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Warm up with a Good Book
In 1993, the Wells County Public Library established an endowment fund with the Wells County Foundation that has grown over the last 21 years through generous donations from board members, patrons, organizations, and annual dividends earned on the Foundation's investments. The library has access to the income earned by the endowment to use for unusual or unexpected needs, such as electronic signage that was purchased during the recent building projects at both the Main Library and Ossian Branch. The dividends will also sustain worthwhile, long-term initiatives such as the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program.

Anyone can donate to the library's Endowment Fund at anytime, however, it's never been a better time than now. The Lilly Endowment recently announced a matching funds opportunity as part of their GIFT (Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow) initiative that has been growing and developing Indiana's community foundations for more than 25 years. From now through March 31, 2015 any gifts given to the Wells County Public Library’s Endowment Fund at the Wells County Foundation will be matched (50 cents on the dollar; up to $10,000) by the Lilly Endowment as part of the GIFT Phase VI initiative. A $1 gift can become a $1.50 benefit to the library. That $20 gift may become $30, and a $100 gift would be a $150 benefit.

If you'd like to participate in helping grow the library's endowment fund, just stop by the Main Library and Ossian Branch or print out a GIFT the Library form (available at www.wellscolibrary.org/index.php/blog/gift-library) and mail to the library.

Just for donating, you'll get to write your name on a snowflake and help us fill in our "snowman" as a way to encourage others to donate and help the community reach our goal together of creating more funds the library can use for long-term growth.

Winter Book Sale:
Used books, movies, audio books, DVDs, and more.

Hours:  
February 10: 5-8 pm (Friends only preview). Memberships are available at the door.
February 11-12: 9 am-8 pm
February 13: 9 am-6 pm
February 14: 9 am-5 pm

Sponsored by The Friends of the Library.
**Winter Reading & National Library Week**

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**Warm up with a Good Book**

2015 Winter Reading Program

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

**Adults and Teens:** Pick up a reading log at either the Main Library or Ossian Branch (or sign up online at www.wellscolibrary.org). Just for signing up you’ll receive a piece of candy. Teens need to read just 500 pages and adults need to read 800 pages to complete the program. Those that finish will qualify for a drawing to win a prize basket and be able to select a book for yourself or donate one to Kate’s Kart, who gives books to children in the hospital. Stop by the library in February for more information.

**Kids and Families:** Families can work together to “build a snowman” by reading different categories of books and completing fun activities. Families that complete the snowman will receive a book of their choice and a chance to win a prize. Forms and rules will be available on Monday, February 2 in the Children’s Room or at the Ossian Branch.

Winter Reading Program and events are sponsored by The Friends of the Library.

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**Hot Chocolate Tasting with Live Music**

**Bluffton:** Tuesday, February 3: 6:30-7:30 pm

All ages. Several stations will be set up around the library for you to test different hot chocolate combinations (traditional flavors as well as "unique" ones). Also complete a scavenger hunt for a chance to win a chocolate treat. When done, sit down and listen to music featuring the local folk band North of Hope. Drop-in event. No registration needed.

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**CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation’s libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. The theme this year is “Unlimited possibilities @ your library” and best-selling author David Baldacci is the Honorary Chair. The library will be celebrating National Library Week from April 12-18 with several events at activities. More information will be available closer to April.

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**WCPL—The Book Report**
Books & Weather Info

WCPL’s Top 10

The Top 10 books that were checked out the most in 2014 included:

- “Divergent” by Veronica Roth*
- “Takedown Twenty” by Janet Evanovich
- “Insurgent” by Veronica Roth*
- “The Fault in Our Stars” by John Green*
- “Sycamore Row” by John Grisham
- “The Longest Ride” by Nicholas Sparks
- “Allegiant” by Veronica Roth*
- “Where Am I Eating” by Kelsey Timmerman
  (One Book One County title 2014)
- “Top Secret Twenty-one” by Janet Evanovich
- “Private L.A.” by James Patterson

* These titles are teen books.

eBooks & Audiobooks

Thanks to a recent update, you can now download eBooks and eAudiobooks directly from the WCPL online catalog. These electronic items have action buttons to the right of the records that will allow you to PREVIEW, DOWNLOAD, or PLACE HOLD. Just click on one of these options and enter your library card number and PIN to complete. Find out more about the Online Catalog Update at wellscolibrary.org in “News & Events.”

