
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.

We're kicking off our annual August Scavenger Hunt, and this year we're shaking things up! Starting now, mini rubber duckies are hidden throughout the town just waiting to be found. The rules are simple: find a duck, win a prize! Unlike previous years, ducks will not be rehidden—once they're found, they're gone. There is a limit of one duck per person and you must be present with your duck to collect your prize. Finding a duck earns you a coupon for a free ice cream treat—sweet rewards for sharp eyes!

As summer reading winds down, don't forget to return your reading logs and drawing entries before the deadline to be included in the prize drawings. We've been amazed by how many books our community has devoured this season. Thank you for making our summer reading program such a fun and vibrant success!

Finally, we're excited to host Digitization Day this month—a unique opportunity to preserve your cherished memories. Bring your old photographs, film strips, slides, documents, and more! We'll help you convert them into digital files. Whether it's vacation photos, or important papers, this is your chance to make sure those moments are saved for years to come.

We hope to see you in the library soon—whether you're duck hunting, wrapping up your summer reads, or preserving your past!

Warmly,
Jill

HOURS

MON/WED 9AM-7PM

TUES/THURS/FRI 9AM-5PM

SAT 9AM-2PM

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August Programs



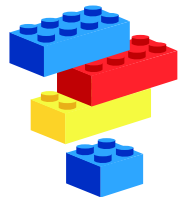
End of Summer Block Party August 5 @ 10 AM

@ Demmer Lawn-- Join us as we wrap up summer reading with an "unlazy" river, games, and more!

**Offered
year-round!**

Lego Club Second Monday of the Month

3:30pm-Demmer Maple Room Children of all ages are invited to come free build, take part in the monthly challenge, or play Creationary.



Summer Reading Wrap Up!

Don't forget to turn in all game boards, book marks, and book reviews by August 8th.

Raffle prizes will be drawn August 8th at 4:30 pm.

YA SUMMER PROGRAMMING



Rainbow Boba Party

Ages 12-18

August 4 @ 3pm

Demmer Maple Room

Three Lakes IMMERSION EXCURSIONS



SHELTERED VALLEY
THURS, AUGUST 7TH
10:00 AM

Meet at the Demmer Library at 10:00am. Car pool or take your own car to drive to the scheduled location and learn about these special Three Lakes places.

Digitization Day

Digitize, Document, Discover

WORKSHOPS

- 3 PM--Microfilm Reader How-to
- 4:30 PM--I Digitized, Now What?

Wednesday, Aug. 13th 2 pm-6 pm

DROP-INS

- Learn how to scan your photos (flash drives provided)
- Record an oral history of your family
- Tour the Local History Room and more

THE MINI RUBBER DUCKIE HUNT

THE WHOLE MONTH OF
AUGUST!!!

MINI DUCKIE HUNTING IS
OPEN TO
ALL AGES

MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN

FIND A DUCKIE

BRING IT TO THE LIBRARY

COLLECT YOUR PRIZE

1 DUCK PER PERSON



Three Lakes Genealogical Society



Genealogy classes offered

Interested in researching your family's history? Two levels of genealogy courses are being offered by the Three Lakes Genealogical Society in the Maple Room at Demmer Library in Three Lakes. Both classes are accessible in person or through Zoom and will be recorded for future access. You will want to bring your own laptop, although a few spares are available, if needed. Plan to dig in to your research right in class, exploring new websites and skills with guidance available. Take that information home and continue your research, bringing any questions to the next session. Your instructor, Dottie Winger, is a retired teacher with 27 years of genealogical research experience. If you are interested in joining either class, please contact Dottie at dwinger67@yahoo.com or 608-234-7788.

The Intermediate Genealogy Class will be on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Mondays in September and October, 3:30-5:30pm. This 6-session course expands on the skills of a beginner with a stronger focus on genealogical proof standards and evaluating the information collected in your research. Participants will explore more advanced record types, such as ecclesiastical sources, passenger records, newspapers, and old photos. They will also discuss common errors and how to avoid them.

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.

Three Lake Public Library Foundation



The Three Lakes Public Library Foundation is a non-profit, 501(c)3 corporation. The organization is governed by a board of directors comprised of volunteers dedicated to helping the community through the improvement of the library.

