2019 One Book One County title

“Diamond Willow” by Helen Frost

What I love about dogs:
They don’t talk behind your back.
If they’re mad at you, they bark a couple times
and get it over with. It’s true
they slobber on you sometimes.
(I’m glad people don’t do that.) They
jump out and scare you in the dark. (I know,
I should say me, not “you”—some people aren’t
afraid of anything.) But dogs don’t make fun
of you. They don’t hit you in the back
of your neck with an ice-covered
snowball, and if they did, and
it made you cry, all their
friends wouldn’t stand
there laughing.
(Me.)
Science Central Passes

The library now has Science Central entrance passes available that you can check out with your library card. Each pass provides free entrance into Science Central for 2 adults at the same address and up to 6 children.

Ask at the Main Library front desk or the Ossian Branch to check-out the passes. They can be checked-out for 7 days at a time and you are able to place holds on them in our online catalog if someone else has the pass. Overdue fines are $1 per day.

Rockcreek Cemetery Walk

Sunday, October 6: 2 pm

Join us for the Wells County Genealogy Society and Wells County Public Library Cemetery Walk. The program will be held at the Chapel of Rockcreek located at 1621 W. 300 N., Bluffton (formally the Saint Paul Church). We will be highlighting the following cemeteries: Emmanuel, Friends, Old Rockcreek, Redding, Sparks, Spider Hill, and St. Paul.

The program begins at 2 pm with historical reenactors portraying the lives of some of those buried in the cemeteries. Maps will be available and attendees are encouraged to visit the township cemeteries at the conclusion of the program. Registration appreciated, but not required.

Local Author Night

Bluffton: Thursday, October 17: 6-8 pm

Adults/Teens/Kids. Join us for this fun, family-friendly event. Attendees will get to wander through booths set up throughout the Main Library to chat with authors and participate in book-related activities for all ages (including children’s games, book-themed crafts, interactive mad libs, and more). You can purchase books from the authors if you’d like or just enjoy the fun.

No registration needed (just drop in during the event). All activities will be free and there will be chances to win books by the authors present.

There is still space for authors to register for a booth. If interested, contact Emily Marshall at emarshall@wellscolibrary.org or call 260-824-1612.

Collecting Books & Money for Military

Bluffton and Ossian: October 28-November 11

To honor active military and veterans for Veterans Day, the library will be collecting gently used and new books to be shipped to veterans and military personnel in the United States and overseas via the Operation Paperback organization. The library will also be collecting cash donations for Operation Stackup, which purchases video games and video game related items for military personnel. Items and donations will be collected from October 28th to November 11th.
One Book One County

One Book One County is a community read program for Wells County held in September and October every year. The program is designed to create a countywide discussion by encouraging all residents to read the same book. There are also a number of special events at the library related to themes found in the featured book. This year’s title is “Diamond Willow” by Fort Wayne-based author Helen Frost. Books are available for check out at either library location and the Northeast Indiana Digital Library.

About the Book: “Twelve-year-old Willow would rather blend in than stick out. But she still wants to be seen for who she is. She wants her parents to notice that she is growing up. She wants her best friend to like her better than she likes a certain boy. She wants, more than anything, to mush the dogs out to her grandparents’ house, by herself, with Roxy in the lead. But sometimes when it’s just you, one mistake can have frightening consequences . . . And when Willow stumbles, it takes a surprising group of friends to help her make things right again.” - book jacket

Using diamond-shaped poems inspired by forms found in polished diamond willow sticks, Helen Frost tells the moving story of Willow and her family. Hidden messages within each diamond carry the reader further, into feelings Willow doesn’t reveal even to herself.

Book Discussions

Bluffton: Tuesday, Oct. 8: 6:30 pm (Grades 5-6)
Bluffton: Thursday, October 10: 6:30 pm (Adults)
Bluffton: Monday, October 14: 1:30 pm (Adults)

Join us for a book chat about the One Book One County title “Diamond Willow” by Helen Frost.

