Renovation in 2020
@ the Main Library

The Main Library will be undergoing a renovation starting on January 6. The project will be completed in several phases, starting with the 2nd floor and west side of the building. There will be no additions to the building; the existing space will just be reconfigured to allow for a better flow to the space that meets the current needs of our community. This includes:

- Expanded children’s area
- Emergency exit in the Children’s Room
- Nursing room
- More space in the Teen Zone area
- Improved noise management
- Additional study rooms (some that hold 8-10 people)
- Public restroom upstairs
- More tech friendly gathering spaces throughout the building
- Improved flow throughout the building
- Necessary roof repairs
- And other exciting changes to the space

At this time, the library expects to remain open during the entire renovation process and there will still be regular story sessions and events going on for children, teens, and adults. Library staff members have been working from October to December to rearrange shelving, furniture, and office spaces into the areas that will be part of phase two for the construction process. After phase one is complete, there will be some shifting back into the newly renovated areas so construction can proceed to the other parts of the building.

During this time, the library staff just asks for your patience as construction crews work to improve the space. Staff members are happy to help assist you in locating the temporary location of a book, movie, or other item. Despite the construction noise, there should be some study rooms that still provide a mostly quiet space if needed as well.
Winter Reading

A BLIZZARD of books

Participate in our annual Winter Reading challenge during the month of February.

Adults and Teens: Join our Winter Reading challenge and help us donate books to hospitalized children via the Kate’s Kart organization. It’s super easy to participate. Sign up at the library or online at wellscolibrary.org anytime during the month of February. You’ll get a piece of chocolate or pen for signing up and if you read at least 300 pages you will get a coupon for a free mini Blizzard provided by Dairy Queen and a chance to win a prize basket. Then if together as a group we can read the total number of pages listed in the chart on the right, we will get to donate books to Kate’s Kart. The more we read, the more we will donate, so every page read helps us reach our goal!

Community Goal to read 450,000+ pages to donate books to Kate’s Kart

- 100,000 pages read = 25 books donated
- 200,000 pages read = 50 books donated
- 300,000 pages read = 75 books donated
- 400,000 pages read = 100 books donated
- 450,000+ pages read = 125 books donated

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library and Dairy Queen.

A Blizzard of Movies @ the Ossian Branch

All ages. Enjoy a family-friendly movie on the big screen. Movies start at 10 am.

- Feb. 1: “Groundhog Day” (PG)
- Feb. 8: “Abominable” (PG)
- Feb. 15: “Cool Runnings” (PG)
- Feb. 22: “Ice Age” (PG)
- Feb. 29: “Arctic Dogs” (PG)

Winter Book Sale:

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

Hours: February 11: 5-8 pm (Friends only preview). Memberships are available at the door. February 12-15: open during library hours — Sponsored by The Friends of the Library.
Top 10 Checkouts for 2019

Fiction:
- “Where the Crawdads Sing” by Delia Owens
- “Who I Am With You” by Robin Lee Hatcher
- “Look Alive Twenty-Five” by Janet Evanovich
- “Liar Liar” by James Patterson and Candice Fox
- “When We Were Young” by Karen Kingsbury
- “Turning Point” by Danielle Steel
- “The Tinderbox” by Beverly Lewis
- “Cottage by the Sea” by Debbie Macomber
- “The Tattooist of Auschwitz” by Heather Morris
- “Run Away” by Harlan Coben

Non-fiction:
- “Educated” by Tara Westover
- “Becoming” by Michelle Obama
- “Girl, Wash Your Face” by Rachel Hollis
- “Extreme Ownership: How U.S. Navy SEALs Lead and Win” by Jocko Willink and Leif Babin
- “The Pioneers: The Heroic Story of the Settlers Who Brought the American Ideal West” by David McCullough
- “Inheritance: A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love” by Dani Shapiro
- “In Pieces” by Sally Field
- “Healthy, Happy, Homemade Meals” by Gooseberry Patch
- “Girl, Stop Apologizing” by Rachel Hollis
- “It’s Not Supposed to be this Way” by Lysa Terkeurst

Movies (cont.):
- “A Star is Born”
- “Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse”
- “Bumblebee”
- “Ralph Breaks the Internet”
- “Indivisible”

