
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,

April is a wonderful time to celebrate all that libraries bring to our communities, and we're excited to mark National Library Week with you. It's a chance to recognize the role the library plays in connecting people with information, ideas, and each other—and to thank you for being an essential part of it. Mark your calendars for April 20-25 to Find Your Joy at the library!

We're also kicking off a brand-new Hobby Series, beginning with a special program in partnership with the local Ham Radio Club. This introductory session will offer a look at the world of amateur radio, a hobby that blends technology, communication, and community in fascinating ways. The Hobby Series will teach you how to get started and explore a whole new set of interests!

Whether you're celebrating with us during National Library Week or trying something new through our hobby series, we're glad to have you at the library this spring.

—Jill Roth, Library Director

HOURS

MON/WED 9AM-7PM

TUES/THURS/FRI 9AM-5PM

SAT 9AM-2PM

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Three Lakes Genealogical Society



Society meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month from 1-3 p.m. We meet at the Demmer Library in the Maple Room, but you can attend virtually. A Zoom link will be sent by the secretary in advance of each meeting. The program is followed by a business meeting. Visitors are welcome. Planned programs for 2026 are identified below. We welcome your suggestions for future programming! April 27 – Ethnic and Cultural Research

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, April 1st @ 1:00pm

Thursday, April 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.

POSTPONED

THIS EVENT IS POSTPONED UNTIL A NEW VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER IS APPOINTED.



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, 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.

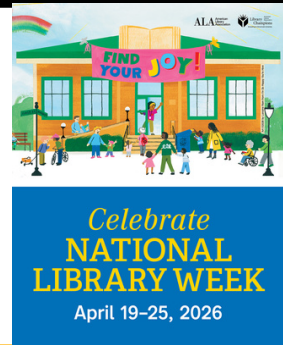


TEEN LIBRARY COUNCIL **GRADES 6-12**

- Every 3rd Monday :
- Make decisions about teen spaces, programs and books.
- Monday, April 20th
- Earn volunteer hours needed for graduation.
 - Participation looks good on college and job applications.
 - Bling-a-Book & Brownies
- Maple Room
3:30-4:30



Come to the library April 19-25 and see if you can find Joy!
Once you find her tell the librarian at the front desk.



BOOK BITES



More books, more bites!



SOUP AND SOCIAL HOUR

April 15th
5PM-6PM

DEMNER NORTHWOODS ROOM

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



A FILM BY JEFF MCKAY
FEATURING
SAM JAFFE AND THE CATERPILLAR LAB,
DOUG TALLAMY, AND DAVID WAGNER

PHOTO BY SAM JAFFE

Join us a for a special movie screening:
The Extraordinary Caterpillar
Monday, April 13, 5:30pm
Demmer Library Maple Room

A joint effort by:



The core mission of the Scrapers is to build a community that promotes and supports a sustainable local food culture.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 19–25, 2026

FIND YOUR **JOY!**

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NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK HONORARY CHAIR

National Library Week is coming April 19–25! Get ready for a week full of special programs, activities, and ways to Find Your Joy at the library. Stay tuned—fun is on the way!

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



This Kingdom Will Not Kill Me by Ilona Andrews
Japanese Gothic by Kylie Lee Baker
Daughter of Egypt by Marie Benedict
Nothing Tastes As Good by Luke Dumas
Python's Kiss by Louise Erdrich
The Keeper by Tana French
This Land Is Your Land by Beverly Gage
Strange People on the Hill by Michael Edison Hayden
Missing Sister by Joshilyn Jackson
The Night We Met by Abby Jimenez
London Falling by Patrick Radden Keefe
Chain of Ideas by Ibram X. Kendi
We Burned So Bright by TJ Klune
How to Be Okay When Nothing Is Okay by Jenny Lawson
The Girls Before by Kate Alice Marshall
The Final Storm by Fern Michaels
Trust No One by James Rollins
Revenge Prey by John Sandford
When the Forest Breathes by Suzanne Simard
Don't Tell Me How It Ends by Adrienne Thurman

Books the Other Channel Book Club

Tuesday, April 28th--6:30 PM

in person or via Zoom



Books the Other Channel book discussion group will discuss *Something Wicked This Way Comes* by Ray Bradbury 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

April 2026



from *Every Root an Anchor: Wisconsin's Famous and Historic Trees* by R. Bruce Allison

As one of the largest known white pines in the United States, or the world, (its weight estimated at roughly 27 tons) it was certainly a magnificent relic of the past and one of the attractions that lured thousands of tourists annually to the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest.