Karen Land: Sled Dog Program

Bluffton: Thursday, October 24: 6:30-8:00 pm

All ages. The main character of “Diamond Willow” is a 12-year old girl that loves mushing. Learn more about the sport by attending this Iditarod dog mushing/racing presentation by Karen Land. In the sport of mushing, a sled dog team is often referred to as a “string of dogs.” Karen’s current string is made up of Alaskan Huskies, Romano and Noggin; one Corgi-Springer mix named Chloe; and a 15-year old German Jagd Terrier named Jigs. If all goes as planned, Karen will be bringing one or more of her dogs with her for the talk. Karen is a three-time Iditarod musher and wilderness advocate. She has presented to libraries and schools around the country. This program is best for school-age children and adults, but all ages are welcome. Registration appreciated.

Open Poetry Night

Bluffton: Thursday, November 7: 6:30-7:30 pm

Teens and Adults. Bring a poem you have written or just your favorite poem to share with the group at this relaxed, open poetry night. Also, enjoy coffee and finger foods. Registration appreciated.
Summer Reading Recap

Thank you to everyone that participated in our 2019 Summer Reading Program and a special congratulations to the 1,303 children, teens, and adults that completed the program and helped us reached our community reading goals.

With your help, lots of wonderful books were read. Just how many?...

- **Infants**: 103 of our youngest library patrons completed a total of 1,472 activities.
- **Kids**: with 1,428 children ages 2-grade 6 participating, the group read for 8,328 hours.
- **Teens**: 232 teen participants in grades 6-12 read 583,219 pages.
- **Adults**: between the 415 adults participating, there were 953,061 pages read!

Great job everyone! That's a lot of books! Our adults smashed the previous year’s reading numbers. As a reward the children that finished the program got to attend a special pool party and all other age groups enjoyed parties of their own. Make sure to check out all the Summer Reading Program sponsors and finishers in the newsletter insert.

Wonderbooks


Plus, the first-ever Learning Mode for deeper comprehension and engagement.

Wonderbooks loan for 3 weeks, with a limit of 2 on any card.

Fall Book Sale

Used books, movies, audio books, DVDs, and more.

**HOURS:**
- **October 29**: 5-8 pm (Friends only preview)
- **October 30-31**: 9 am-8 pm
- **November 1**: 9 am-6 pm
- **November 2**: 9 am-2 pm

Sponsored by The Friends of the Library.
All proceeds help fund library events.

Program Cancellation Info

If the following school districts are closed due to inclement weather, all programs (for any age group) will be cancelled. If the school has a delay, then programming will proceed as normal.

**Main Library (Bluffton)**: Bluffton-Harrison School District
**Ossian Branch**: Northern Wells Community Schools

Online

Accurate, online encyclopedia that's available for free with your library card. World Book Online is split up into different sites for kids, students, and adults. Access at: www.wellscolibrary.org/research.
Popular Checkouts

Fiction:
“Lost and Found” by Danielle Steel
“Unsolved” by James Patterson and David Ellis
“Silent Night” by Danielle Steel
“Winter in Paradise” by Elin Hilderbrand
“Two Weeks” by Karen Kingsbury

Non-fiction:
“D-Day: Soldiers, Sailors and Airman Tell About Normandy” by Kayleen Reusser
“The Pioneers: The Heroic Story of the Settlers Who Brought the American Ideal West” by David McCullough
“Extreme Ownership: How U.S. Navy SEALs Lead and Win” by Jocko Willink and Leif Babin
“Educated: a Memoir” by Tara Westover
“The Dumb Things Smart People Do with Their Money” by Jill Schlesinger

Kids’ Books:
“Dog man and Cat Kid” by Dav Pilkey
“Diary of a Wimpy Kid: the Third Wheel” by Jeff Kinney
“Minecraft: a Guide to Redstone” by Craig Jelley
“How to Speak Cat: A Guide to Decoding Cat Language” by Aline Alexander Newman and Gary Weitzman, D.V.M.
“Night of the Ninth Dragon” by Mary Pope Osborne

Book Recommendations
Looking for author or title recommendations? Here are suggestions from some of the attendees at the Adult Summer Reading Party.

