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# IT'S PARTY TIME!



THE THREE LAKES LIBRARY IS
TURNING 75!

HOW CAN YOU CELEBRATE WITH US?

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2024 2PM-5PM

- **EXPLORE** OUR OPEN HOUSE
- SHARE IN OUR LOGO ROLL OUT
- HELP US CREATE THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
- LEARN ABOUT ALL THE WAYS YOUR COMMUNITY USES THE DEMMER

#### **HOURS**

MON/WED 9AM-7PM TUES/THURS/FRI 9AM-5PM SAT 9AM-2PM

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#### **Three Lakes Genealogical Society**



For the October The Library Page from Nancy Bailey

Autumn has officially come and it's time to "fall" into your genealogy projects. Do you want to find all those ancestors but your lack of computer skills is holding you back? Do you not trust the security on your computer? Do you not attend Zoom programs because you don't know how to use Zoom? Three Lakes Genealogical Society (TLGS) has a program for you!

Everyone is invited to attend our next program at 1 pm on Monday, October 28. The program is a Members Helping Members session titled 'Computers 101.' There will be three different 20-minute small group 'teach and support' sessions – 1) organizing, naming and finding your computer files, 2) computer security and 3) getting comfortable with Zoom. Four TLGS members will be hosting the program. Attendees can choose to step out of a session they don't wish to see.

The October TLGS Book of the Month is Annie's Ghosts: A Journey into a Family Secret by Steve Luxenberg. "Beth Luxenberg was an only child. Or so everyone thought. Six months after Beth's death, her secret emerged. It had a name: Annie." It is available at Demmer Memorial Library and Olson Memorial Library on interlibrary loan, and also on Amazon.

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.

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

#### **Genealogy Tip:**

Some Genealogy Mistakes to Avoid

- 1. Don't Trust Everything You See in Print
- 2. Genealogy is More than Just Names and Dates
- 3. Beware Generic Family Histories
- 4. Don't Limit Yourself to Just One Spelling

Source: Thoughtco.com

#### **Books the Other Channel Book Club**

Tuesday, Octoaber 22nd--6:30 PM

in person or via Zoom

Books the Other Channel book discussion group will discuss Weyward by Emilia Hart on October 22nd at 6:30 PM.

Meet in person at the library or join online via Zoom. Email <a href="mailto:demmer@demmerlibrary.org">demmer@demmerlibrary.org</a> 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





#### IF YOU DARE BOX

#### **OCTOBER 28TH-NOV 1ST**

Students 6th grade and older can pick up their If You Dare Box at the Demmer front desk. Each box will have a book mark, stickers, a "drink if you dare soda", and more. Supplies limited. Grab one if you dare!



#### D&D MINI FIGURE PAINTING

#### **OCTOBER 29TH @3:30**

Stop by the Demmer Library Libratory and paint a free minifigure that you can take home while you learn about our drop-in D&D program. Adults welcome as well.



# DEMMER Library Presents FALL 2024 WEBINAR SERIES

September 25, 2024 | 6 p.m. (CST), 7 p.m. (EST) Meet Our Authors: A Conversation with Sally Cole-Misch and Joanne Robertson Join the 2024 / 2025 Great Lakes, Great Read authors for a free webinar series. Events are open to the public throughout the Great Lakes.

October 2, 2024 | 6 p.m. (CST), 7 p.m. (EST)

Finding The Best Part of Us Through Nature and Our Precious Great Lakes: A Conversation with Sally Cole-Misch

October 9, 2024 | 6 p.m. (CST), 7 p.m. (EST)

The Water Walker, Nibi and You:

A Conversation with Joanne Robertson

All webinars will be available for viewing at the Demmer Library in the Maple Room



## 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, October 7 3:30pm Tamarack Room

Crafts, games, trivia and more!

#### <u>Lego Club</u> Monday, September 12th 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

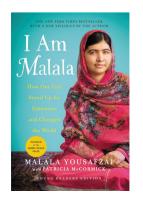
@Demmer Maple Room. Lego Club is for children of all ages. Come and free build with your friends or play Lego Creationary.



#### **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 <a href="mailto:librarian@demmerlibrary.org">librarian@demmerlibrary.org</a> to get your invitation to our game.





#### **TEEN HOSTED BOOK CLUB**

MONDAY OCT, 28TH @ 4PM IN THE LIBRATORY

Local teens will hold a book party themed around the book I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai. Students and adults are encouraged to read the book and come enjoy the party.



#### **Monthly Writing Group**

Thursday, October 17th @ 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.

## **WOMEN'S HEALTH PANEL**

W/ THE ONEIDA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT



#### **DEMMER MAPLE ROOM**

WEDNESDAY, OCT 2, 2024 AT 11 AM OR WEDNESDAY, OCT 30, 2024 AT 5 PM



Join us at the Demmer Library as we talk about breast cancer and importance of getting preventative screenings, reproductive health, testing and services that the Oneida County Health Department offers women.

