
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 Library Friends,

May is here, and with it comes the excitement of summer just around the corner! As the school year wraps up, we're looking forward to celebrating with you at our **Annual Memorial Day Weekend Book Sale**—happening **May 24**. It's the perfect chance to stock up on great reads while supporting library programs through your purchases.

We're also gearing up for our **Summer Reading Program**, launching in mid June with fun challenges and prizes for all ages. Whether you're a student finishing up the year or just looking forward to some sunny reading time, we've got something for you.

Lastly, we need your help. **Federal library funding is at risk**, and your voice matters. Please consider contacting your elected officials to show your support for continued investment in libraries. These funds are essential for keeping our services strong and accessible for all. Thanks for being part of our library family—we'll see you soon!

Warmly,

Jill
Library Director

HOURS

MON/WED 9AM-7PM

TUES/THURS/FRI 9AM-5PM

SAT 9AM-2PM

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DEMME IMPACTS:

THREATENED LIBRARY FUNDS



WHAT'S GOING ON?

The Demmer needs your help! Federal funds for libraries are being cut. All staff at the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) have been put on leave and grants are threatened.

WHAT IS AT STAKE?

In Wisconsin, combined federal and state library funding provides efficient infrastructure to support local libraries. Lost IMLS dollars will impact state library services, especially to rural libraries.





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WHAT ITEMS ARE FEDERALLY FUNDED?

Federally supported or funded items include:



Libby



**Lending Books between
Libraries**



Badgerlink Access



**Cybersecurity and website
hosting**



Librarian Training

Additional services could be at risk!



WHAT CAN I DO?

CONTACT MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. Share with them the importance of your library, what it means to you, and how it would impact you to lose these services.

Encourage them to preserve IMLS funding to ensure services for your community are preserved!





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SPEAK UP!

Contact the Demmer's members of congress and state legislators using www.usa.gov/elected-officials.

SAVE IMLS! U.S. House Representative Tom Tiffany, and U.S. Senators Tammy Baldwin and Ron Johnson need to receive the message on the first page of this flyer about the importance of IMLS funding to Wisconsin libraries.

SUPPORT STATE LIBRARY AID! Wisconsin Senate President Mary Felzkowski and Representative Rob Swearingen have been outstanding library champions during the past decade of state budget deliberations. Thank them for their support! Urge them to preserve library aid in the next state budget. Tell them why the Demmer is important to you and your concern that the joint federal/state funded services must continue.



Tom Tiffany Contact Page



Rob Swearingen Contact Page



Tammy Baldwin Contact Page



Ron Johnson Contact Page



Mary Felzkowski Contact Page

Where the Money Goes

LSTA Funding

What is LSTA

The Library Services and Technology Act 'Grants to States Program' is the largest source of federal funding support for library services in the U.S. **Wisconsin received \$3.23 Million in 2024**, which equals \$.55 spent annually per resident!



LSTA Funding Supports Resources for:

- Workforce development
- All-age literacy
- Summer reading programs
- Civic engagement
- Tribal history preservation



Wisconsin Public Libraries

- 467 Public Libraries
- 15 Public Library Systems
- 2.2 Million Wisconsin Library Card Holders\
- 46.6 Million Books, Videos, Electronic Materials Used
- 106,000 Child, Teen, Adult Library Programs
- 15.7 Million Wi-Fi Sessions



Direct Benefits of LSTA

- 15 million library materials loaned between libraries through Wisconsin's Interlibrary
- Loan Program. Allows for broadening collections, especially in our rural libraries. \$50,000 developed Cooperative Cataloging to make finding titles of materials easier.
- \$66,884 created Wisconsin's Internet Discount Finder, which helps people find discounted and more affordable residential internet service. Piloted new programs which have become self-sustaining like the shared Wisconsin
- Public Library Consortium Digital Library, which sees 9 million eBooks and eAudio materials checked out each year.