- “The Curse Workers” series by Holly Black
- “Embassy Row” series by Ally Carter
- “Identical” by Ellen Hopkins
- “Dutch Girl: Audrey Hepburn and World War II” by Robert Matzen
- “One of Us is Lying” by Karen McManus
- “1984” by George Orwell
- “The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek” by Kim Michele Richardson
- “Hive” series by Mark Walden

Authors:
- Christy Barritt
- Janet Evanovich
- Karen Kingsbury
- Susan Sleeman
- Scott Turow
- Robert Watson

In the Spotlight

Alan Daugherty’s Go-To Spot for Historical Research

If you have ever stopped into the Indiana Room on the second floor of the Main Library, you might have spotted Alan Daugherty. Alan is a library patron and supporter. He is usually in around 10 hours a week doing research on various historical projects and books. Currently, he is working on compiling a list of Wells County banks going back to the 1850s and researching the family history of the numerous owners and staff of the different banks, many of whom were stakeholders in more than one local bank.

He’s pictured here looking at local newspaper archives on microfilm that date back to 1851. The library has archives for numerous newspapers, including the Bluffton Banner, Bluffton Chronicle, Evening News, Bluffton News-Banner, Ossian Journal, and more.

If you’d be willing to be featured “In the Spotlight,” contact Emily Marshall at emarshall@wellscolibrary.org
All events are free. Register for events at the library, online at www.wellscolibrary.org, or call 260-824-1612.

Join a Group!

**Computer Club**
*Bluffton: Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, and Dec. 10*
Meets the second Tuesday of the month from 1-2 pm

**iPad Club**
*Bluffton: Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, and Dec. 10*
Meets the second Tuesday of the month from 2-3 pm

**Cook, Talk, Taste**
*Bluffton: Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, and Dec. 10*
Meets the second Tuesday of the month from 6-7 pm
The tastiest group at the library!

**Let the Games Begin**
*Bluffton: Sept. 24, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, and Dec. 17*
Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 6-8 pm
*In September, meet a week later due to Street Fair.*

*Ossian: Sept. 26 and Oct. 24*
Meets the 4th Thursday of the month from 6-8 pm
*Will not meet in November and December.

Adults. Join us at the for a night of tabletop gaming (board, card, and dice...sorry, no RPGs)! We have expanded this program this year to both of our locations for more gaming fun each month. Don’t worry if you don’t know the rules—we’ll teach you. Snacks & drinks provided. Registration appreciated.

**Calming Coloring @ Ossian**
*Ossian: every Tuesday from 1-3 pm*
Adults. Stress busting afternoon for adults featuring coloring in a restful setting. No registration needed.

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**Bookish Conversations**

**Brown Bag Book Club**
*Bluffton: second Monday of each month at 1:30 pm*
- Sep. 9 “Before the Fall” by Noah Hawley
- Oct. 14 “Diamond Willow” by Helen Frost
  (One Book One County title)
- Nov. 11 “The Boys in the Boat” by Daniel James Brown
- Dec. 9 “Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk” by Kathleen Rooney

**Book Discussions**
*Bluffton: second Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm*
Pick up a copy of the book at the Main Library prior to the discussion.
- Sep. 12 “Another Piece of My Heart” by Jane Green
- Oct. 10 “Diamond Willow” by Helen Frost
  (One Book One County title)
- Nov. 14 “Hidden Figures” by Margot Lee Shetterly
- Dec. 12 “The Blue Bottle Club” by Penelope Stokes

**Theater Thursday**
*Bluffton: Third Thursday of the month at 10 am*
- Sep. 26 “Leave No Trace” (PG)*
- Oct. 17 “Mamma Mia 2” (PG-13)
- Nov. 21 “Aladdin” (PG)
- Dec. 19 “The Nutcracker and the Four Realms” (PG)

Sponsored by Bluffton Regional, Bluffton Parks & Recreation, and the library. No registration needed. September meets one week late due to Street Fair.
One Book One County

Stop by the library anytime in September and October to check out “Diamond Willow” by Helen Frost. Then join us for several events throughout the fall, including:

Local Author Night

_Buffton: Thursday, October 17: 6-8 pm_  
_All ages._ Attendees will get to wander through booths set up throughout the Main Library to chat with authors and participate in book-related activities for all ages. Book giveaways will be done throughout the evening and you can also purchase books to have signed. No registration needed.