Kids:
- “In the Spotlight (Barbie)” adapted by Mary Man-Kong
- “Diamond Willow” by Helen Frost
- “One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish” by Dr. Seuss
- “Dog Man and Cat Kid” by Dav Pilkey
- “Super Agents (Barbie Spy Squad)” adapted by Melissa Lagonegro
- “Horse Show Champ (Barbie)” by Jessie Parker
- “Little Lost Dolphin (Barbie)” by Kristen L. Depken
- “I Can Be a Horse Rider (Barbie)” adapted by Mary Man-Kong
- “Pete the Cat: Snow Daze” by James Dean
- “Let’s Plant a Garden! (Barbie)” by Kristen L. Depken

Teen:
- “Michael Vey: A Battle of the Ampere” by Richard Paul Evans
- “Garfield. Caution: Wide Load” by Jim Davis
- “Projekt 1065” by Alan Gratz
- “Michael Vey: Hunt for Jade Dragon” by Richard Paul Evans
- The Hunger Games” by Suzanne Collins
- “The Final Spark” by Richard Paul Evans
- “P.S. I Still Love You” by Jenny Han
- “Michael Vey: Storm of Lightning” by Richard Paul Evans
- “Mike” by Andrew Norriss
- “Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone” by J.K. Rowling
New Movies

Each month find the new movie releases on our website in the “Recent News & Events” section (wellscolibrary.org). Here are new releases that will be available to checkout at the library in January.

January 7:
- El Coyote (R)
- Joker (R)
- The Lighthouse (R)

January 14:
- Britt-Marie Was Here
- Gemini Man (PG-13)
- Jexi (R)
- Look Who’s Driving (TV-PG)
- Maleficent: Mistress of Evil (PG)
- “Indivisible”

January 21:
- The Addams Family (PG)
- Black and Blue (R)
- Countdown (PG-13)

January 28:
- Dead Sea Scroll Detectives (TV-PG)
- Harriet (PG-13)

Weather Closing Info

If the following school districts are closed due to inclement weather, all teen and children’s events will be cancelled. If the school has a delay, then programming will proceed as normal. Adult programs will be cancelled at the discretion of the person planning the event and time of day. Those closing will be posted on Facebook and the library website.

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

Monthly Events
Check out some of our ongoing programs for adults. New members and participants are always welcome. No need to register, just drop in.

Calming Coloring @ Ossian
*Ossian: every Tuesday from 1-3 pm*
*Adults.* Stress busting afternoon for adults featuring coloring in a restful setting. *Drop-in event.*

Computer Club
*Bluffton: Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 10, April 14, and May 12*
*Meets the second Tuesday of the month from 1-2 pm*
Bring your computer related questions for help or just listen for assistance on a variety of topics. Bring your own computer or use ours. All skill levels welcome.

iPad Club
*Bluffton: Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 10, April 14, and May 12*
*Meets the second Tuesday of the month from 2-3 pm*
Learn about apps to use in your everyday life and fun tricks on your iPad. Must bring your own iPad.

Theater Thursday
*Bluffton: Third Thursday of each month at 10 am*
- Jan. 16: “Lion King” (PG)
- Feb. 20: “Breakthrough” (PG)
- Mar. 19: “A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood” (PG)
- Apr. 16: “The Art of Racing in the Rain” (PG)
- May 21: “Grand-Daddy Day Care” (PG-13)

*Adults.* Enjoy a movie, popcorn, refreshments, and chance to win a prize. Sponsored by Bluffton Regional, Bluffton Parks & Recreation, and the library.

Let the Games Begin @ Ossian
*Ossian: Jan. 23, Feb. 27, March 26, April 23, and May 28*
*Meets the 4th Thursday of the month from 6-8 pm*
*Adults.* Fun night of tabletop gaming (board, card, and dice...sorry, no RPGs)! Don’t worry if you don’t know the rules—we’ll teach you. Snacks & drinks provided.

Retro Gaming Night
*Bluffton: Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 17, April 21, and May 19*
*Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6-8 pm*
*Adults.* We are mixing up our gaming programs and will now be offering a night of “old school” video games. Each month we’ll get together and play a variety of fun, nostalgic games on an Atari Flashback, Nintendo Classic, Super Nintendo Classic, and other gaming systems. Choose from Air Raiders, Asteroids, Donkey Kong, Super Mario Bros, The Legend of Zelda, and more. Snacks & drinks provided.

