
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 Patrons,

We're always looking for new ways to make reading exciting, and I'm thrilled to share something fresh and fun: our brand-new Book Bites program! 🍷🍕

Book Bites is designed for children in grades PreK–8 and brings together two of our community's favorite things—books and pizza. Kids can sign up at the library, pick up a reading log, and set their goals. Each month, when they meet those goals, they'll earn a certificate for a free personal pizza from our friends at Pi Pizza in downtown Three Lakes.

This program is more than just a tasty incentive—it's about building positive reading habits, giving kids a sense of accomplishment, and celebrating their efforts in a fun way. Thanks to our partnership with Pi Pizza, grants from the Community Foundation and Library Foundation, and the support of our local schools, we're making it easier than ever for families to jump in and join.

If you have a child in your life who loves reading—or maybe one who needs a little extra encouragement to read—Book Bites is the perfect opportunity. Stop by the library to sign up, pick up your log, and get ready to take a bite out of reading!

We hope to see you and your young readers at the library soon.

Warmly,

Jill
Library Director

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, October 27th, 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 Three Lakes Genealogical Society's program will be "Scanning the Past." Members will receive an overview of digitization equipment and tips, then have practice time on the scanners. Members are asked to bring a few photos or documents to scan.

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.

TLGS website: www.3lgs.org

TLGS email: familyhistory@demmer.org

We Are Three Lakes: <http://3lgs.org/TNG/index.php>

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:

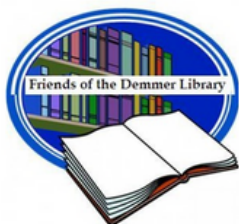
- *Initiates funding and endowment opportunities*
- *Identifies and funds special projects and services*
- *Inspires community interest and involvement*



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, November 6th @ 1:00pm
Thursday, November 20th @ 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

November 19th

12-4 PM



Drop In Play

**2nd & 4th
Thursdays
1 pm-3 pm
Demmer Fireplace
Area**

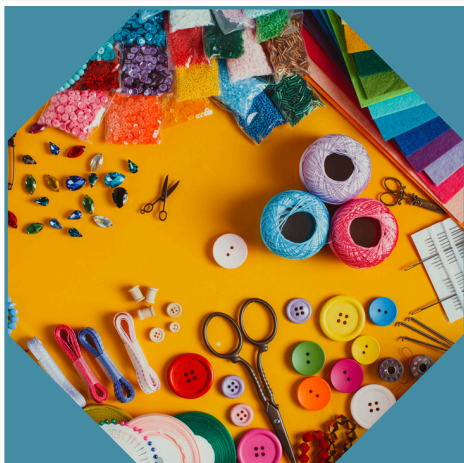
How many of us miss playing a good game of Scrabble? Stop by the Demmer on the dates and times listed as we bring Scrabble players together.



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.



Demmer Crafternoon

The 2nd Tuesday of each month

2:30pm

Demmer Libratory

Registration is required.



Story Hour Demmer Library Tuesdays@ 10 am

Story Hour is 30 to 45 minutes of stories, games, songs, and interactive fun.

Lego Club Monday, November 10 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.

TEEN LIBRARY COUNCIL **GRADES 6-12**

Every 3rd Monday starting:
Monday, November 17th
Maple Room
3:30-4:30

- Make decisions about teen spaces, programs and books.
- Earn volunteer hours needed for graduation.
- Participation looks good on college and job applications.
- FOOD & FUN!



November theme: Root Beer and Reviews!!!



November is.....
INTERNATIONAL
GAMES MONTH



Stop by the library this month and check out our board game selection.



SOUP AND SOCIAL HOUR

November 19th

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.

Free Family Photo Shoot Program



DEMMER LIBRARY

NOVEMBER 24TH 3PM-7PM

&

NOVEMBER 25TH 9AM-1PM

TIME SLOTS ARE 10 MINUTES EACH
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

**JINGLE
MINGLE
BOOK SALE**



SAT | NOV 29 | 2025

DEMMER LIBRARY 9:30AM-12PM

FILL A BAG FOR \$10

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

You may have noticed that "Booking Ahead" looks a little different this month. We want to take a moment to explain why and to thank you for your patience as we work through a big change in the library world.

Our main book supplier, Baker & Taylor, recently announced that it will be closing. For many years, they've been one of the primary companies that public libraries across the country have relied on to order and process books and audiobooks. Their closure has left libraries—including ours—scrambling to find new ways to order and receive materials efficiently.

We are working hard to establish new supplier relationships and continue providing you with fresh reading and viewing options. However, because so many libraries are now turning to the same alternate sources, there are significant delays in shipments—even from major retailers like Amazon.

We truly appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate this transition. The good news is that our team is working hard behind the scenes to restore normal ordering as quickly as possible—and we're confident that brighter, book-filled days are ahead!

In the meantime, don't hesitate to ask our staff for help placing holds, finding similar titles, or discovering hidden gems already in the collection. You might just find your next favorite read while you wait for the latest bestseller to arrive.

Books the Other Channel Book Club

Tuesday, November 25th--6:30 PM

in person or via Zoom

Books the Other Channel book discussion group will discuss *The Monk of Mokha* by Dave Eggers 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



Historical Clippings

Three Lakes Museum

November 2025

This is Part 2 of a presentation given on the history of tourism in Three Lakes. Part 1, because of its length, is the October 2025 Clipping and is found archived on the museum website

threelakesmuseum.org

Tourism. It's the People

The town of Three Lakes grew where the founding rail company, the Milwaukee Lakeshore and Western established it, and today it thrives, unlike many other railway towns along the same line that were not as successful - Monico, Pelican Lake, Summit Lake - which were all were thriving early on but somewhere in time lost it.

