
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,

May is a month of growth, reflection, and connection—and the library is in full bloom with opportunities to learn, share, and gather together.

Gardeners and plant lovers won't want to miss our Gardening Panel on May 27 and our Plant Swap on May 30, where you can exchange plants, pick up new varieties, and dig into expert advice from local gardeners. Whether you're a seasoned green thumb or just starting out, this is a great way to cultivate new ideas and connections.

As we turn the page on another season, we'll also be wrapping up our Book Bites program on May 23. It's been a novel experience, full of great titles and delicious pizza. We've truly eaten up all the good reads together, and while it's hard to say goodbye, we hope this program has given you plenty to chew on and added some flavor to your reading life.

Looking ahead, we're excited to launch the first event in our America 250 speaker and movie series on May 27. This new series will explore our nation's history through engaging presentations and films, offering opportunities to reflect, learn, and discuss as we approach this important milestone.

Finally, as we observe Memorial Day, we take time to honor and remember those who gave their lives in service to our country. The library will be closed for the holiday as we join the community in remembrance.

Thank you for being part of our library community this spring. We look forward to seeing you at these events and throughout the month.

—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



The next TLGS meeting will be held on Monday, May 18th from 1-3 p.m. The meetings are 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. We welcome your suggestions for future programming!

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

More Than Books: The Library Garden as a Community Hub



Since 2020, there is a growing trend for libraries to extend beyond their walls and add garden spaces for community members to enjoy. In 2023, the Demmer library added a Celebration Garden on the South side of the library. This beautiful garden was established using donations from the capital campaign to rebuild the library in 2019. The Celebration Garden features memorial books and paving stones as well as plaques and benches which have been donated by individuals and community organizations. Contact Linnea Ebann at serviceacres@yahoo.com if you would like to purchase an item for the Celebration Garden.

What's Next? The remainder of the donated funds will be used to complete landscaping projects at the front of the library. Work is already underway for the left side! This space will have the same look and feel as the Celebration Garden, and will be completed this summer. Opposite of this landscaped area in the front will be a Children's Garden. This area is in the design phase with timing still to be determined. Thank you to all of the generous donors who have helped us create an inviting entrance to the library! If you would like to contribute to this project, please donate to the Three Lakes Public Library Foundation using the address below:

Three Lakes Public Library Foundation (TLPLF) P O Box 283 Three Lakes, WI 54562

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.

Used book sale fund-raiser events pay for the August Scavenger Hunt Prizes, the Northwoods Children's Museum Season Pass, the Book Page Subscription and much more!!!



Monthly Writing Group

TWO MEETINGS THIS MONTH!

Thursday, May 7 @ 1:00pm

Thursday, May 21 @ 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.

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

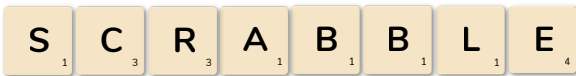
Find Your Passion, Find Your Joy.

Monthly Hobby Series

4th Wednesday at 1:00 PM

Demmer Maple Room

GARDENING!



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.

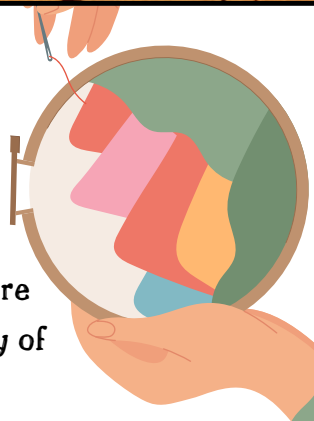


Hook & Needle Nights

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, May 11th 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.
 - Earn volunteer hours needed for graduation.
 - Participation looks good on college and job applications.
 - Bling-a-Book & Brownies
- Monday, May 18th
Maple Room
3:30-4:30

BOOK BITES



More books, more bites!



UNEARTH **A STORY™**



SUMMER READING PROGRAM **COMING SOON!**

FINAL SOUP AND SOCIAL HOUR **BREAD BAKE-OFF!!!**

WEDNESDAY MAY 20TH
5PM-6PM
DEMMEER NORTHWOODS ROOM

Bring a loaf of your best bread and see how it measures up!

The library will provide a charcuterie and a pot of soup for the competition.