Cook, Talk, Taste
*Bluffton: March 10, April 14, and May 12*
*Meets the second Tuesday of the month from 6-7 pm* (except in January and February - in February join us for the “Cooking Under Pressure” event instead)
Whether you are a gourmet cook or just like to look at the delicious pictures, this fun club is a great way to find new recipes and eat delicious foods.

Free Tax Help
*Bluffton: Mondays, Jan. 27; Feb. 3; Feb. 10; Feb. 24; Mar. 2; Mar. 9; Mar. 23; Mar. 30; Apr. 6 and Apr. 13*
*Appointments are available from 9:30 am-3:00 pm (call or stop by the library to register - 260-824-1612)*
*Adults.* The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide will once again be offering free tax preparation at the Main Library. There are no age or income limits, but this program is very beneficial if you are 50 or older or can’t afford paid tax preparation.
Special Events

All events are free and held at the Main Library in Bluffton (unless noted). Register for events at the library, online at www.wellscolibrary.org, or call 260-824-1612.

Great Gatsby - Roaring 20’s Party
Bluffton: Friday, January 3: 6-8 pm
Adults. Join our kickoff to 2020, Roaring 20’s style! Enjoy music, dancing, mocktails, casino games, crafts, an artist, and costumes - and a countdown to ring in the new year. 1920s fashion strongly encouraged. It'll be the bee's knees! Registration appreciated.

Cupcake Decorating
Bluffton: Thursday, February 6: 6:30-7:30 pm
Adults. Learn a variety of cupcake decorating tips and tricks from Kim Nelson of Kim’s Katered Affair in Warren. All supplies will be provided and you’ll get to walk away with a tasty treat that you decorated. Registration required. Space is limited.

Cooking Under Pressure
Bluffton: Tuesday, February 11: 6-8 pm
Adults. Join us for a special cooking presentation featuring Molly Hoag of Purdue Extension of Wells County. Electric programmable pressure cookers are popular appliances that serve as a multi-cooker that can do the job of a pressure cooker, slow cooker, rice cooker, steamer, and more! They save you time, money and counter space. This program helps you learn about the features, benefits, how to safely operate, and sources of recipes. Registration appreciated.

Pro-craft-inating
Bluffton: Friday, March 27: 10-11 am
Pro-craft-inating: doing crafts instead of cleaning, cooking, or business. Adults can join us for a fun, simple craft and refreshments. Registration appreciated.

Winter Reading
Bluffton and Ossian: February 1-28
All ages. Participate in Winter Reading. If you read 300 pages or more, then you get a coupon for a free mini Blizzard from Dairy Queen and a chance to win a prize basket. If we read more than 450,000+ pages as a group, then the library will donate 125 books to Kate’s Kart. Sign up at the library or online at wellscolibrary.org.

Book Discussions

General 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.
- Jan. 9 “Winter’s Bone” by Daniel Woodrell
- Feb. 13 “Into Thin Air” by Jon Krakauer
- Mar. 12 “Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood” by Rebecca Wells
- Apr. 9 “The Martian” by Andy Weir
- May 14 “East of Eden” by John Steinbeck

Brown Bag Book Club
Bluffton: Second Monday of each month at 1:30 pm
- Jan. 13 Readers Choice
- Feb. 10 Any book by Denise Hunter
- Mar. 9 “The Magnificent Ambersons” by Booth Tarkington
- Apr. 13 “Monument’s Men” by Robert M. Edsel
- May 11 “Chocolat” by Joanne Harris
Events for Kids and Families

All events are free. Register for events at the library, online at www.wellscolibrary.org, or call 260-824-1612 (Bluffton); 260-622-4691 (Ossian). Registration is suggested for all events, but required only when stated in the listing.

Special Events & Clubs

**LEGO Club @ Ossian**

**Ossian: Jan. 28, Feb. 25, Mar. 31, and Apr. 28**

Meets the last Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm.

Grades K-6. Create LEGO masterpieces using the library’s LEGO blocks. **Registration requested.**

**Children’s Book Clubs**

**Grades 1-2 - Bluffton: Jan. 7, Feb. 4, Mar. 3, and Apr. 7**

Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm

**Grades 3-4 - Bluffton: Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 10, and Apr. 14**

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm

**Grades 5-6 - Bluffton: Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 10, and Apr. 14**

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**

**Bluffton: Jan. 2, Feb. 6, Mar. 5, and Apr. 2**

Meets the first Thursday of the month from 4-5 pm

Grades 4-6. An hour of exploring a variety of resources to stretch your TECH-abilities. Limited space available. **Registration appreciated.**

**Tail Waggin’ Tutors**

**Bluffton: 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm**

2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month from 4-5 pm

Children will experience acceptance and increased confidence as they read to Oria, a very patient therapy dog. Registration appreciated, but not required.

