
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.

Dig Into Summer Fun This July

Summer is in full swing, and the library is bursting with opportunities to read, learn, and have fun. Whether you're young, young at heart, or somewhere in between, there's a summer reading adventure waiting for you.

Our children's summer reading theme, **Unearth A Story**, continues with four exciting programs throughout July. Join us for an interactive showing of *Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs* on July 7, stomp and roar your way through **Dino Stomp** on July 14, investigate the world beneath our feet with **Dirt Detectives** on July 21, and celebrate a delightfully spooky **Summerween** on July 28. Children can also keep the adventure going all month long with our summer reading game boards, earning rewards as they read their way to the finish line.

Teens are invited to participate in our **Book Review Bookmark Challenge**, sharing their thoughts on great reads while earning prize drawing entries. Adults can join the fun too with our patriotic **Read, White and Blue** bookmark challenge. No matter your age, summer is the perfect time to discover a new favorite book. Before you settle in with your summer reading stack, be sure to stop by our **Friends of the Library Book Sale** on the morning of July 4 following the parade. It's a great opportunity to find your next page-turner while supporting the library.

We hope you'll spend part of your summer with us. After all, the best treasures aren't always buried underground—sometimes they're waiting on a library shelf.

—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 have their members only picnic on Monday, July 28, at 12 p.m. at Don Burnside Park in Three Lakes.

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>



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!!!



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!





Monthly Writing Group

TWO MEETINGS THIS MONTH!

Thursday, July 2 @ 1:00pm

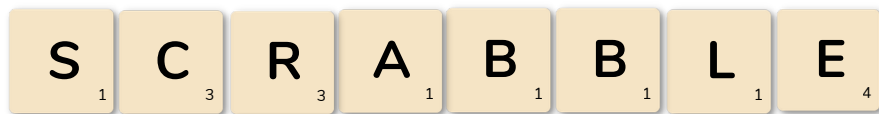
Thursday, July 16 @ 1:00pm

Demmer Maple Room

Beginning writers as well as established authors are encouraged to attend, share writing projects, successes, and help each other.



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**

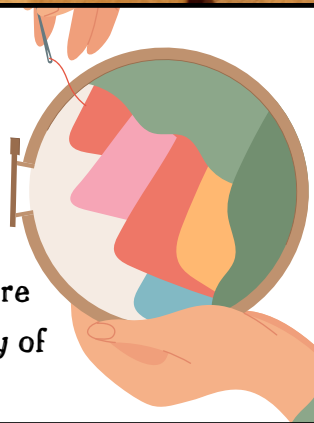
How many of us miss playing a good game of Scrabble? Stop by the Demmer on the dates and times listed as we bring Scrabble players together.

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.



American Mahjong

Every Tuesday

11a-1p

Demmer Northwoods Room

Still a beginner?

Learn to play the second Tuesday of the month!

Contact the library to sign up for teaching time.



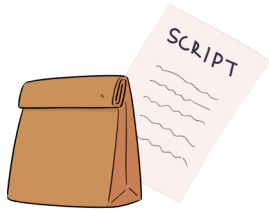
UNEARTH A STORY™ JULY PROGRAMS



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Interactive Movie July 7 @ 10 AM

Maple Room--Join us as we watch a movie where familiar prehistoric characters go on a journey to rescue their friend. Everyone gets an interactive script and a bag of goodies to follow along with Miss April and Miss Candice.



Dino Stomp July 14 @ 10 AM

@ Maple Room--Come to our prehistoric party where you will create your dinosaur name and take part in dino fun.



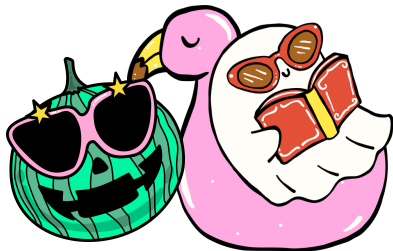
Dirt Detectives July 21 @ 10 AM

@ Maple Room--Come learn about dirt with a video clip featuring Sid the Science Kid® and a hands on snack.



Summerween July 28 @ 10AM

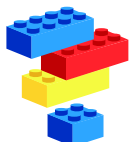
@ Maple Room---Dress up for activities inspired by Halloween, but in the summer. No costume, no problem!