Karen Land: Sled Dog Program

_Buffton: Thursday, October 24: 6:30-8:00 pm_  
_All ages._ Meet Karen Land and her dog Noggin at this family-friendly program. Karen is a three-time Iditarod musher and wilderness advocate. _Registration appreciated._

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Day of the Dead Party

_Buffton: Friday, November 1: 5:30-7:30 pm_  
_Kids, Grades 6-12, and Adults._ Join us in celebrating El Dia De Los Muertos. Enjoy traditional mariachi music while you create a skull mask, play games, and other activities. Indulge at our taqueria as you create your own tacos and sip agua frescas, while learning about the traditions behind this popular celebration. Costumes encouraged. _Registration is appreciated by Oct. 31._

Parlor City Christmas

_Buffton: Saturday, December 7_  
_All ages._ Annual winter festival in Downtown Bluffton for the whole family. Enjoy carriage rides, trolley rides, musical performances in the library, human truck pull tournament, shopping fair, goodie walk, and much more. _Get a schedule at the library closer to the event._


_Buffton: Wednesday, November 13: 6:30-7:30 pm_  
_Jason Kissel, Executive Director of ACRES Land Trust, will discuss how ACRES helps individuals and communities protect important working land and natural areas. Jason will also discuss the two ACRES preserves located in Wells County: "Acres Along the Wabash" and the "Anna Brand Hammer Preserve." Please join us at this free presentation as we learn about this important preservation organization and how we can assist them in their honorable mission. _Registration is appreciated._

Computer & Internet 101

_Buffton: Monday, Nov. 18: 6-8 pm_  
_Wednesday, Nov. 20: 6-8 pm_  
_Monday, Nov. 25: 6-8 pm_  
_Adults._ Three-part, beginning-level computer class that will cover everything from how to turn on the computer, using the mouse and keyboard, working with Windows, and basic computer terminology. You will also learn about using the Internet search engine Google, exploring the library’s website, and lots of Internet searching tips and tricks. No computer experience needed. You will use the library’s computers during class, so no need to bring your own. _Must be registered to attend._
Events for Kids and Families

All events are free. Dates subject to change.
Register at the library, online at www.wellscolibrary.org, or call 260-824-1612 (Bluffton); 260-622-4691 (Ossian).

Tail Waggin’ Tutors:
Bluffton: 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month - 6:30-7:30 pm
2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month - 4:30-5 pm
Children will experience acceptance and increased confidence as they read to Oria, a very patient therapy dog. Registration appreciated, but not required. Event held throughout the year. Check schedule at http://wellscolibrary.evanced.info/signup/calendar

Back to School Night: Grades 1-6
Bluffton: Thursday, September 5: 6:30-7:30 pm
Ossian: Thursday, September 5: 6:30-7:30 pm
Enjoy a scavenger hunt, get a treat and learn more about library services. Any child that completes the scavenger hunt that evening with an adult will have their fines wiped clean or receive a library coupon (only applicable on fines, not lost or damaged materials). No registration needed.

Crafty Kids @ Ossian: Grades K-6
Ossian: Mondays, Sep. 23 to Oct. 28: 3:30-5:30 pm
School-age kids are invited to drop-in for crafts and a snack based on a theme. No registration needed.

Family Storytime: All ages (NEW PROGRAM)
Bluffton: 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month - 6:30-7:30 pm
This new story session is perfect for those families with kids of multiple ages that are close in age but can’t attend Toddler Time or Story Hour programs during the day. Children of all ages are welcome to attend with their parents for stories, crafts, and activities twice a month. Registration starts Monday, Sept. 9 (sessions start in October).

Local Author Night: All ages
Bluffton: Thursday, October 17: 6-8 pm
Meet several local authors of picture books and chapter books for kids. Each author will have activities at their stations for kids to enjoy. There will also be authors of teen and adult non-fiction and fiction. No registration needed.