**PJ Storytime @ Ossian**

**Ossian: Feb. 13, Mar. 12, and Apr. 9**

Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month from 6:30-7:00 pm

Ages 3-Pre-K. Come in your pjs and enjoy stories, fingerplays and more. **Registration requested.**

**Kids’ Club**

**Bluffton: Jan. 21, Feb. 18, Mar. 17, and Apr. 21**

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm

Grades K-3. Book-related crafts, stories, games, and a chance to make new friends. **Registration appreciated.**

**JL Crew**

**Bluffton: Jan. 21, Feb. 18, Mar. 17, and Apr. 21**

Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm

Grades 4-6. Come EXPLORE with us as we share a different topic each month! **Registration appreciated.**

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**A Blizzard of Books—Winter Reading**

**Bluffton and Ossian: February 1-28**

All ages. Participate in Winter Reading. If you read 300 pages or more, then you get a coupon for a free mini Blizzard from Dairy Queen and a chance to win a prize basket. If we read more than 450,000+ pages as a group, then the library will donate 125 books to Kate's Kart. Sign up at the library or online at wellscolibrary.org.
A Blizzard of Movies @ Ossian

Bluffton (all ages): We are getting in the winter spirit as part of our Blizzard of Books Winter Reading challenge. Every Saturday in February, we will be showing a family-friendly, winter-themed movie on the big screen at the Ossian Branch Library. Movies start at 10:00 am.
- Feb. 1: “Groundhog Day” (PG)
- Feb. 8: “Abominable” (PG)
- Feb. 15: “Cool Runnings” (PG)
- Feb. 22: “Ice Age” (PG)
- Feb. 29: “Arctic Dogs” (PG)

Crafty Kids @ Ossian

Ossian: Wednesdays, Feb. 26-Mar. 25: 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.

Superhero Program @ Ossian

Ages 3-Pre-K: Monday, April 20: 6:30-7:15 pm
Grades K-3: Tuesday, April 21: 6:30-7:30 pm
Registration required. Test your superhero skills at these fun, interactive programs for kids. Space is limited.

* SAVE THE DATE *

Children’s Book Festival

Bluffton: Saturday, October 10
Our biggest event of the year will feature musician Jim Gill, author & illustrator Jacob Grant, food trucks, carnival games, face painting, balloon animals, costumed characters, and much more!

Story Sessions

Join us each week for stories, crafts, and activities. Must be registered to attend all story sessions.
Registration begins January 20 at 9 am. Programs start the week of February 3.

BLUFFTON STORY SESSIONS:

Wee Read: February 7-March 13
Ages Birth-24 Months (with adult)
Fridays at 9:15 am or 10:15 am

Toddler Time: February 4-April 30
Ages 2-3 (with adult)
Tuesdays at 9:45 am, Wednesdays at 10 am, or Thursdays at 9:45 am

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

OSSIAN STORY SESSIONS:

Wee Read: February 6-April 30
Ages Birth–30 months (with adult)
Thursdays at 10:30 am

Storytime: February 4-April 28
Ages 2 1/2– 6 (with adult)
Tuesdays at 10:30 am

Movies

All ages. Enjoy movies on the big screen at the Main Library and Ossian Branch each month. See page 11 for a list of movies, dates, and times.
All events are free and open to any young adult that is in grades 6-12 (unless otherwise noted in the event listing) and held at the Main Library in Bluffton.

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

**Manga Club**
*Bluffton: January 6, February 3, March 2, April 6, & May 4*  
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.

**Teen Book Club**
*Bluffton: January 9, February 13, March 12, and April 9*  
Meets the second Thursday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm  
**Grades 6-12.** Join us for a fun evening discussing the book of the month, enjoying a snack, and participating in related activities.  
- January: “Peter and the Star Catchers”  
- February: “Freak the Mighty”  
- March: “Refugee”  
- April: “Michael Vey: The Prisoner of Cell 25”

**Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**
*Bluffton: January 29, Feb. 26, March 25, April 29, & May 27*  
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. You don’t need to sign up, just show up for the meetings. Snacks are always provided. We hope to see you there!