What we do:

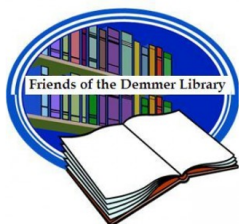
- *Initiates funding and endowment opportunities*
- *Identifies and funds special projects and services*
- *Inspires community interest and involvement*



Purpose

The Foundation selectively supports positive, high quality activities such as adult and children's learning programs, public access computer hardware and software, special collections, library furnishings and continuing education for library staff.

Want to donate? Scan the QR code!



Friends of the Demmer Library

The Friends of the Demmer Library are looking for members to serve on their board. Letters of Interest should be dropped off at the Demmer Library c/o Friends.

The Friends of the Demmer Library is a volunteer organization that wants to promote knowledge & use of the library.

Our used book sale fund-raiser events are used to purchase needed equipment, materials, and support programs for the library.



Monthly Writing Group

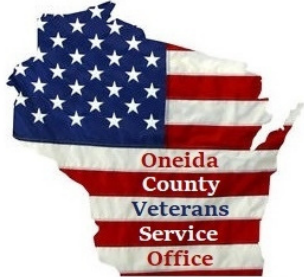
TWO MEETINGS THIS MONTH!

Thursday, August 7th @ 1:00pm

Thursday, August 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.

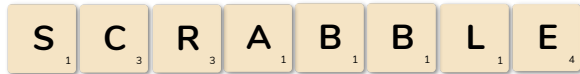
Veterans Services Office Hours

Demmer Library

Wednesday

August 16th

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.



Hook & Needle Nights

FOURTH MONDAY OF THE MONTH

5PM-7PM DEMMER FIREPLACE AREA

A social gathering for knitters, crocheters, and needle workers where people can share their projects, tips, patterns, and enjoy the company of fellow crafters.



Books the Other Channel Book Club

Tuesday, August 22nd--6:30 PM

in person or via Zoom

Books the Other Channel book discussion group will discuss *The Women* by Kristin Hannah on August 26th 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



Booking Ahead

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



L.A. Women by Ella Berman
Love Is an Open Book by Chandra Blumberg
Dead Line by Marc Cameron
The Confessions by Paul Bradley Carr
Departure 37 by Scott Carson
The Midnight Hour by Eve Chase
Zomromcom by Olivia Dade
Guess Again by Charlie Donlea
Jenny Cooper Has a Secret by Joy Fielding
The Violet Hour by Victoria Benton Frank
And the Trees Stare Back by Gigi Griffis
Something Whiskered by Miranda James
She Didn't See It Coming by Shari Lapena
The Surrogate Mother by Freida Mcfadden
You Belong Here by Megan Miranda
Automatic Noodle by Annalee Newitz
Anywhere With You by Ellie Palmer
The Locked Ward by Sarah Pekkanen
The Magician of Tiger Castle by Louis Sachar
The Dead Come to Stay by Brandy Schillace
The Unraveling of Julia by Lisa Scottoline
He Falls First by Jill Shalvis
An Inside Job by Daniel Silva
We Are All Guilty Here by Karin Slaughter
The Witch's Orchard by Archer Sullivan
The Dead Husband Cookbook by Danielle Valentine
Wayward Girls by Susan Wiggs

Historical Clippings

Three Lakes Museum

August 2025

The Three Lakes Cemetery

A Grassroots Archive

At an objective level, cemeteries developed as a designated space for dignified burial and to prevent the uncontrolled scattering of gravesites. They manage the remains of the dead, prevent public health issues, and allow for the expression of cultural and religious beliefs surrounding death. While our present concept of a cemetery is fairly new - evolving over the last couple of hundred years - early humans were performing complex burial rituals 200,000 years ago.

At the more profound human level, cemeteries serve as places for remembrance and reflection for the living. They provide a designated space to honor the deceased, offer solace to the bereaved, and preserve a community's history. Over time, they have become places for families and communities to maintain a connection with their ancestors.

Journalist Katie Thornton writes

Most monuments to history are created in a top-down manner. Individuals “earn” a place in our mainstream retelling of history through a combination of notable deeds and substantial social privilege. Cemeteries are, in theory, more representative archives; in these spaces, individuals and families are given an opportunity to etch their own names into the annals of history.

If we fail to read between the lines (or between the stones, as it were), we risk rehashing a fictitious, incomplete history. But if we do our due diligence to learn and talk about those who have been made less visible in these spaces, we can gain a more holistic understanding of our collective stories.