Three Lakes Genealogical Society



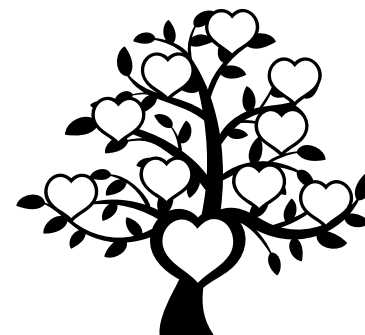
The Three Lakes Genealogical Society (TLGS) will meet next on Monday, May 19, at 1 p.m. in the lower level of the Edward U. Demmer Memorial Library in Three Lakes. The meeting can also be viewed on Zoom, courtesy of the Demmer Library. To attend the meeting virtually, email the library at demmer@demmerlibrary.org to get the link. The program for this meeting is using Rootstech by FamilySearch to Researching Ancestors in U.S. Military: Online and in Military Archives by Margaret M. McMahon. 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, May 27th--6:30 PM

in person or via Zoom

Books the Other Channel book discussion group will discuss *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride on May 27th 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



MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

BOOK SALE

Saturday, May 24th

9:30a-12p



3rd Annual Demmer Plant Swap

Thurs. May 29 & Fri. May 30

12pm-3pm

Demmer Front Lawn

Bring a plant, leave a plant. No plant, no problem.

New this year:

Lions food truck

Compost demonstration

Cornhole



SOUP AND SOCIAL HOUR

May 21st

5PM-6PM

DEMMER NORTHWOODS ROOM

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



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, May 5th
3:30pm
Tamarack Room



Crafts, games, trivia and more!



Lego Club

Monday, May 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.



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.



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Coming soon: **SUMMER READING 2025!!!!**



Monthly Writing Group

TWO MEETINGS EVERY MONTH!

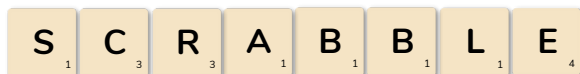
Thursday, May 1st @ 1:00pm
Thursday, May 15th @ 1:00pm
Demmer Maple Room

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
Third Wednesday of the month
12-4 PM
Demmer Spruce Room



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.



THE LIBRARY WILL BE
CLOSED
MONDAY, MAY 26TH
FOR

MEMORIAL DAY

WE WILL REOPEN TUESDAY, MAY 27TH FOR NORMAL HOURS.

Booking Ahead

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



My Name Is Emilia Del Valle by Isabel Allende & Frances Riddle
Lunkers, Keepers and Ones That Got Away by Jerry Apps
Polybius by Collin Armstrong
A Wallflower's Guide to Viscounts and Vice by Manda Collins
The Love Haters by Katherine Center
South of Nowhere by Jeffery Deaver
Bearer of Bad News by Elisabeth Dini
Parents Weekend by Alex Finlay
One Golden Summer by Carley Fortune
Shot Through the Book by Eva Gates
Death by Chocolate Pumpkin Muffin by Sarah Graves
Problematic Summer Romance by Ali Hazelwood
Great Big Beautiful Life by Emily Henry
The Summer of You and Me by Denise Hunter
The Seven O'clock Club by Amelia Ireland
Return to Sender by Craig Johnson
No One Was Supposed to Die at This Wedding by Catherine Mack
The Tenant by Freida Mcfadden
Bridal Shower Murder by Leslie Meier
Other People's Summers by Sarah Morgan
25 Alive by James Patterson & Maxine Paetro
The Amalfi Curse by Sarah Penner
Serial Killer Games by Kate Posey
My Friends by Fredrik Backman
Such a Good Mom by Julia Spiro
A Mind of Her Own by Danielle Steel
Summer Light on Nantucket by Nancy Thayer
The Staircase in the Woods by Chuck Wendig
My Best Friend's Honeymoon by Meryl Wilsner

Historical Clippings

Three Lakes Museum

May 2025

The Johnson House – phase by phase by phase

TL - 1986

A group of Three Lakes residents have been busy the past months organizing a building fund to raise needed money for an addition to the Three Lakes Historical Society Museum here.

As "phase one" of the campaign, the present structure was moved directly back onto a new foundation to a point that will allow full use of the available land to the west. The recent rains had caused the already crumbling foundation to crumble even further, leaving the structure in a precarious situation for winter.