Popular Current Checkouts

Fiction Books:
- “The Bridge” by Karen Kingsbury
- “Angels at the table” by Debbie Macomber
- “A Vow for Always” by Wanda E. Brunstetter
- “The Longest Ride” by Nicholas Sparks
- “The Heist” by Janet Evanovich and Lee Goldberg

Non-Fiction Books:
- “The Rock Island Line” by Bill Marvel
- “North American ducks, geese, & swans” by Donald Heintzelman
- “The Mommy Docs’ Ultimate Guide to Pregnancy and Birth” by Yvonne Bohn, Allison Hill, and Alane Park

Weather Related Closings

In the event of hazardous weather conditions, the Library will use the Department of Homeland Security County Travel Status as a minimum guideline for weather related closings. The Library may be closed in excess of these guidelines if staffing concerns warrant.

- **Yellow** ADVISORY — No change in operating hours
- **Orange** WATCH — Library will open 2 hours late and/or close 2 hours early
- **Red** WARNING — All library locations will close immediately

In inclement weather, please contact the Library (Main Library 260-824-1612 or Ossian Branch 260-622-4691) before leaving home and visiting.

Program Cancellation Info

If the following school districts are closed due to inclement weather, all programs 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
With the flu and cold season here, you may be looking for health information. Two reliable websites are www.medlineplus.gov and www.nihseniorhealth.gov. Both websites are part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Medlineplus.gov is for patients, their families, and their friends. The website has information on conditions and diseases, prescriptions, and over-the-counter medicines. There are also videos and tutorials on anatomy, surgical procedures, and healthy living, plus much more.

The NIHSeniorHealth.gov website is easy to navigate and provides readable and understandable information. The print is large type but there is a “talking” function that will read the text aloud. One section has information on numerous topics, such as: Alzheimer’s disease, shingles, and glaucoma. Another section has senior citizens talking about the benefits of their exercise routines.

If you prefer books and/or videos about health issues and healthy living checkout the WELLNESS sections at the Main Library in Bluffton or the Ossian Branch.
Technology & Clubs for Adults

eReader & iPad Fair
Bluffton: Wednesday, January 21: 4-8 pm
Try out popular eReaders and tablets, ask questions, or learn how to check-out and download library books to your eReader or tablet computer. No registration needed. Drop-in event.

Join a Club!
Check out some of our ongoing programs for adults at the Main Library. New members and participants are always welcome. No need to register, just drop in.

Computer Club
January 13, February 10, March 10, and April 14
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
January 13, February 10, March 10, and April 14
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.

Cookbook Club
March 10 and April 14
Meets the second Tuesday of the month from 6-7 pm (except in January and February).
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.

Computer Classes
Free beginning and intermediate computer classes. Registration required for each class. For more information or to sign up visit the Main Library or Ossian Branch, call 260-824-1612, or online at wellscolibrary.org.

Computer Basics
Bluffton: Monday, March 2: 6-8 pm
Beginning Level Class that goes over how to turn on the computer, using the mouse and keyboard, working with Windows, and basic computer terminology.

Internet Basics
Bluffton: Wednesday, March 4: 6-8 pm
Learn about the World Wide Web, how to navigate an Internet search engine such as Google, and explore the library’s website. Need to have taken “Computer Basics” class to participate.

Intermediate Internet
Bluffton: Monday, March 16: 6-8 pm
Provides hands-on exercises and goes into more depth about Internet searching. Need to have taken “Internet Basics” class to participate.

Intro to Microsoft Word:
Bluffton: Wednesday, March 18: 6-8 pm
Create a simple document, correct spelling, adjust margins, save, print, and open files. Attendees need to have taken “Computer Basics” class or should be able to maneuver the mouse easily.

Computer Classes for Seniors
Bluffton: Held each Monday from April 13 - May 11 from 11 am-noon
Learn how to use a computer, including basic computer tips, how to use the internet, how to create letters on your computer, and more. This program is specifically geared towards seniors. Part of the Senior Exploration. You will use the library’s computers during the class. Register with Bluffton Parks & Recreation (260-824-6069).
All events are free. Register for events at the library, online at www.wellscolibrary.org, or call 260-824-1612.