**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.



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AGES 0-11

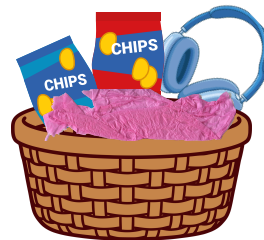
It's Summer Reading time again!
Starting June 22-August 14 reading books equals prizes!
Ages 0-11 come register for summer reading and get your
gameboard.

The theme this year is *Unearth A Story!*



AGES 12-18

Teens, starting June 22-August 14 pick up a book review bookmark
from the library. Every completed bookmark is a raffle ticket into
the basket of your choosing. Basket winners will be drawn
Friday, August 14.
Happy Reading!



AGES 19+



Adults, June 22-August 14 pick up a book bookmark from the library.
Complete the tasks on the bookmark and answer the questions. Turn in
completed bookmarks as a chance to win one of four \$50 Amazon gift
cards.

Winners will be drawn Friday, August 14!

MAKE IT! ROCKET WORKSHOP



- **2-DAY MODEL ROCKET WORKSHOP**
- **BUILD THE FIRST DAY, LAUNCH THE SECOND DAY**
- **MUST COMMIT TO BOTH DAYS**
- **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED, SPACE IS LIMITED**
- **AGES 8-15**



JULY 14 & 15, 2026



DEMME MAPLE ROOM & DON BURNSIDE PARK



1 PM-2 PM



REGISTRATION OPENS JUNE 22





Three Lakes

IMMERSION EXCURSIONS

"AN OUT OF MUSEUM EXPERIENCE"



**TREES FOR TOMORROW-
HISTORY OF THE CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS
THURS, JULY 9
10:00 AM**



**KIMBALL CREEK
THURS, JULY 16
10:00 AM**



**ONEIDA VILLAGE-HISTORY OF THE CORNER
THURS, JULY 23
10:00 AM**



**BLACK FOREST-
INSIDE HISTORY TOUR
THURS, JULY 30
10:00 AM**

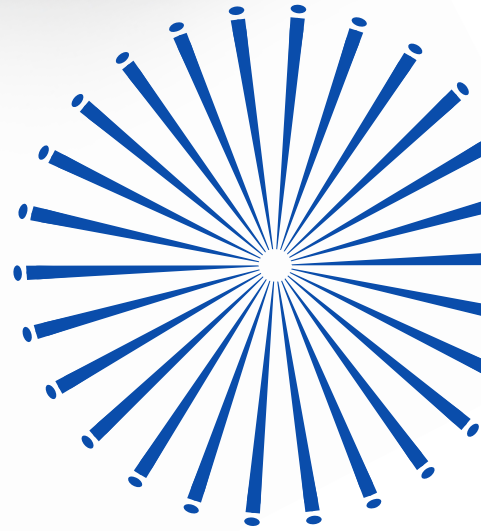
Meet at the Demmer Library at 10:00am. Car pool or take your own car to the scheduled location and learn about these special Three Lakes places.

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL THE DEMMER LIBRARY AT 715-546-3391 OR EMAIL
LIBRARIAN@DEMMERLIBRARY.ORG**



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4TH OF JULY BOOK SALE

**JULY 4TH, 2025
9:30AM-12PM**

PURCHASE AND FILL A TOTE BAG \$10.00

For more information call the Demmer Library at
715-546-3391 or email librarian@demmerlibrary.org

Friends of the Demmer Library

How is **BOOK SALE** money used?

Children's Museum pass: **\$155**

Book Page Subscription: **\$105**

Bookshelf: **\$30**

Hotspot subscription: **\$192**

Children's Summer
Reading Program

**Every book you buy helps pay for
something at the Demmer Library!**



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Booking Ahead

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



Road Trip by Mary Kay Andrews

A Pair of Aces by Marie Benedict

Pool House by Mary H.K. Choi

It Could Have Been Her by Lisa Jewell

Fury Over Texas by William W. Johnstone

Little Wonder by Sophie Chen Keller

The Intrigue by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

Ghost-Eye by Amitav Ghosh

Prestige Drama by Seamas O'Reilly

The Monster We Made by Shade Owens

Songs of the Dead by Brandon Sanderson

How to Not Die in Prison by Taylor Sheridan

Drayton and Mackenzie by Alexander Starritt

The Calamity Club by Kathryn Stockett

Choke Point by Brad Thor

What Came West by Josh Weil

Books the Other Channel Book Club

Tuesday, July 28--6:30 PM

in person or via Zoom

Books the Other Channel book discussion group will discuss *Letters from the Sanctuary* by Steven Yahr at 6:30 PM in the Maple Room.