1986 the sun touched a spot of earth in Three Lakes in over a century when the Historical Museum was red are several members of the Museum Committee of Historical Society, Inc., looking at the 100-year-old foundation. They are, left to right, Walt Goldsworthy, a member of the Board of Directors; President of the Society, Marge Holtorp; Dee Zoller; and Doris Goldsworthy. (Three Lakes News)

Any homeowner will tell you, home maintenance is crucial to structural longevity and in that structure is where the stories of home start and grow. Forty years ago a newly organized Three Lakes Historical Society was just getting into Johnson House maintenance, working to continue the story. "Phase one" of their project was complete and they were moving on to "phase two".

Back then Walt Goldsworthy of the museum board of directors pointed out, "Time now is of the essence if we are to preserve and continue the museum project to its fullest over the next few years."



Available records indicate that the hand-hewn framework in the structure was begun shortly after the coming of the railroad in 1882. The house was part of a homestead owned by Thomas Williams and it was built around 1882 after the railroad reached Three Lakes. Originally there were two just rooms, the present living room and "music room". The sheeting under the siding is 16 inch pine, 1" thick. Windows have wooden pegs and square iron nails.



Mr. and Mrs. Julius Johnson came to Neenah, Wisconsin, from Oslo, Norway in 1879. In 1882 he was employed by the Lake Shore Traffic Railroad Company to build the road from Monico, Wisconsin, to Watersmeet, Michigan. He settled his family at the new Three Lakes station. In 1890 the Williams property in town was purchased by Johnson and a dining room, kitchen, upstairs bedrooms and a sun porch were added to the small two room house. This house remained in the family until it was sold to the Town of Three Lakes almost 100 years later, in 1982.



Seven children were born to the couple and raised in the home. Included in this picture with spouses and friends - Anna 1883, Frank 1884, Agnes 1886, and Amanda 1888. Born in Three Lakes, Stena 1891, Olga 1895, and Eva 1899.

Notes from the Johnson's hand written abstract:

In 1890 they purchased lots 9, 10 and 11 of block 12 in the village of Three Lakes. This property was first owned by the railroad company, purchased from the United States patent dated September 30, 1882. The three lots with a small house on one, were purchased by Mr. Johnson for \$150.00. Lot no. 11 had been sold by the Forest County treasurer for the delinquent 1888 taxes, amount \$0.68, to Dan Gagen May 21, 1889. Signed by Egbert Wyman, Abstractor of Titles, Crandon, Wisconsin, Forest County. Was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson by Thos x (his mark) Williams and Lizzie x [her mark) Williams his wife the 6th day of November, 1890. Deed executed by F.S. Campbell, Justice of Peace.

Three Lakes celebrated its 100th birthday in 1981. In conjunction with the Centennial Celebration of the community, Sue Williams, Ruth Schwartz, and Doris Goldsworthy successfully set up a display of Three Lakes artifacts in the old CN&W railroad depot. Within a year though the owner of the depot sold the building and the women had to look for another place for a historical exhibit.

In 1982 the Three Lakes Town Board spent \$15,000 for the Johnson property, then belonging to the Eva Johnson estate, located on Huron Street directly behind the Edward U. Demmer Public Library.

The town board's original interest in the property was in the three lots, not the house itself as it was badly in need of repair.

Soon the house was scheduled to be burned by the fire department. When the group of women learned this, the town board was approached with a proposal to lease the building on the premise that within five years time the idea of a museum for Three Lakes would prove a reality.

The Centennial Museum group moved forward establishing a building fund for the Johnson House and in August, 1984, the Three Lakes Historical Society was created pledging to keep Three Lakes "past for the future".

In 1985 the house was used to display all artifacts. The main floor was used for permanent displays with the upstairs eventually opened for additional exhibits. In 1998, the interior of the house was completely renovated. The ceiling was reinforced & the walls were stripped. New wallboard was installed and painted. Windows were reinforced with wooden frames. The carpet was removed and the wooden floors refinished. An exterior staircase was built to exit the upstairs and the bathroom was enlarged and a cast iron tub installed.



Over the next years, with the addition of several exhibit specific buildings on the museum grounds, the focus of the Johnson House once again became that of the Johnson's home and it has been filled with artifacts from Three Lakes to remind visitors of that early time period.



The Historical Society continues to take on the challenges of maintaining this 140 year old building as seen in the necessary exterior restoration currently taking place in the latest project. This three year effort to shore up the building structurally will insure that the Johnson House will be around for years to come.

We welcome everyone to stop by to see the progress and show your support as we continue...