**World War II Legacies**

**Ossian: Saturday, January 10: 10 am-noon**

Kayleen Reusser will be at the Ossian Branch Library discussing her book “World War II Legacies: Stories of Northeast Indiana Veterans.” Area veterans will also be on hand to answer questions. Books will be available for sale. No registration needed.

**Theater Thursday**

**Bluffton: Third Thursday of the month at 10 am**

- Jan. 15 “Heaven is for Real” (PG)
- Feb. 19 “Dolphin Tale 2” (PG)
- Mar. 19 “When the Game Stands Tall” (PG)
- Apr. 16 “Guardians of the Galaxy” (PG-13)

Sponsored by Bluffton Regional, Bluffton Parks & Recreation, and the library. No registration needed.

**Tax Help for Seniors**

**Ossian: Mondays, January 19-April 13 from 9 am-1 pm**

Tax help will be offered at the Ossian Branch Library on Mondays on a first-come, first-serve basis. This program is sponsored by Tax Counseling for the Elderly. Drop-in event. No registration needed.

**Music and Cocoa**

**Bluffton: Tuesday, February 3: 6:30-7:30 pm**

Help us kick off the Winter Reading Program with a fun music and Hot Chocolate Tasting event for all ages. Several stations will be set up around the library for you to test different hot chocolate combinations and flavors. Then, sit down and listen to music featuring the local folk band North of Hope. Drop-in event. No registration needed.

**Genealogy Workshops**

**Bluffton: March 5, April 2, and May 7**

First Thursday of the month from 6-7 pm (March-May)

The genealogy workshops will start back up in March. Themes for the workshops will be posted in February. Some suggestions being considered are how DNA can help with genealogy research and a two-part refresher course on Family Search. Registration appreciated.

**Book Clubs**

**Brown Bag Book Club**

Meets the second Monday of each month at 1:30 pm

- Jan. 12 reader’s choice
- Feb. 9 “The Tower, The Zoo, and the Tortoise” by Julia Stuart
- Mar. 9 Any non-fiction by Philip Gulley
- Apr. 13 “The Distinguished Guest” by Sue Miller

**“Who Picked This Book Anyway?” Club**

Meets the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm

- Jan. 8 “The Hunger Games” by Suzanne Collins
- Feb. 12 “The Story of My Life” by Helen Keller
- Mar. 12 “The Help” by Kathryn Stockett
- Apr. 9 “The Hoosier School-Boy” by Edward Eggleston
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).

EVENTS AT THE MAIN LIBRARY (BLUFFTON):

**Block Play**
Bluffton: Thursday, January 8: 10:00 am-2:00 pm  
All ages. Help spark your child’s imagination. Parents will get to interact and play with their children at several “block” stations. Drop-in anytime during the event.

**The Gods of Olympus (and other Mythological Creatures)** (JL Crew)
Bluffton: Tuesday, January 20: 6:30-7:30 pm  
Grades 4-6. From Mount Olympus to mythological beasts--we will explore fascinating world mythologies. Registration suggested.

**Hot Chocolate Tasting**
Bluffton: Tuesday, February 3: 6:30-7:30 pm  
All ages. Help us kick off the Winter Reading Program with a fun music and Hot Chocolate Tasting event. Several stations will be set up around the library for you to test different hot chocolate combinations (traditional flavors as well as "unique" ones). Also complete a scavenger hunt for a chance to win a chocolate treat and listen to music featuring the folk band North of Hope. No registration needed.

**Construction Function** (JL Crew)
Bluffton: Tuesday, February 17: 6:30-7:30 pm  
Grades 4-6. Use your building talents to create a fun project using large blocks, Legos, marshmallows, gumdrops, toothpicks, and more. We’ll also see who can build a bridge that will support a cup with the most pennies. Registration suggested.

**Canvas and Cookies** (JL Crew)
Bluffton: Tuesday, March 17: 6:30-7:30 pm  
Grades 4-6. Get in touch with your inner Picasso and create your very own masterpiece as you munch on cookies for inspiration. Registration suggested.

**Our Big Blue Planet** (JL Crew)
Bluffton: Tuesday, April 21: 6:30-7:30 pm  
Grades 4-6. Celebrate Earth Day at the library. Registration suggested.

