

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.

Spring has arrived, and with it comes a fresh lineup of exciting programs at our library this April. We're pleased to offer several opportunities for learning, connection, and celebration throughout the month.

Money Series

In recognition of Financial Literacy Month, the Demmer is hosting Forward Bank for a three-part workshop series April 21-23 at 5:30PM each day. Whether you're just starting your financial journey or looking to enhance your knowledge, these sessions offer valuable information for every stage of life. Topics will include: Edvest College Savings Plans, financial planning, and understanding your credit bureau.

Soup & Social Hour

Join us for our popular Soup & Social Hour Wednesday April 16 from 5-6PM. Bring your favorite soup or bread while connecting with neighbors and making new friends. Rumor has it, even if you don't bring food yourself, there is plenty to go around 😊.

National Library Week: April 7-11

Help us celebrate National Library Week with special events throughout the week:

- AI 101 w/Erica Brewster – Are you AI-curious? Be at either the 2:30pm or 5:30pm session on April 9th in the Demmer Maple Room for this beginner-friendly session.
- Community Collaborative Project – All ages can drop by the library during open hours see how they can contribute to our “Time Travel” box.
- Movie Day – On Thursday, April 10th the Demmer Library will have three movie showings at 10pm, 12:30pm, and 3pm. All movies are rated PG, free to the public and popcorn will be provided.

We look forward to seeing you at the library this April!

Warmly, Jill

HOURS

MON/WED 9AM-7PM

TUES/THURS/FRI 9AM-5PM

SAT 9AM-2PM

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Three Lakes Genealogical Society



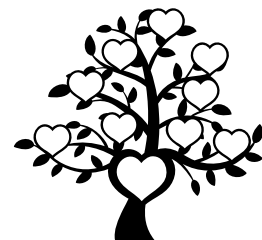
The Three Lakes Genealogical Society (TLGS) will meet next on Monday, April 28, at 1 p.m. in the lower level of the Edward U. Demmer Memorial Library in Three Lakes. The meeting can also be viewed on Zoom, courtesy of the Demmer Library. To attend the meeting virtually, email the library at demmer@demmerlibrary.org to get the link. The program for this meeting is **using hidden clues in photos**. Are you missing family history clues in old family photographs? Join us for a video presentation by Lisa Lisson, renowned genealogy researcher and creator of the “Are You My Cousin” Blog. She will help you learn to closely examine those boxes of unidentified photos for clues you might be missing, then use My Heritage photo tools to restore, enhance and date them, so please bring your laptop. Anyone interested in genealogy, discovering family roots or learning about family history is welcome to attend all meetings. For more information contact Mari Lynn at (715)891-1146

Every Thursday from 2-4 p.m., in the Local History Room within the library, there is a TLGS member present to help anyone with investigating their family history. Everyone is welcome to come in and have a little one-on-one time with someone who could help. No scheduling required. A dedicated computer for genealogical research is available to use, and a curated collection of genealogical books are available for check out.

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, April 22nd--6:30 PM

in person or via Zoom

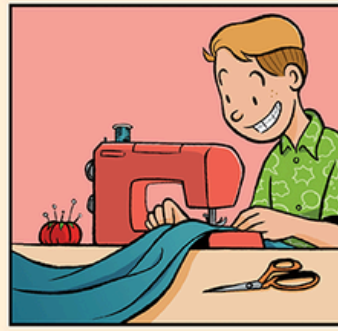
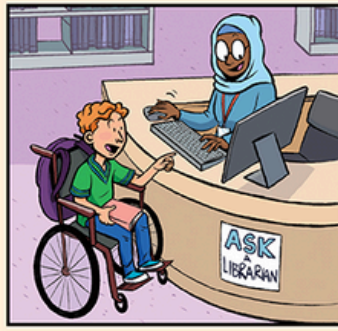
Books the Other Channel book discussion group will discuss *The Bear* by Andrew Krivak on April 22nd at 6:30 PM.

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





DRAWN TO THE FUTURE

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

APRIL 7-11, 2025



TIME TRAVEL BOX

All ages can stop by the Libratory to find out how you can communicate with the future.

MOVIE DAY

THURSDAY APRIL 10TH

Check the website for three movies featuring our future theme.

AI 101 W/ERICA BREWSTER

WED, APRIL 9TH

@ 2:30PM & 5:30PM

IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF FINANCIAL LITERACY MONTH
THE DEMMER LIBRARY IS HOSTING:

MONEY SERIES

W/BRIAN F. FROM  FORWARD BANK

THREE PART SERIES

DEMME MAPLE ROOM @ 5:30 PM

APRIL 21ST

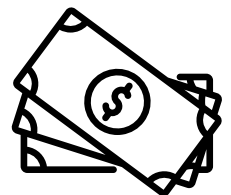
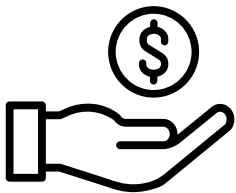
COLLEGE SAVINGS PLANS & BANK SWITCHING

APRIL 22ND

FINANCIAL PLANNING

APRIL 23RD

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CREDIT BUREAU





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, April 7th

3:30pm

Tamarack Room



Crafts, games, trivia and more!



Lego Club

Monday, April 14th 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.



D&D AT THE LIBRARY

First and Third Sundays @ NEW TIME!!!