Three Lakes has a strong history and a strong line of people that contributed to its history, always moving on through adversity. Always working on an idea. It's the people.

Beginning with those five mercantiles in town all serving the local population but knowing early on how to serve the tourists also -

Frank and Mary McNinch on the corner by the depot. Frank really wanted a tavern but gave into a dry goods store when he couldn't keep up with the on again off again town ordinances on alcohol

Fred Campbell who was one of the first in town and envisioned being around forever when he built his two story brick building next to McNinch in 1902.

Only he lost his building to an explosion in 1908, moved back to his farm on Winkler Road and developed award winning seed potatoes and helped create the potato industry here

The Olkowski Meat Market whose family members have been important in shaping the Three Lakes community. Especially the education system. Schools.

Fred Dobbs who expanded his businesses to cover just about everything in town and out, and his store that evokes some of the warmest memories of what that "coming to town" experience included

William Neu a newspaper man, a government man, an entrepreneur with an ice cream shop.

These men, their wives and so many others in early Three Lakes laid the foundation.

Those that followed continued to add to it.

Additionally Three Lakes was blessed to have others that put the community out there on a national level. They were promoters and called Three Lakes home.

****Sam Campbell** was born August 1, 1895 to city life in Watseka, Illinois. As a child, camping with his parents and visiting his grandparents farm, he developed an early and keen interest in the outdoors. At the age of 20 he began writing articles on nature for newspapers and magazines and in 1929 he made his first films on animal life which he presented to the public. The central theme of his work was conservation. In the 1920s and 1930s, Campbell was part of America's emerging environmentalist movement, forging close friendships with some of its leading figures. Sam's writing and nature talks, with the use of a movie camera to capture the animals of the forest in action, caught the attention of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad and he became their official lecturer promoting travel by rail. Convincing people to take the train to see this beautiful country for themselves, he held that position for 22 years.

While he conducted tours throughout the world, he and his wife Giny maintained a summer home on an island in Four Mile Lake, known to the many who have heard his lectures, read his books, or seen his movies as "The Sanctuary of Wegimind." Today in collaboration with the US Forest Service, the Three Lakes Historical Society maintains the Sam Campbell Trail on the property that once belonged to Sam and his wife (note - it is not the island).

****Carl Marty**, the son of a cheese maker from Monroe Wisconsin, came to Three Lakes with a vision to build a Northwoods resort like no other. His vision for the Northernnaire, dubbed the Waldorf of the Wilderness, was to develop the perfect luxury resort aimed at the more affluent post war veterans. Construction began in 1946 and formally opened in 1947. Marty ran full speed with it through the 40's 50's and 60's. Built by Cy Williams, it was located on both Deer and Big Stone Lakes just miles from the town of Three Lakes and open year round, the resort consisted of 60 exquisitely appointed rooms and suites. The resort had a restaurant and lounge, swimming pool, spa, boats, facilities for horseback riding and summer/winter sports equipment. Adjacent to the resort was a golf course and the Showboat, both of which were built and opened by Carl Marty. A second restaurant, Chicken-In-The-Woods, was where guests could enjoy a snack and take in the wildlife at night, after hours. The animals would sit outside of the restaurant for the vacationers to view. In 1965, Carl Marty built Sheltered Valley, a ski hill located near the resort to offer his winter guests another activity. The Northernnaire entertained wealthy individuals from all over the United States until 1979, when Carl Marty passed away. Sadly, following his death, no one was able to replicate the magic of the Northernnaire experience and the Hotel, the Showboat and Sheltered Valley disappeared.

****Cy Williams** was a Notre Dame educated architect who upon graduation played professional baseball for the Chicago Cubs and Philadelphia Phillies. A team mate convinced Cy that a great getaway would be in Three Lakes Wisconsin. Agreeing, Cy moved his wife Vada and children to a home and farm on Rangeline Lake where they lived year round and he returned in the off season. Retiring from baseball, Cy returned to Three Lakes as a builder. His many projects included the Center for the Arts, the Black Forest across the street, the Visitors Bureau and the now gone businesses of the Oneida Village, the Alpine Diner and the Chalet. He also built the Northernnaire and the ski chalet at Sheltered Valley including all of the furniture. Many people on the lakes also live in Cy homes.

These three great men all lived and collaborated together in Three Lakes during the same time period and can be seen together in photos at many events supporting each other and the community.

****At this same time a young Walt Goldsworthy** moved to Three Lakes with his brother Vernon to grow cranberries. Walt joined Sam Carl and Cy on many projects and additionally initiated many projects and events of his own to promote our town. His contributions are immeasurable. Whereas the first three impacted Three Lakes through their business, Walt worked within the community seeking out volunteers who grabbed onto his enthusiasm and vision to make an event become a reality. An example - Field Days. A three day event that drew thousands. In 1981, the year of the Three Lakes Centennial Celebration, it was Walt and his wife Doris who were instrumental in leading the group that established the Three Lakes Historical Society and Museum.

These people credited here were all part of the foundation of Three Lakes, but really it is all the people who make this community and its resources great.

There are many ways to experience Three Lakes history

Visit the Museum		
Volunteer	Become a member of the Historical Society	
Read the monthly <i>Clippings</i>	Ask questions	Peruse the Archives
Attend events on the Museum grounds	Read a local history book by local authors	
Connect people to places	Attend a Speaker Series event	
Join an Immersion Excursion or take a Boat Tour and learn history where it happened		