A joint effort by:

Scrappers Lions Club



Join us a for a special movie screening:
Feeding Tomorrow
Monday, May 12, 5:30pm
Demmer Library Maple Room

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

4th Annual Demmer Plant Swap

With help from:



Saturday, May 30

9am-12pm

Demmer Front Lawn

Bring a plant, leave a plant.

No plant, no problem.



MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

BOOK SALE

Saturday, May 23rd

9:30a-12p



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



Hope Rises by David Baldacci

The Fourth Option by Jack Carr

Prowl by Colleen Coble

Across the Vanishing Sky by Catherine Cowles

Chase the Light by Suzanne Woods Fisher

Our Perfect Storm by Carley Fortune

The Last Mandarin by Louise Penny & Mellissa Fung

The Dinner Party: A Pick Your Poison Adventure by Freida McFadden

Judge Stone by James Patterson

Where We Belong by Kim Vogel Sawyer

The Calamity Club by Kathryn Stockett

John of John by Douglas Stuart

The Devil's Daughter by Danielle Steel

Don't Fall in Love with Me by Paige Toon

Served Him Right by Lisa Unger

Platform Decay by Martha Wells

Books the Other Channel Book Club

Tuesday, May 26th--6:30 PM

in person or via Zoom



Books the Other Channel book discussion group will discuss *Challenger: A True Story of Heroism and Disaster on the Edge of Space* by Adam Higginbotham 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

May 2026

Three Lakes Municipal Airport

The United States airplane industry experienced a "boom to bust" cycle immediately following World War I, shifting from a peak production of roughly 21,000 aircraft per year in 1918 to a near-total collapse by 1919. Following the 1918 Armistice, the U.S. government canceled over \$100 million in aircraft contracts. Surplus military aircraft sold cheap.

Aviation was largely kept alive by two groups during this time. Barnstormers were former military pilots flying those surplus planes to perform air shows and offering rides keeping aviation in the public eye. Hoping to establish themselves financially and gain popularity by showing off their aviation skills, they worked independently or joined air circuses setting records, racing and performing stunts for movies. At this same time the U.S. Post Office began operating its own airmail routes.



The aircraft industry encountered an upswing in 1927 following Charles A. Lindbergh's solo flight from New York to Paris in the *Spirit of Saint Louis*. Public enthusiasm for flying and aircraft expanded dramatically and airplane sales more than tripled before the stock market crashed in October of 1929.

Which if any of these influences affected Three Lakes is not known for certain. What is known though is that two men, airplane enthusiasts, crossed paths here.

Harold Grandy, son of John Grandy, a Three Lakes farmer and resort owner, collaborated with Dr Ora McMurray, an established medical doctor in Eagle River, probably around the time of Lindbergh's flight in 1927. Both avid airplane buffs, McMurray's experience was gained as a medic pilot in Europe during the war, while currently it is only known that Grandy owned a plane.