4:00PM

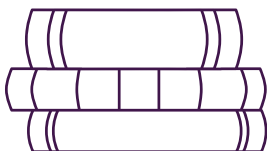
in person at the Demmer Maple Room or virtual

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.

Spine Poetry in YA section for April

Show off your skills by arranging the book spine magnets to create a poem.





Monthly Writing Group

TWO MEETINGS THIS MONTH!

Thursday, April 3rd @ 1:00pm

Thursday, April 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

SPECIAL DATE THIS MONTH-

Thursday, April 17th

-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.



SOUP AND SOCIAL HOUR

April 16th

5PM-6PM

DEMMEER NORTHWOODS ROOM

Bring a pot of soup or a loaf of bread to share and warm up with good company at the library.



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



The Last Session by Julia Bartz

Gifted & Talented by Olivie Blake

The World's Fair Quilt by Jennifer Chiaverini

Nobody's Fool by Harlan Coben

American Scary by Jeremy Dauber

A Duke Never Tells by Suzanne Enoch

The Murder Show by Matt Goldman

The Sirens by Emilia Hart

Saltwater by Katy Hays

The Library of Lost Dollhouses by Elise Hooper

Overkill by J.A. Jance

Say You'll Remember Me by Abby Jimenez

I Would Die for You by Sandie Jones

The French Honeymoon by Anne-Sophie Jouhanneau

Any Trope but You by Victoria Lavine

The Unlucky Ones by Hannah Morrissey

The Cat Who Saved the Library by Sosuke Natsukawa & Louise Heal Kawai

Swept Away by Beth O'Leary,

Happy Land by Dolen Perkins-Valdez

The Maid's Secret by Nita Prose

The Other Lata by Kirthana Ramiseti

Save the Date by Allison Raskin

The Perfect Divorce by Jeneva Rose

Coram House by Bailey Seybolt

Passion Project by London Sperry

The Float Test by Lynn Steger Strong

What If I Never Get over You by Paige Toon

Their Monstrous Hearts by Yigit Turhan

One Death at a Time by Abbi Waxman

The Griffin Sisters' Greatest Hits by Jennifer Weiner

The Haunting of Room 904 by Erika T. Wurth

Historical Clippings

Three Lakes Museum

April 2025

The Black Forest 1765 Superior Street

Over the years the Black Forest Pub & Grille has served as a gathering place for Three Lakes visitors and locals alike to share a drink or enjoy a meal, but this iconic Three Lakes landmark had much simpler beginnings.

The earliest accounts of this location tell us that in 1922 it was a Western Union and telephone exchange run out of the home of William and Clara Brandner. A dentist, listed on the Oneida County mail directory of 1930, also shared the space.

It was an unrelated event unfolding during this same time period that would set up what happened next at the the little house at 1765 Superior. Thunder Lake and the vast marshlands to the west of town had lain undisturbed for centuries until farmers began to harvest hay. All went well until the early 1920's when land speculators moved in with dredges and plows digging vast drainage ditches and destroying forever the true potential of the marsh.

One dark night, a disgruntled individual detonated dynamite on the north shore of the lake near one of the existing ditches. The damage from the blast dropped the lake level several feet, and for several years the lake was left like this. Gus Anders, who owned the nearby Sky Lodge, hired the Basch brothers, Orville, Gil and Clyde, to construct a log dam to bring the water level back to its original point. Dam shenanigans in the marsh continued through the following decades. It was this activity that introduced the Basch brothers to Three Lakes.

In 1934, partners Anders and Orville Basch purchased the property 1765 Superior Street and became the original proprietors of the Black Forest. Anders worked in Chicago as a stock trader. Basch worked in Three Lakes. In developing the new business Orville sought the help of local architect and former Major League Baseball player Fred "Cy" Williams to help him transform the building into a tavern. Orville commissioned Cy to model the tavern after the beer gardens of Germany's Black Forest and the attractive Old Heidelberg Inn featured at Chicago's 1933 World's Fair.





Clyde Basch, working for Anders and his brother, began bartending at the Black Forest in 1934.

In September of 1938, Anders and Orville Basch purchased the Hotel Badger on Superior Street next to the hardware store. This hotel, built in 1920 by Cy Williams, would again be remodeled by Cy to Orville's design standards to become The Chalet. Clyde Basch, seen in the photo on the right on steps of The Chalet, would run it.



True to the original design of 1934, a large addition was added to the Black Forest as a dance floor in 1939 and restaurant features were added in 1941. The bowling alley in back was built in 1948. While ownership has changed over the years, the distinct features of the Black Forest have retained their classic look from the early days of the tavern. The beamed cathedral ceilings in the dining room, the original bar from 1934, and the distinct exterior design keep alive the original vision and character of the building envisioned by Orville Basch.



A new partnership agreement in 1968 brought local entertainment and a stage to the Black Forest. Henry Wagner (b 1934), who had formed the Hank Wagner Polka Band at age 19 and learned to play over 20 instruments became known professionally as Skip Wagner. He joined Bill and Helen Swain, Roger Debban and Willie Hobson to purchase and operate the business where Skip showcased his musical, comedic and artistic abilities.



Over the years owners and elements of the original tavern have changed, such as the addition of a bowling alley which remained until the 1990's when a roof cave-in caused the transition of this space into a game room. But the exterior of the building still compliments the interior which remains true to its origins in the 1930's and invokes as many feelings as the food and drinks served inside. The Black Forest is an irreplaceable icon as a snapshot of Three Lakes history.