A Champion in Our Midst

Two thousand years ago it was the Roman scholar, Pliny the Elder, who concluded that trees and the forest were the most sublime gift with which nature had endowed man

The MacArthur Pine, a towering sentinel of the forest located in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest east of Three Lakes, gave us a glimpse of what the northern portion of the state must have looked like before the lumberjacks got to work with their axes to make Wisconsin of the 1880's a crucial player in the logging industry of the northern states.

This tree, a remnant of Wisconsin's virgin pine forest, was first recorded in 1945 by a former USFS District Ranger, and later named by a Milwaukee newspaperman in honor of World War II General Douglas MacArthur.

A legendary eastern white pine (*Pinus strobus*), it stood for approximately 400 years on land protected from exploitation by the Wisconsin Board of Public Lands located west of Newald in Forest County, Wisconsin. The General MacArthur Pine held the title of our nation's largest white pine from 1945 until 1971 when it stood 148 feet tall, 5 feet 7 inches in diameter, a base circumference of 17 feet 6 inches and contained approximately 8,000 board feet of lumber.

Over time, the elements took their toll. In a 1971 storm, the top 40 feet broke off and the tree lost its title of the largest white pine. In 1986, during a lightning storm, the tree was hit and caught fire. The center of the tree from ground level to 20 feet in height was burned out. In June 24, 2001 it finally fell victim to another, possibly suspicious, fire.



The State of Wisconsin Board of Commissioners of Public Lands wished to preserve the legacy of this tree and decided the best way was to make available slices from the trunk at no cost to museums and other public organizations. The Three Lakes Historical Society was one of the organizations that applied for a slice.

In September 2001, a Commemorative Ceremony was held at the MacArthur Pine site to honor the tree and its significance to Wisconsin history. The day's event included cutting the trunk into slices about 6 inches thick by cross-cut saw teams and dignitaries. After finishing the preparation of the wood, the slice was ready for public display and today is installed in the CCC Building on the Three Lakes Museum grounds. Slices can be found at many sites throughout the area.

Though it no longer stands, it remains a significant part of Wisconsin's natural history as a remnant of the state's original virgin pine forest.



Increase A. Lapham, Wisconsin pioneer conservationist, in *Transactions of the State Agricultural Society for 1853*, wrote,

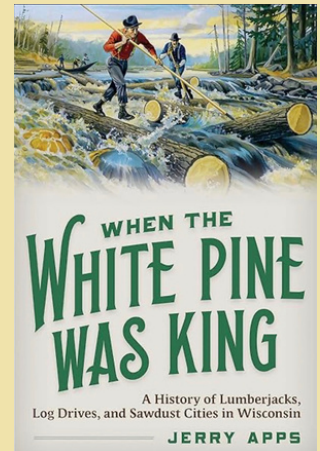
“It is much to be regretted that the very superabundance of trees in our state should destroy in some degree, our veneration for them. They are looked upon as **cumberers** (a thing that takes up space or gets in the way) of the land, and the question is not how they shall be preserved, but how they shall be destroyed.” Hopefully times have changed.



give me the pines, especially in winter when their crowns are adorned with blizzard blossoms

"From the ring of the ax in the woods, to the scream of the saw blade in the mill, to the founding of many of Wisconsin's communities, Jerry Apps does an outstanding job bringing Wisconsin's logging and lumbering heritage to life."

-Kerry P. Bloedorn, director, Rhinelander Pioneer Park Historical Complex



Wisconsin identifies its largest trees through the Champion Tree Program, which has been documenting massive specimens since 1941. These "champions" are determined using a point system that combines trunk circumference, tree height, and crown spread. A current list of trees can be found at this link -

[Champion Tree Data Table](#)



NATIONAL
ARBOR DAY

April 24 Plant a Champion