Discovery Day @ Ossian: Grades K-6
Ossian: Wednesday, October 23: 10 am-7 pm
Drop in at the Ossian Branch for fun activities, experiments and crafts! No registration needed.

Karen Land - Sled Dog program: All ages
Bluffton: Thursday, October 24: 6:30-8:00 pm
Meet Karen Land and her dog Noggin at this family-friendly program. Karen is a three-time Iditarod musher. Registration appreciated. More info on Pg. 3.

Boo in Bluffton: All ages
Bluffton: Thursday, October 31: 5-6 pm
Stop by the library to get a treat.

Day of the Dead Party: All ages
Bluffton: Friday, November 1: 5:30-7:30 pm
Join us in celebrating El Dia De Los Muertos. Kids can watch a movie, while teens and adults will enjoy traditional mariachi music, create a skull mask, play games, create your own tacos, and sip agua frescas. Costumes encouraged. Registration appreciated.

Fancy Nancy Party @ Ossian: Ages 4-8
Ossian: Monday, November 11: 6:30-7:30 pm
Come play games, enjoy “fancy” food and make an "elegant" craft. Registration required and limited.

Ossian Hometown Christmas: All ages
Ossian: Thursday, December 5: 6:30-7:30 pm
Enjoy the tree lighting, carriage rides, goodies, and much more. No registration needed.

Parlor City Christmas: All ages
Bluffton: Saturday, December 7
Enjoy carriage rides, trolley rides, musical entertainment, an owl presentation, wood carving demonstration, shopping fair, truck pull, and much more. Details will be at: www.facebook.com/ParlorCityChristmas

Minute-to-Win-it Christmas Style: Grades K-6
Ossian: Monday, December 9: 6:00-7:30 pm
Play fast-action challenges with a Christmas theme and enjoy a holiday snack. Registration required.
Monthly Events/Programs

**Saturday @ the Movies:** All ages
Enjoy a movie on the big screen. *No registration needed.*
See movie schedule on Pg. 11.

**LEGO Club:**
Ossian: Sep. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, and Dec. 10
Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm

**Children’s Book Clubs:**
Grades 1-2 - Bluffton: Oct. 1, Nov. 5, and Dec. 3
Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm
Grades 3-4 - Bluffton: Oct. 8, Nov. 12, and Dec. 10
Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm
Grades 5-6 - Bluffton: Oct. 8, Nov. 12, and Dec. 10
Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm
Books available for pick-up when you register. *Registration required.*

**Tween Tech:** Grades 4-6
Bluffton: Oct. 3, Nov. 7, and Dec. 5
Meets the 1st Thursday of the month from 4-5 pm
Enhance your tech skills by using coding, robots, computers, and more! *Registration appreciated.*

**PJ Storytime:** Ages 2-6
Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month from 6:30-7:00 pm
Come in your pjs and enjoy stories, fingerplays and more. *Registration requested.*

**Kids’ Club:** Grades K-3
Bluffton: Oct. 15, Nov. 19, & Dec. 17
Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm
Book-related crafts, stories, games, and a chance to make new friends. *Registration appreciated.*

**JL Crew:** Grades 4-6
Bluffton: Oct. 15, Nov. 19, & Dec. 17
Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm
Join us each month as we “EXPLORE” a new topic through games, crafts, and other activities. *Registration appreciated.*

Story Sessions

Join us each week for stories, crafts, and activities. Must be registered to attend all story sessions.
Registration begins Monday, Sept. 9 at 9 am. Sessions start in October.

**BLUFFTON STORY SESSIONS:**

**Wee Read:** Ages Birth-24 Months (with adult)
Fridays at 9:15 or 10:15 am

**Toddler Time:** Ages 2-3 (with adult)
Tuesdays at 9:45 am, Wednesdays at 10 am, or Thursdays at 9:45 am

**Story Hour:** Ages 4-6.
Tuesdays at 10:30 am or Thursdays at 10:30 am

**OSSIAN STORY SESSIONS:**

**Wee Read:** Ages Birth–30 months (with adult)
Thursdays at 10:30 am

**Storytime:** Ages 2 1/2– 5 (with adult)
Tuesdays at 10:30 am

Stop by our Story Walks® at Pickett’s Run Park in Bluffton or Archbold Wilson Park in Ossian.
Also, join our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program to help prepare your younger children for school and life-long learning.
Events for Teens

Register for events at the library, online at www.wellscolibrary.org, or call 260-824-1612.