**PJ Story Hour**
Bluffton: January 6, February 3, March 3, & April 7  
Meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6:30-7:30 pm  
Ages 4-6. Stories, videos, fingerplays, and crafts make for an engaging and fun learning time. Registration suggested.

**Book Clubs**
Bluffton: January 13, February 10, March 10, & April 14  
Meets the second Tuesday of each month from 6:30-7:30 pm  
Grades 3-5. The “No Boys Allowed” Book Club and “No Girls Allowed” Book Club will meet at the same time. Pick up a copy of the book of the month before the meeting and enjoy a book discussion and activities related to the book. First 15 kids signed up will receive a free book. Registration required.

**Kids’ Club**
Bluffton: January 20, February 17, March 17, & April 21  
Meets the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30-7:15 pm  

**Lego Clubs**

**AFTERNOON LEGO CLUB:**
Bluffton: February 5, March 5, & April 2*  
Meets the first Thursday of each month from 3:30-4:30 pm  
*Note: January’s Club date will be a Block Play instead of just Lego Club on Thursday, January 8 from 10 am-2 pm.

**EVENING LEGO CLUB:**
Bluffton: January 27, February 24, March 24, & April 28  
Meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6:30-7:30 pm  
Grades K-6. Join us each month to create Lego masterpieces, using blocks provided by the library. Registration suggested.
EVENTS AT THE OSSIAN BRANCH LIBRARY:

Dora & Friends Party
Ossian: Tuesday, April 21: 6:30-7:30 pm or Wednesday, April 22: 6:30-7:30 pm
Ages 3-8. Join us for this fun party based on Dora’s adventures! Registration required (starts April 1).

Musical Mondays @ Ossian
Ossian: January 5, February 2, March 2, & April 6
Meets the first Monday of each month from 6:30-7:00 pm
Ages 3-6. Join us for a fun program that combines music and movement, plus a story or two! Registration required.

Lego Club @ Ossian
Ossian: January 15, February 19, March 19, and April 16
Meets the third Thursday of each month from 6:30-7:15 pm
Grades K-6. Join us in one of the two sessions offered each month to create Lego masterpieces, using blocks provided by the library. Registration required.

Play Group Fun!
Ossian: starts January 16 - April 24
Meets every Friday from 10 am-noon
Kids of any age. Moms and caregivers, please join us on Friday mornings for our newest weekly program at the Ossian Branch this winter. There will be toys, books, and crafts for the kiddos. For the adults, there will be plenty of room to hang out and visit while keeping an eye on the children. Come often! Drop-in event. No registration needed.

Kids’ Club @ Ossian
Ossian: February 5, March 5, & April 2
Meets the first Thursday of each month from 6:30-7:30 pm

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 at movies at Bluffton (Main Library). See schedule listed on Page 11.

Story Sessions
Join us each week for stories, crafts, and activities. Must be registered to attend all story sessions. Registration begins January 19 at 9 am. Programs begin the week of February 2.

BLUFFTON STORY SESSIONS:

Wee Read: February 3-March 13
Ages Birth-24 Months (with adult)
Tuesdays at 9:30 am or Fridays at 10 am

Toddler Time: February 3-April 23
Ages 2-3 (with adult)
Tuesdays at 10:30 am, Wednesdays at 10 am, or Thursdays at 9:45 am

Story Hour: February 4-April 23
Ages 4-6. Wednesdays at 1 pm or Thursdays at 10:30 am

OSSIAN STORY SESSIONS:

Wee Read: February 5-April 30
Ages Birth-30 months (with adult)
Thursdays at 10:30 am

Storytime: February 3-April 28
Ages 2 1/2– 6 (with adult)
Tuesdays at 10:30 am

Play Group Fun: January 16-April 24
All ages (with adult)
Fridays from 10 am-noon (no registration needed)
Special Events

**Survival Knots and Arm Knits**
*Bluffton: Monday, January 19: 6:00-7:30 pm*
*Grades 6-12.* Want to learn how to create a Paracord Survival Bracelet or a trendy Arm Knitted Scarf? You do? Well then come join us at the library where you can learn how to create one or both of these items. We will have supplies available, but you are more than welcome to bring your own paracord and or yarn, if you want something special. For yarn, please bring one skein of a chunky weight yarn per scarf. *Registration is required by Friday, January 16 for a guaranteed spot in this program.*