The Daily Northwestern (Oshkosh, Wisconsin) Sat, 09 Jun 1928, p19

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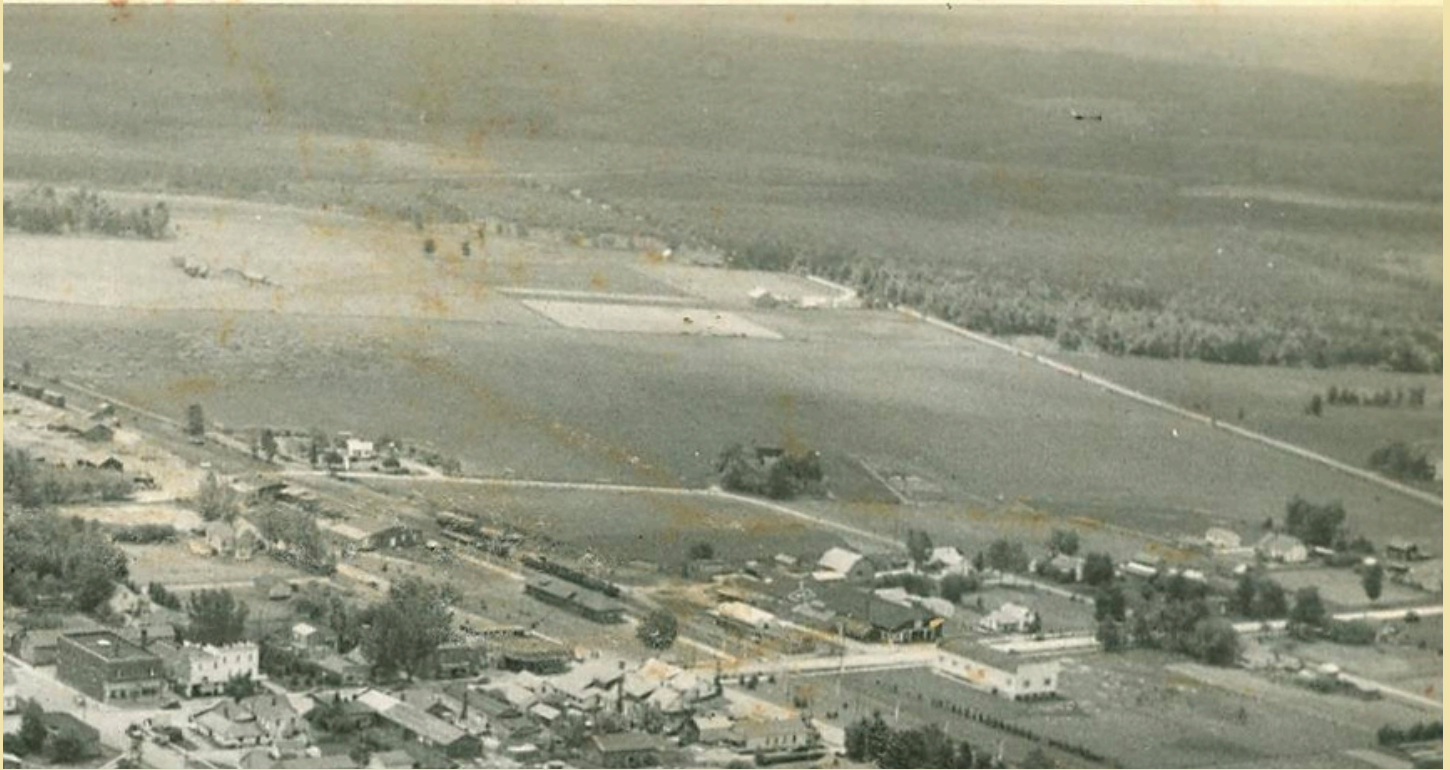
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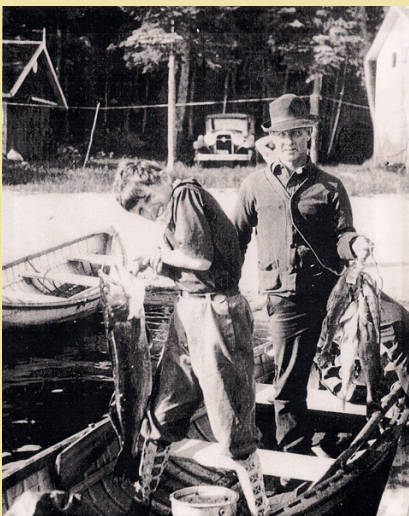
By the summer of 1928, plans were well underway and the airport in Three Lakes would be one of the first ten in the state.

The 2026 Three Lakes Museum season is featuring an exhibit on the first Three Lakes Municipal Airport located in the area of the current Don Burnside Park. The Historical Society invites you to come into the Museum Visitor Center (any time the Demmer Library is open) to view the display and learn the story behind the Airport.

As always there are more puzzle pieces to be put in place. This exhibit needs answers to a number of questions and we are hoping you can help!



How many landmarks do you recognize from this aerial photo of Three Lakes c. 1920's ?
Who was taking aerial pictures before Three Lakes had an airport?



Ed Stanzil is pictured with Amelia Earhart. The question is when and how did she get to Three Lakes?



Three Lakes and a compass arrow are painted on the Himes Lumber Company roof. What direction is the arrow pointing?



Harold Grandy put a propeller on a toboggan and ran the lakes. Any stories?

Be sure to stop by the Museum Visitor Center located at the back of the Demmer Library for more details. And if you have any stories you can add to the history of the first Three Lakes Airport, we would love to hear them. Or email curator@threelakesmuseum.org 8