Monthly Programs

**Teen Book Club**
*Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm*  
*Grades 7-12.* Join us for a fun evening and discuss the book of the month, enjoy a snack, and participate in related activities.

- Sep. 12: “Fish in a Tree” by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
- Oct. 10: “Mike” by Andrew Norriss
- Nov. 14: “Long Way Down” by Jason Reynolds
- Dec. 12: “The Compound” by Stephanie Bodeen

**Manga Club**
*September 9, October 7, November 4, and December 2*  
*Meets the first Monday of the month from 6:00-7:30 pm*  
*Grades 6-12.* Discuss the latest Manga books, draw, trade cards, and just have fun.

**Try-it-Tuesday**
*Tuesday, October 15 and November 19: 6:30-7:30 pm*  
*Grades 6-12.* Each month we try out a different technology based activity. In October we will be playing with Edison robots and in November we will be creating games in Bloxels. We are pretty informal group but we do ask people to register so that we can be sure to have enough snacks available for everyone.

**Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**
*September 25, October 30, November 20, and Dec. 18*  
*Meets the last Wednesday of the month from 6:00-6:45 pm*  
*Grades 6-12.* Do you wish you had a say in Teen Programming at the Library? Do you need volunteer credit? Join the Teen Advisory Board, which is open to all teens in grades 6 through 12. You don’t need to sign up, just show up for the TAB meetings. We usually meet in the board room or the staff room on the second floor. Snacks are always provided. We hope to see you there!

Special Events

**Awesome Apples**
*Bluffton: Tuesday, September 23: 6:00-7:30 pm*  
*Grades 6-12.* Join us for an evening of food, fun, and games all featuring that favorite fall fruit, apples!  
*Registration is required by September 20 for a guaranteed spot in this program.*

**Teen Read Month Book Washing:**  
**Wash Away Your Fines!**
*Bluffton: Monday, October 7, Tuesday, October 8, Wednesday, October 9, Thursday, October 10: 4-7 pm*  
*Grades 6-12.* Do you have a fine on your card? This is your chance to wash away your fines by volunteering to wash books at the library! For every hour that you wash books you can take $12.00 off your fine! Don’t have any fines? Great! You can still wash books and receive a free book of your choice valued at $12.00 or less for every hour and half that you volunteer for up to 3 hours total for the week! That’s up to $36.00 off your fine or two free books and you’ll even get to enjoy a tasty treat after you volunteer.  
*Registration is appreciated so that we can have enough snacks available.*

**Christian Care Game Nights:**  
**Volunteers Wanted**
*@ Christian Care (720 E. Dustman Rd. 46714):*  
*Tuesday, October 8: 6:30-7:30 pm*  
*Ages 12+ and adults.* Play classic tabletop games with residents at the Christian Care facility. They really like teaching everyone how to play dominoes and it’s a fun service activity, while you get to make new friends. Snacks and drinks are provided. Volunteers can go in Door #12 and head left (toward the nurses’ station). If you need volunteer credits for school, you can count hours from this program as well.  
*Please register with the library, so we know you are coming.*
Zombie Survivor  
**Bluffton: Friday, October 25: 5:30-7:30 pm**  
**Grades 6-12.** Do you have what it takes to survive? Join us for a fun night of games that will pay homage to the TV show Survivor with a zombie twist. You must have a permission slip from the library signed by a parent or guardian to attend. **Registration is required by October 24 for a guaranteed spot in this program.**

Day of the Dead Party  
**Bluffton: Friday, November 1: 5:30-7:30 pm**  
**Grades 6-12 and Adults.** Join us in celebrating El Dia De Los Muertos. Enjoy traditional mariachi music while you create a skull mask, play games, and other activities, indulge at our taqueria as you create your own tacos and sip agua frescas. As you learn about the traditions behind this popular celebration. **Costumes encouraged. Registration is appreciated by Oct. 31. Signed permission slip needed if you are under age 18.**