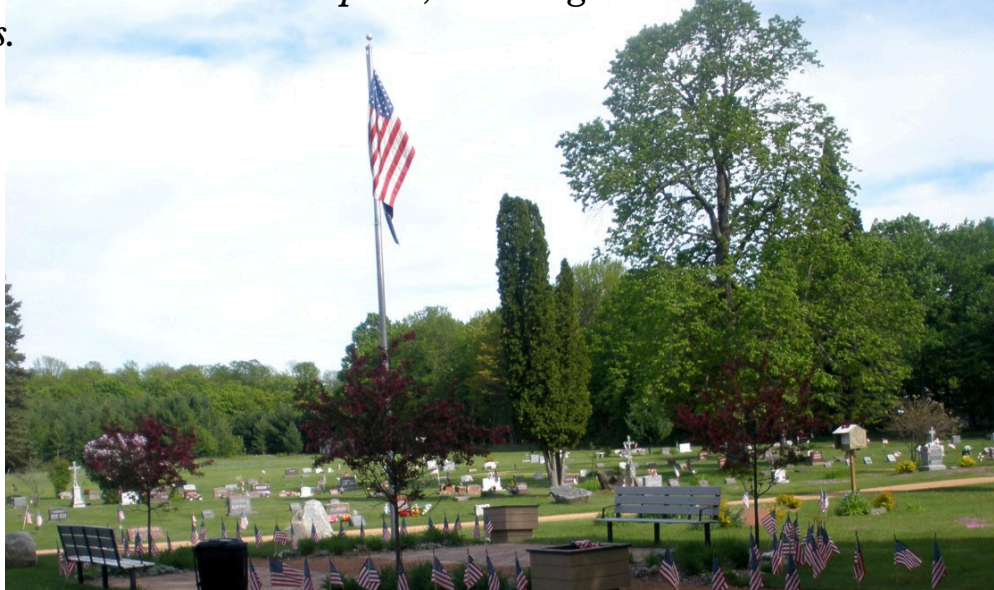


photo credit - Find a Grave 2013

The headstones in the Three Lakes Cemetery give all of our ancestors buried here “an opportunity to etch their own names” in our history.

The following historical note citing the establishment of the cemetery was copied from an old ledger in the Three Lakes Town archives. Note- this was at a time when the village of Three Lakes was part of the Township of Gagen.

"The Town Board met at Clerk's office at 2 o'clock p.m., April 15, 1890, pursuant to Chapter 296 laws of 1885 for purpose of acting on application for liquor license and transacting other necessary business. All members present.

"Offer of cemetery site presented by Wm. Cashman, site for sum of \$125. On motion, all members voting yes, cemetery site accepted and Chairman and Clerk are hereby instructed to draw an order for \$125 on the cemetery fund in favor of Wm. Cashman in payment for said cemetery site upon execution and delivery of a good and sufficient deed from Wm. Cashman to Town of Gagen of said cemetery site, and that this cemetery shall be public for all religions and other denominations.

"On motion, all members voting yes, ordered that the Town Board extend the sum of \$150 of the cemetery fund in clearing, surveying and improving the cemetery.

Historically, cemeteries like Three Lakes were often segregated by religion, with separate sections dedicated to different faiths, like Catholics and Protestants. This reflected the prevalent social and religious divisions of the time. Early on, the Town Board and the Catholic church were responsible for maintenance and records.

Today three local entities monitor the Cemetery. The Three Lake Town Board that oversees the general welfare of the property, takes care of the financials and provides maintenance. The Cemetery Committee that makes budgetary proposals. And the Three Lakes Genealogical Society that maintains family records.



It is the Genealogical Society that puts the life back in the tombstones by searching out the stories behind the names. Using *Find a Grave* software they have cataloged the information on tombstones to make names and locations searchable. They update and document local obituaries and they can help you fill out your family tree. You can set up an appointment to meet with a Genealogist to work One on One to gather the pieces to your past.



A popular program that ran three times over six years was a cemetery walk put on by the Genealogy members,

"If Tombstones Could Talk"

People had the opportunity to hear stories of the founders and past residents of Three Lakes, interacting with re-inactors dressed in historical attire taking on the persona of the ancestors they represented.

A great way to connect yesterday to today!

Cemeteries are the living archives of a community's history. The Grassroots.