**Chinese New Year**
*Bluffton: Thursday, February 19: 6:00-7:30 pm*
*Grades 6-12.* Join us as we celebrate the Chinese New Year with food and activities all related to the Chinese New Year! So tell your friends and sign up today for an evening of food and fun! *Registration is required by Tuesday, February 17 for a guaranteed spot in this program.*

**Spring Eggstravaganza!**
*Bluffton: Monday, March 30: 6:00-7:30 pm*
*Grades 6-12.* Join us for an “egg”cellent night of spring and egg themed activities. The evening will include Easter egg dying with a twist, snacks, games, and an Easter egg hunt done entirely in the library. The winner of the hunt will be taking home an “egg”travagant basket of goodies. *Registration is required by Friday, March 27 for a guaranteed spot in this program.*

**After-Hours Party**
*Bluffton: Friday, April 10: 5:30-7:30 pm*
*Grades 4-8.* Enjoy a night of Wii on the big screens, games, pizza, snacks, and hide-and-seek in the library. You must have a permission slip from the library signed by a parent or guardian to attend. *Registration is suggested.*

**Canvas and Cookies**
*Bluffton: Thursday, April 16: 6:00-7:30 pm*
*Grades 6-12.* Canvas and Cookies is a painting program for those with a sweet tooth. Come and join us as we create unique works of art on 12"x16" canvases, all while we enjoy munching on cookies. Unlike many canvas and cookie programs everyone won’t be trying to recreate the same picture but will instead be using a couple of simple techniques to create completely unique works of art. *Registration is required by Monday, April 13 for a guaranteed spot in this program.*

Programs sponsored by the Wells County Foundation
Monthly Programs

**Manga Club**

*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.*

- **Jan. 5** Focus on cosplay makeup and voices. A cosplay is dressing up and acting as a fictional character, such as manga or anime characters. Facial makeup will be applied to those who wish to participate. The art of zombie makeup will also be demonstrated. Participating attendees will want to provide their own mascara and eyeliner. Also, members will practice and improve their voice styles. If you are interested in cosplay and would like to see what it is about, you can still join in the fun and will not be required to wear makeup.

- **Feb. 2** Continue with cosplay, focusing on dress with wigs and costumes. Some members will demonstrate wig styles and trimming. Also, they will be giving ideas on how to assemble costumes. If you already have a cosplay outfit, wear it or bring it in with you for suggestions if you would like.

- **Mar. 2** Focus on Japanese Cuisine

- **Apr. 6** Theme is to be determined.

**Teen Advisory Board (TAB)**

*January 27, February 24, March 31, and April 28*

*Meets the last Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:15 pm*

*Grades 6-12. Do you need volunteer credit or wish you had a say in teen programming at the library? Join the Teen Advisory Board. You don’t need to sign up, just show up for the meetings. We usually meet in the board room or the staff room on the second floor. Snacks are always provided.*

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 at movies at Bluffton (Main Library).

- “Planes: Fire & Rescue” (PG)  
  Bluffton: Jan. 10 at 2 pm

- “Boxtrolls” (PG)  
  Ossian: Feb. 14 at 10 am

- “The LEGO Movie” (PG)  
  Bluffton: Feb. 21 at 2 pm

- “Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day” (PG)  
  Ossian: Mar. 14 at 10 am

- “Big Hero 6” (PG)  
  Bluffton: Mar. 14 at 2 pm

- “Dolphin Tale 2” (PG)  
  Ossian: Apr. 11 at 10 am

- “How to Train Your Dragon 2” (PG)  
  Bluffton: Apr. 11 at 2 pm

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Library Closings:

New Years:
Wednesday, December 31 (close @ 5 pm)
Thursday, January 1

President's Day:
Monday, February 16

Easter:
Friday, April 3
Saturday, April 4

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.

(CIRCLE ONE)

STUDENT (through age 21) $2
INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY $10
PATRON $25
SPONSOR $50

Renewals due annually each April.
Return this form and your payment in person or mail to:
Wells County Public Library
200 W. Washington Street
Bluffton, Indiana 46714

NAME: ____________________________________  ADDRESS: ______________________________________________________

PHONE: ___________________________________ EMAIL: __________________________________________________________

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