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

July 2026

Military Road

The Heritage Drive Scenic Byway

On the far eastern border of the Three Lakes township running north through the Nicolet-Chequamagon National Forest is Military Road, the Old Superior Trail created by the Native American tribes of the Ojibwa, Menominee and Winnebago, who first inhabited the area. The path was used by these people for hundreds of years for trading, eventually joined by early trappers, travelers, mail carriers and drovers (livestock dealers), providing supplies for the copper mines and settlements in northern Michigan.

Beginning in the 1850's the trail was gradually improved to a tote or wagon road. Then in 1863 Congress appropriated money, based on a fear that the British might join the Confederacy and disrupt supply routes, to improve the roadway to transport supplies, ammunition, and mail from Fort Dearborn in Chicago, to Fort Howard on Green Bay to Fort Wilkens in Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula. The Civil War itself though prevented the road's completion through northern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula until 1869. There just wasn't the manpower or equipment available to cut through the dense forest and lowland.

But the fulfilment of the Military Road project in 1870 successfully brought the timber resources of northern Wisconsin to the rest of the nation and the eventual recognition as the Heritage Drive Scenic Byway.



EDITOR'S OPINION

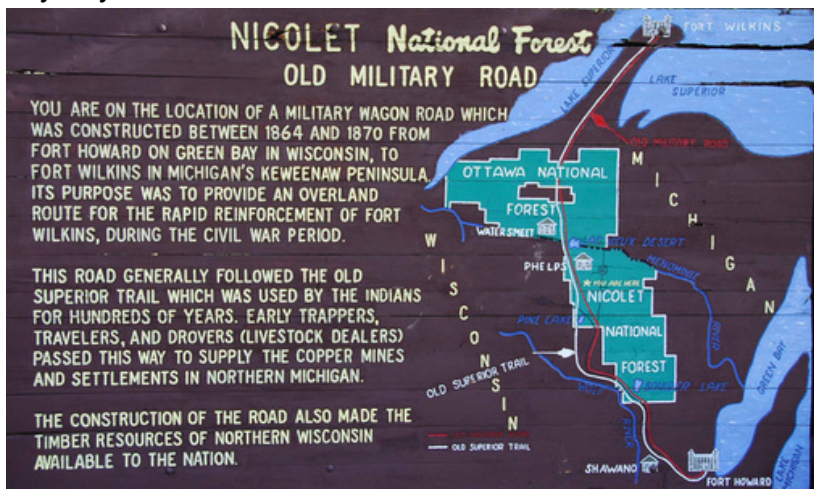
Nicolet Byway Very Important

Vilas County News Review 1992

Designation of part of the Military Road and Butternut Lake Road as a 15-mile National Forest Scenic Byway is an enormous accomplishment, both for its value to the nation's historic record and its importance to the tourism industry. It has been named Heritage Drive Scenic Byway in honor of the rich heritage of its route. It was 4,000 years ago that Indians walked this route to trade copper from the mines of Upper Michigan. It is located on high ground that skirts dozens of lakes, swamps and bogs. Even more significant was the road to the U.S. Post Office, which delivered mail as early as 1861 to loggers and scattered farmers. And a year later, it became an important part of a military wagon road from Fort Howard at Green Bay to Fort Wilkins on Lake Superior. Perhaps its most significant contribution was in opening the way north for loggers and settlers. As usual, such an accomplishment involves a lot of work from many people. Seldom do individuals achieve what a team of dedicated people can do. Side-stepping that reality, we are inclined to pick out one very deserving person for special recognition.

Walt Goldsworthy, a local historian and naturalist, has long been an advocate and supporter of special recognition for Military Road. He has been instrumental in the founding of many historical projects related to forestry and tourism, including the Three Lakes Historical Society and its museum. He was honored Saturday during the dedication ceremony of the Scenic Heritage Byway - and rightfully so. Goldsworthy, who worked for 13 years with the U.S. Forest Service at Franklin Lake Campground and the Blackwell Job Corps Center, has a deep dedication for preserving the past. He spearheaded development of the Sam Campbell Memorial Trail and last year he led interpretive tours on the Franklin Nature Trail, long after his retirement in 1975.

