanner/printer. Be sure to check out the room. It wonderful!

If you are a genealogist who uses Familysearch.org and finds a camera that keeps you from viewing the documents, you may view those documents anywhere in the library – at the computer in the Local History Room, the library computers or your computer when you sit anywhere in the library. Some TLGS members have been know to access Familysearch.org from the library's porch, the parking lot or the street!

The November TLGS Book of the Month is ***The Forgotten Garden: a Novel*** by Kate Morton. The story begins with a child abandoned on a ship to Australia and the disappearance of the woman who had promised to look after her. After some interesting events, her granddaughter returns to England to uncover the truth about her family. The book is available at Demmer Memorial Library, Olson Memorial Library and Amazon.com.

For more information about 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](mailto:familyhistory@demmerlibrary.org).

## Books the Other Channel Book Club

**Tuesday, November 26th--6:30 PM**

**in person or via Zoom**



Books the Other Channel book discussion group will discuss *Caramelo* by Sandar Cisneros on November 26th at 6:30 PM.

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

To register call 715-546-3391 or email [librarian@demmerlibrary.org](mailto:librarian@demmerlibrary.org)

Jingle Mingle

# USED BOOK SALE

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH**

**9:30 AM-12PM**

**DEMME DOWNSTAIRS**

In addition to a large selection of books we now have  
**SWEATSHIRTS!!!!!!**



A great gift idea!

Sweatshirts--\$40

Hardcover--\$2.00

Paperback--\$1.00

Purchase and fill a tote bag--\$10.00

Sizes SM-2XL



For more information call 715-546-3391 or email  
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# 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, November 4  
3:30pm  
Tamarack Room



Crafts, games, trivia and more!

## Lego Club

Monday, November 11th 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

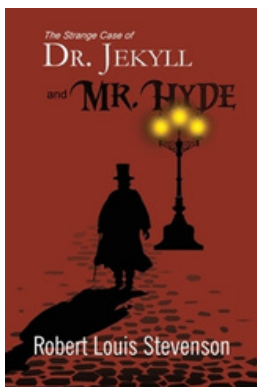
@Demmer Maple Room. Lego Club is for children of all ages. Come and free build with your friends or play Lego Creationary.



## 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](mailto:librarian@demmerlibrary.org) to get your invitation to our game.



## TEEN HOSTED BOOK CLUB

MONDAY NOV, 25TH @ 4PM

IN THE LIBRATORY

Local teens will hold a book party themed around the book Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde by Robert Louis Stevenson. Students and adults are encouraged to read the book and come enjoy the party.



# Monthly Writing Group

Thursday, November 21st @ 1:00pm  
Demmer Maple Room

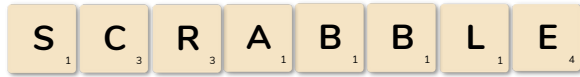
Beginning writers as well as established authors are encouraged to attend, share writing projects, successes and help each other.



PROVIDING SUPPORT AND RESOURCES FOR OUR VETERANS.

## Veterans Services Office Hours

Demmer Library  
Every 3rd Wednesday  
Beginning June 19th  
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.



## How are we celebrating...



## Pizza and Board Game Night

Monday, November 18th  
4pm-7pm

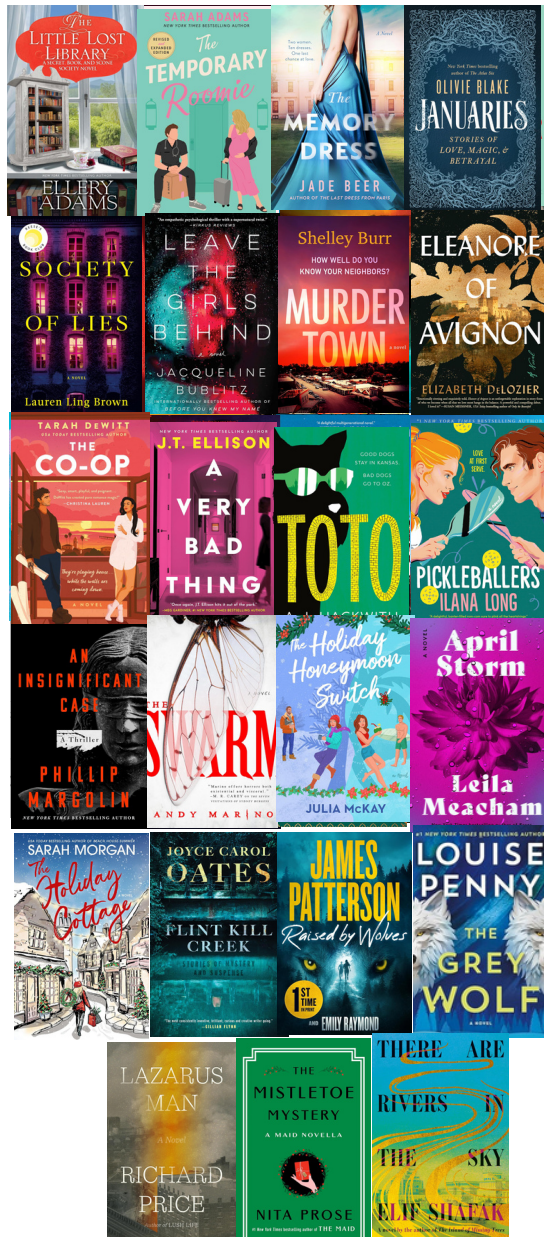
Join us for a game and pizza night as Miss April will offer a selection of board games for all ages. Don't know how to play- no problem. Miss April has you covered!