# Booking Ahead

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





The Off-Limits Rule by Adams, Sarah

No One Will Know by Rose Carlyle

The Serial Killer Guide to San Francisco by Michelle
Chouinard

Devils Kill Devils by Johnny Compton

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The Night We Lost Him by Laura Dave

It Will Only Hurt for a Moment by Delilah S. Dawson

A Slay Ride Together With You by Vicki Delany

Love You a Latke by Amanda Elliot

A Healing Touch by Suzanne Woods Fisher
One on One by Jamie Harrow

A Song to Drown Rivers by Ann Liang
The Seventh Floor by David Mccloskey
The Boyfriend by Freida Mcfadden
The Mistress and the Key by Ben Mezrich
The Banned Books Club by Brenda Novak

The Last One at the Wedding by Jason Rekulak

Counting Miracles by Nicholas Sparks

Fang Fiction by Kate Stayman-london

Triangle by Danielle Steel

The City in Glass by Nghi Vo

I Did Something Bad by Pyae Moe Thet War

The Hitchcock Hotel by Stephanie Wrobel

## Historical Clippings

Three Lakes Museum

October 2024

#### The Johnson Family Home

When a Band-Aid Just Won't Help

From the very beginnings of the Three Lakes Historical Society, the Johnson House on Huron Street has been the centerpiece of the Three Lakes Historical Museum. While museum visitors learn about the history of the Three Lakes area in the last century visiting displays and exhibits in the museum's other buildings, the Johnson House exhibits the daily life of an actual family who contributed to the development of the town.



Julius and Petrena Johnson were early Three Lakes residents settling here when Julius took a job with the Lake Shore Traffic RR building the rails from Monico to Watersmeet, MI. He later joined the Chicago and North Western RR and worked for more than 20 years as a section foreman.



They bought the house in 1886 from Thomas Williams who had built it in 1882. The Johnson's paid \$150 plus \$0.68 in back taxes and raised seven children there. During their life here, Three Lakes grew from a logging camp to a small town attracting new residents who built it into a thriving local community, enticing tourists and visitors with its natural beauty of sparkling lakes, towering pines and beautiful woodlands. Today, visitors to the Johnson House marvel at the furnishings of these early residents whose work and family life helped shape the growing village called Three Lakes.

The Three Lakes Historical Society was grateful to receive the Johnson House in 1985 to serve as a museum and started a building fund to refurbish the badly deteriorated house. It was moved back on the lot to its present location and over the next years completed many renovations.

From the time of its acquisition, the Johnson House has been a treasure for visitors but a challenge for those who have been stewards of the property. The interior of Johnson House has undergone many upgrades: painting, lighting, refinishing wood floors, rehabbing the screened porch, and decorating with period furnishings, appliances, and appropriate artifacts eg. pictures, clothing, dishes and mementos of the original Johnson family.



Now the house is badly in need of exterior work. Since acquiring the house, the TLHS has painted the building several times, installed a new roof and the very ambitious project of reinforcing the foundation to mitigate structural issues of walls separating from the floors due to settling caused by porous clay underneath the house.

But cosmetic remedies to the exterior are no longer viable. Today the Three Lakes Historical Society is announcing a major construction project and capital campaign to restore and preserve the historically important Johnson House at the Three Lakes Historical Museum.







#### THE RESTORATION PROJECT

When the Johnson House was originally constructed it was not by today's construction standards, e.g. the exterior siding solely functioned to stabilize the building. The latter has not stood the test of time as the building has shifted from previous foundational instability and normal aging. Windows are no longer properly aligned. Attempts to improve the exterior appearance of the building have been compromised due to aged wood siding. Constant painting and caulking have placed a temporary band aid on appearance but have not solved the problems.

#### THREE-YEAR PRESERVATION PLAN

Over a 3 year restoration plan, the Johnson House will be restored and stabilized choosing materials and workmanship that guarantees that a project of this magnitude will not be needed in the future. The Johnson House and its significant contribution to the grand experience of Three Lakes history will be secure.

#### **PHASE ONE: BEGINNING IN FALL 2024**

Beginning with the front wall on Huron Street (facing south) and one half of the east wall (facing the Library and the Museum Visitor Center) the siding will be replaced and the bay window restored to its original appearance. This area of the house is by far the most damaged and compromised. Stairs used for egress from the second floor which are not to code, will be rebuilt as they are required as a fire exit from the second floor. The choice of LP Smart Siding on the house was made to respect the historic appearance of the house, replicating the exact look of the existing wood siding, however with little or no future maintenance.

#### **FUNDING**

Funding the project will be a joint effort by everyone who has a stake in preserving this important piece of Three Lakes history. The project funding will be spread over 3 years.

Phase 1 involves the most extensive repairs, and is estimated at \$40,000. Phases 2 & 3 are estimated at \$20,500 each for a total of \$81,000.

The Society has begun its fundraising efforts for Phase 1 and the capital campaign will continue to raise the funds for Phase 2 & 3 and will be spread over subsequent budget years.