The Byway is a historic gem, guiding travelers along a trail that once became home to several Croatian families that immigrated here and remain today. Its many sights include stands of enormous hemlock trees, the Franklin Lake Recreation Complex, tree plantations, endangered wildlife, revamped fire damage and three scenic creeks. With its dedication into the National Forest By-way System, the U.S. Forest Service will eventually invest hundreds of thousands of dollars into improving parking, signing, interpretive work and other recreational opportunities on the Heritage Byway. It will be a great selling point for the tourism industry. It's another example of how cooperative ventures can work between government agencies who listen to the public and dedicated volunteers, such as Goldsworthy, who set their sights on a project and don't quit until the job is done.



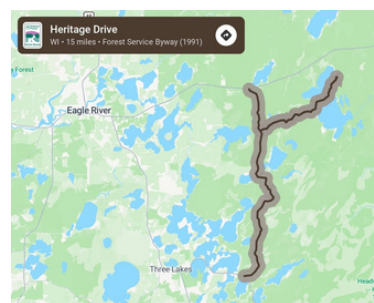
Today as you drive east of Three Lakes on Highway 32 you will come to the intersection with Military Road (Forest Road) FR 2178. This is where the Heritage Scenic Drive begins heading north. Just a little farther east of this intersection on 32, where Virgin Lake meets the road, is where during the late 1850's Hi Polar built a home and established a trading post. The importance of the trading post and Military Road to early Three Lakes history is recognized when we find in old town records that one of the first projects after the clearing of what is now Superior, or Main Street, was cutting a road to link up with Military Road at Virgin Lake.



No images of the trading post could be found but this image of Pop's Pine Resort on Virgin Lake originally was the site of Hi Polars Trading Post. The original resort that replaced the trading post was owned over the years by several families. After Pop's, it became Holiday Haven which burned down in the 1990's.

The road has seen consistent use over the years. By 1920 sections of it were incorporated into the Wisconsin state highway system with parts of it still following the original roadbed.

The section of the road in the Three Lakes area still follows its original route, and looks much like it did 150 years ago. Many of the mileposts established by early trailwalkers still serve the 21st century traveler. Fourmile Creek, Seven Mile Creek, and Ninemile Creek indicate the distance from Virgin Lake.



Logging companies that had purchased sections from the government along Military Road in the 1850's to finance its construction began to sell when the timber ran out. Much of the cut over land was sold to immigrants for farms and homesteads. But the soil was better suited for growing trees and many of the farms were abandoned. In 1928, the Federal Government began buying abandoned and tax delinquent land with the idea of establishing a national forest. In March 1933, shortly before he left office, President Herbert Hoover issued a proclamation establishing the Nicolet National Forest.

The first two of four Immersion Excursions are scheduled: July 9 for Trees for Tomorrow and July 16 for Kimbell Creek. These events will explore the deeper connection of Three Lakes to this remarkable natural gift that we are all fortunate to help preserve. Call the Museum or Library for details.

Three Lakes IMMERSION EXCURSIONS JULY 2026 "AN OUT OF MUSEUM EXPERIENCE"

Immersion Excursions: An Out of Museum Experience!

July 9 Trees for Tomorrow, July 16 Kimbell Creek,
July 23 Oneida Village-History of the Corner,
July 30 Black Forest-inside history tour.

Details at threelakesmuseum.org



Pioneer Days at the Museum: Tuesday July 28, 12-4

Join us for a fun filled afternoon event and travel back in time to explore life in the northwoods. Dress up like a pioneer and discover the hard work, fun and adventure of pioneer life.

More info at threelakesmuseum.org.



Historic Boat Tours on the Three Lakes Chain: The tour, from the Northern Bridge to the Blue Ribbon Bridge includes a narration on the history of many of the early families, their homes, and boathouses. If interested in joining one of the tours, stop in at the Museum Visitors Center or call 715-546-2295. A \$25 membership is requested. **Not a member? Join now!**

Tour dates: July 14, July 23, & July 28, August 4 & 13. Visit threelakesmuseum.org for more information.

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Summer
History
on the Go