Registration is required

# Booking Ahead

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

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



*The Little Lost Library* by Ellery Adams

*The Temporary Roomie* by Sarah Adams

*The Memory Dress* by Jade Beer

*Januaries* by Olivie Blake

*Society of Lies* by Lauren Ling Brown

*Leave the Girls Behind* by Jacqueline Bublitz & Stephanie Cannon

*Murder Town* by Shelley Burr & Jacquie Brennan

*Eleanore of Avignon* by Elizabeth Delozier

*The Co-op* by Tarah Dewitt

*A Very Bad Thing* by J.T. Ellison

*Toto* by A.J. Hackwith

*Pickleballers* by Ilana Long

*An Insignificant Case* by Phillip Margolin

*The Swarm* by Andy Marino

*The Holiday Honeymoon Switch* by Julia McKay

*April Storm* by Leila Meacham

*The Holiday Cottage* by Sarah Morgan

*Flint Kill Creek* by Joyce Carol Oates & Kelli Tager

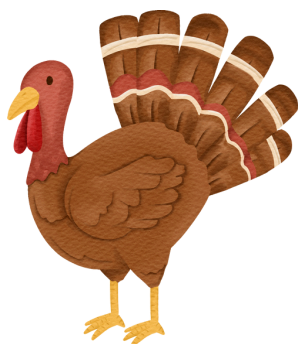
*Raised by Wolves* by James Patterson & Emily Raymond

*The Grey Wolf* by Louise Penny

*Lazarus Man* by Richard Price

*The Mistletoe Mystery* by Nita Prose

*There Are Rivers in the Sky* by Elif Shafak



# Historical Clippings

Three Lakes Museum

November 2024

## November - Deer Camp and Thanksgiving

Deer hunting in Wisconsin is an age old November tradition closely tied to the camaraderie of deer camp. Ed Epler of Three Lakes devoted an entire chapter in his book, *Eighty Years in God's Country*, to describing, from the beginning, a group of locals and their exploits at their deer camp, Backtrackers I and II, on 80 acres outside of town over the span of maybe 60 years.

According to the Encyclopedia Britannica, another even longer standing holiday tradition is Thanksgiving.

*October 3, 1863, during the Civil War, Lincoln proclaimed a national day of thanksgiving to be celebrated on Thursday, November 26. The holiday was annually proclaimed by every president thereafter, and the date chosen, with few exceptions, was the last Thursday in November.*

At some point during the Backtracker's yearly camp, the men decided that the Thanksgiving holiday and deer hunting would be better served by cooking a big camp meal at the cabin and bringing the ladies out for the day. Ed Epler writes -

*For many years our camp members went to town with their families for Thanksgiving dinner. Then someone got the idea of having dinner in camp. At first the ladies prepared the dinner in town and one of the boys would bring them out and return them in the evening. Then I learned to bake beanhole beans in a dutch oven, baked in a hole dug in the ground and surrounded with hardwood embers, along side another dutch oven containing a hind quarter of venison-baked for 18 hours. This was placed in the ground the evening before to be ready for the noon meal. All the ladies furnished was the salad and dessert. When they arrived for dinner the table was set, including a center piece of evergreens with wintergreen berries in a foil wrapped coffee can. The menu consisted of a small piece of cheese and sausage on each tooth pick for hors d'oeuvres, a vegetable, mashed potatoes, bean hole beans, venison, cranberries, bread, butter, salad, dessert and coffee. The first year the menu was kept a secret from the ladies. When they arrived the table was set and all that was left was to uncover the beans and venison from the ground, and serve. This pleased them and it became an annual practice.*

And so another tradition. The things that bind families, friends and communities.



There are many similar unlabeled images to the one seen here in the museum archives. It's uncertain if this one is from the Three Lakes area, but, it still gives us a chance to think about these men, this time and their possible connections. And then to consider ours.

Reflect on your family, friends and community this holiday season. Cherish your traditions.

# Historical Happenings at the Three Lakes Museum in 2024

WOW! Thanks to all who made things Happen this year!  
It was all for you, because of you!



## Front Yard Landscaping Creating an Inviting Greenspace

Besides providing a much needed curb appeal facelift, the intention of the great grassy lawn with new trees is to be an inviting place for gatherings and “front yard events”

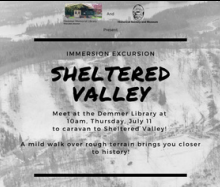
## Farmstand Corn Sale Summer Fresh and Sweet

In addition to bringing corn to Three Lakes by the Fourth of July, the corn sales (5500+ ears!) gave the museum staff a chance to meet and to talk to all of you!



## The Fish Boil It's Back !

With continued requests to bring back this community event, with ready and willing volunteers to make it happen, the Saturday after July 4th is once again the FISH BOIL!



## Immersion Excursions An Out of Museum Experience

In collaboration with the Demmer Library, this summer we traveled to six locations where Three Lakes history happened and talked about its significance to the community. Watch for next summers line up!



## History on the Lakes The Bridge to Bridge Tour

A different view on history from the water. The boat tours, available to members, identifies the history and stories of the homes, boathouses and landmarks of the Upper Chain between the bridges.



## The 1924 Tornado A Historical and Scientific Commemoration

The Museum partnered with other local groups to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Three Lakes Tornado of September 21, 1924. Kyle McMahon and Geoff Weller presented the history and science of that day that tested community resilience.



## Concerts in the Park and Gazebo Repair

Concerts finished its 20th year with some of the largest (and most generous) crowds ever. The Gazebo, built and donated to the town by the Historical Society, underwent needed repairs this summer completed again by generous donors.



## The Johnson House Exterior Repair

A capital campaign was launched to fund the first-ever major exterior renovation of the more than 140 year-old Johnson House. Be sure to follow the three phase project

Visitors / Members / Donors / Volunteers Thanks to All of You!

*We couldn't do any of this without your support!*