Escape Room: Thanksgiving Edition  
**Bluffton: Monday, November 25: 6:00-7:30 pm**  
**Grades 6-12.** You’ve been invited over to a friend’s house for Thanksgiving dinner, but when you arrive you realize that something odd is going on. In teams of 4-8 people you will be “locked” in the meeting room. Together you need to find hidden clues, solve puzzles, and use your logic and observation skills to find the combinations to the locks on the box that holds the final key to get out of the room. It is possible but it will not be easy. Are you up to the challenge? If so, register by November 23 for a guaranteed spot in this program.

Christmas Around the World  
**Bluffton: Monday, December 16: 6:00-7:30 pm**  
**Grades 6-12.** Ever wonder how other countries celebrate Christmas? Come join us for a night of Christmas treats and traditions from around the world. **Register by December 14 for a guaranteed spot in this program.**

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**Saturday @ the Movies**

**Bring pillows and snacks to watch movies on the big screen. Movies are free. Children 6 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Popcorn served @ Bluffton.**

- **“How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World” (PG)**  
  **Bluffton: Sep. 28 at 10:30 am**

- **“Secret Life of Pets 2” (PG)**  
  **Ossian: Sep. 14 at 10 am**  
  **Bluffton: Oct. 19 at 10:30 am**

- **“Aladdin” (PG)**  
  **Ossian: Oct. 12 at 10 am**  
  **Bluffton: Nov. 16 at 10:30 am**

- **“Toy Story 4” (G)**  
  **Ossian: Nov. 9 at 10 am**  
  **Bluffton: Dec. 21 at 10:30 am**

- **“Lion King” (PG)**  
  **Ossian: Dec. 14 at 10 am**

**Student Resources**

Search most of our library databases from inside our online catalog (kind of like Google, but with reliable results). Just go to wellscolibrary.org and search for any word in our catalog. When the results are displayed click the “Online Research” tab in the upper left corner to find online articles related to that topic.

**Check out eBooks**

Have a tablet or school-issued iPad or Chromebook? If so, make sure to add the Libby app (available in the iTunes and Google Play stores) to check out digital books and audiobooks. You’ll need to enter your library card number & PIN to get materials.

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Teen programming made possible by the Wells County Foundation.
**Library Closings:**

**Labor Day:** August 31 - September 1

**Street Fair/Inventory Week:**
- **Main Library:** September 16 (close at 5 pm)
- September 17 - 21
- **Ossian Branch:** September 18 - 19

**Thanksgiving:**
- November 27 (close at 5 pm)
- November 28 - 29

**Christmas:** December 24 - 26

**New Year’s:** December 31 (close at 5 pm)
- January 1

**Bluffton—Main Library**
200 West Washington Street
Bluffton, Indiana 46714
260-824-1612
Monday—Thursday
9 am to 8 pm
Friday
9 am to 6 pm
Saturday
9 am to 2 pm

**Ossian Branch Library**
207 North Jefferson Street
Ossian, Indiana 46777
260-622-4691
Monday—Thursday
9 am to 8 pm
Friday
9 am to 5 pm
Saturday
9 am to Noon

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Through membership dues and funds raised at our used books sales, the Friends of the Library assist in important library programs that are not supported by taxes, including 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, Summer Reading Program, Winter Reading Program, and much more. If you are interested in being a Friend of the Library, please complete the following form.

Renewals due annually each April.

Return this form and your payment in person or mail to (checks payable to the “Friends of the Library”):
Wells County Public Library
200 W. Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714

(CIRCLE ONE)

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INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY $10
PATRON $25
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Do you want to be on the Friend’s board? YES NO  Or a Friend’s volunteer (help with book sales, events, etc)? YES NO
2019 Summer Reading Program
A Universe of Stories

Congratulations to the children, teens, and adults who successfully completed the 2019 Summer Reading Program at the Wells County Public Library!

Thanks to the Wells County Foundation and the Friends of the Library for sponsoring prizes for the YA SRP.
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