**Cracks in the Wall: Murder Mystery Program**
*Bluffton: Monday, January 20: 6:15-7:30 pm*  
**Grades 6-12.** Do you love a good mystery? Here is your chance to be the detective, search the "crime scene" for clues, examine the evidence, and solve the case. Registration required by January 18 for a guaranteed spot in this program.

**Winter Reading**
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**Taste Test Night**
*Bluffton: Thursday, February 20: 6:00-7:30 pm*  
**Grades 6-12.** Do you think you can tell the difference between Coke and Pepsi? Which brand of popcorn tastes the best? You might be surprised! Join us for a fun evening of putting your taste buds to work as we taste test different kinds of food and drink. Registration is required by February 19 for a guaranteed spot in this program.

**Escape Room: Construction Edition**
*Bluffton: Monday, March 16: 6:00-7:30 pm*  
**Grades 6-12.** 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 figure out the combinations to unlock the box that holds the final key to get out of the room. It might not be easy but it will be a lot of fun! Are you up to the challenge? If so register by March 15 for a guaranteed spot in this program. Space is limited!
Teen Culinary Challenge: Ice Cream and Trifles

**Bluffton: Monday, April 20: 6:00-7:30**

*Grades 6-12.* Join us for an evening of food, fun, and culinary creativity. In a team you will put your culinary skills to the test as you try to create the best homemade ice cream and trifles possible with the ingredients you are given. There might also be a few other obstacles to overcome (think Iron Chef meets Cut Throat Kitchen). It will be a fun and tasty night (although the tasty part is largely up to you). Registration is required by April 17 for a guaranteed spot in this program.

Bleached T-shirt Makeover

**Bluffton: Monday, May 11: 6:30-7:30 pm**

*Grades 6-12.* Create your very own unique T-shirt. We will have lots of different supplies available for creating your own one-of-a-kind bleached T-shirt. All you need to bring is one or more dark colored T-shirt(s) that you want to make over and your creativity. Ask your parents first before you bring the T-shirt(s) and wear older clothes just in case you get a little messy. See the Teen Zone Desk for examples. Registration is required by May 8 for a guaranteed spot in this program so sign up today!

Summer Reading Program

Starts on Tuesday, May 26 and runs through Friday, July 31. More details will be available closer to the program.

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**Saturday @ the Movies**

Bring pillows and snacks to watch movies on the big screen. Children 6 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Popcorn served at the movies in the Main Library.

- **“Dora and the Lost City of Gold” (PG)**
  Ossian: Jan. 11 at 10 am

- **“Lion King” (PG)**
  Bluffton: Jan. 18 at 10:30 am

- **“Groundhog Day” (PG)**
  Ossian: Feb. 1 at 10 am

- **“Abominable” (PG)**
  Ossian: Feb. 8 at 10 am
  Bluffton: Feb. 22 at 10:30 am

- **“Cool Runnings” (PG)**
  Ossian: Feb. 15 at 10 am

- **“Ice Age” (PG)**
  Ossian: Feb. 22 at 10 am

- **“Arctic Dogs” (PG)**
  Ossian: Feb. 29 at 10 am

- **“Maleficent: Mistress of Evil” (PG)**
  Ossian: Mar. 14 at 10 am

- **“Angry Birds 2” (PG)**
  Bluffton: Mar. 21 at 10:30 am

- **“Frozen II” (PG)**
  Ossian: Apr. 18 at 10 am

- **“Dora: Lost City of Gold” (PG)**
  Bluffton: Apr. 18 at 10:30 am

- **“TBD”**
  Ossian: May 9 at 10 am

Due to construction the movies at the Main Library will be in either the Story Hour Room or Large Meeting Room (we will let you know once you arrive).
Library Closings:

- **New Years:** Wednesday, January 1
- **President’s Day:** Monday, February 17
- **Easter:**
  - Friday, April 10 & Saturday, April 11
- **Memorial Day:**
  - Saturday, May 23 & Monday, May 25

Sign up today to be a Friend of the Wells County Public Library

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.

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Renewals due annually each April.

**Return this form and your payment in person or mail to:**

Wells County Public Library - Attn: Friends of the Library
200 W. Washington Street
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(Make checks payable to the “Friends of the Library”)

NAME: ____________________________________  ADDRESS: ______________________________________________________

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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**