Let it Snow!

Brrrrrrrr it’s cold out, so why not join in the fun of our annual Winter Reading Program this 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). The log will contain information about how many pages you need to read to complete the program. Just for signing up you’ll receive a candy bar. 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 box of hot chocolate. Forms and rules will be available on February 1 in the children’s room or at the Ossian Branch.

**Author Visit—Monica Koldyke Miller**
Tuesday, January 22: 6:30-7:30 pm

Monica will give a talk about her historical romance novel *Threads of Betrayal*. She’ll discuss the process of researching historical facts for her book, her writing process, how she published her book, and more. Books will be for sale at the event. Registration is appreciated.

**Ossian Branch building project continues**
Branch will be closed January 21-26

The current timeline calls for the new part of the building to be completed in mid-January. Tentatively, the Branch is scheduled to be closed January 21st through the 26th to allow the staff to move shelves and collections into this portion of the building. The dates are subject to change, however. To stay up-to-date on the construction news and view photos, visit the library’s Facebook page* (www.facebook.com/WellsCountyPublicLibrary). The dates for closing will also be advertised on the library’s website. Fines will not be charged for Ossian items due during the closing.

The project will then move into phase two, which contains the removal of existing walls and the construction of a programming room in the children’s room. This phase also includes reorganization of the existing space, painting, and new carpeting. Phase two should last approximately six to eight weeks. During this time, Ossian patrons will have limited access to items and services. Until things are back to “normal” patrons are encouraged to visit the Main Library.

The staff appreciates the interest and cooperation the public has shown so far and asks for continued patience. We believe the expanded facility will be worth the inconvenience!

**Hot Chocolate Tasting**
Tuesday, February 5: 6-7 pm

Join us for a fun Winter Reading Program kick-off event at both the Main Library and Ossian Branch. Taste a variety of hot chocolates and top off your drink with both traditional and “unusual” goodies. Complete a scavenger hunt at the Main Library for a chance to win a chocolate treat. Free event. No registration needed. Children ages 4-6 are also invited to stay for PJ Story Hour, which starts at 6:30 pm at the Main Library.

*See next page to find out how to like us on Facebook to get updates about the library and view more photos of the construction.*

Prizes were graciously donated by The Friends of the Library and the Wells County Foundation.
Genealogy Workshops

Workshops are held at the Main Library on the first Thursday of the month. They start at 6:00 pm and end about 7:00 pm. Listed below are descriptions for the upcoming workshops.

January 3 – Genealogy Webinars and other online resources. Meredythe and Vi will discuss some websites (mostly free) that offer how-to information. Some websites are geographically specific.

February 7 – Marriage information. WCPL has acquired two rolls of microfilm with supplemental marriage information, starting in 1883. The Indiana Room staff started working on an index for this information. Meredythe and Vi will share what has happened and what we hope to accomplish.

Registration is appreciated. Sign up at the library, call 260-824-1612, or online at www.wellscolibrary.org

Winter Story Sessions

start the week of Feb. 4
Sign-up begins on Jan. 21st at 9 am

Bluffton Story Sessions:

Wee Read (up to 24 mo. with caregiver)
Toddler Time (ages 2&3 with caregiver)
Story Hour (ages 4-6)

Note: Ossian Story Sessions will not meet in February due to construction. Please call the Ossian Branch for information about upcoming programs: 260-622-4691.

Register at the library or online at www.wellscolibrary.org. Click on “WCPL Events” calendar, go to the week of February 4, select the program you wish your child to attend, and complete the registration form.

Children’s Programs @ the Library

PJ Story Hour (ages 4-6)
Tuesday, February 5: 6:30 pm
SWEET TREATS!
Come “make and take” some delightful Valentine goodies! Don’t forget to join us for the Hot Chocolate Tasting also that evening at 6:00 pm!

Kids’ Club (K-3rd Grade)
Tuesday, January 15: 6:30 pm
ROWDY RHYMES AND RIDDLES!
Get your “giggle-boxes” ready for a night of hilarious laughter!

Tuesday, February 19: 6:30 pm
"TWEET, TWEET! WE NEED A TREAT!"
Learn how to provide food for our feathered friends.

JL Crew (4-6 Grade)
Tuesday, January 15: 6:30 pm
WACKY SPORTS NIGHT
Play fun, wacky sports and enjoy some tasty tailgating themed treats.

Tuesday, February 19: 6:30 pm
INITIAL INSPIRATION
Create giant initials to look like camouflage, zebra stripes, or rainbows. Make and eat some fun Valentine snacks.

MOVIES @ the library

“Beauty and the Beast” (G)
Bluffton: Jan. 12 at 2 pm

“Ratatouille” (G)
Bluffton: Feb. 23 at 2 pm

Bring pillows & 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 in the Main Library.

Winter Book Sale - February 12-16

Used books, movies, audio books, art prints, and more.

Book Sale Hours:
Feb. 12: 5-8 pm (Friends Only Preview)
Feb. 13-14: 9 am-8 pm
Feb. 15: 9 am-6 pm
Feb. 16: 9 am-5 pm

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Craft It! @ the Library
Thursday, January 17: 6:00-7:30 pm
Thursday, February 21: 6:00-7:30 pm
All Ages. Calling all scrapbookers, crocheters, knitters, jewelry makers, and generally crafty folks! Do you have a craft project and need space and time to work on it? Come to the library and craft along with other crafters on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Whether you are crocheting, knitting, scrapbooking, or your Pinterest pins are just piling up, all ages and skill levels are welcome to come. We will provide the space, time, die-cut machine, and light refreshments; you provide the project and conversation! Bring your friends and we’ll see you there.
Program Cancellation Information: If the following schools are cancelled or dismissed early, we cancel evening programs for all ages. Two hour delays do not affect evening programs.

Main Library: Bluffton-Harrison Ossian Branch: Norwell

Manga Club Party
Saturday, January 19: 1:30-4:30 pm
An afternoon of Anime movies on the big screen, food, and fun. We will be showing two anime movies The Secret World of Arrietty and one other surprise. Snacks and drinks will be provided including Ramen Noodles and Poky Sticks! Registration is required by Thursday, January 17.

Organize Your New Year
Monday, January 21: 5:30-7:00 pm
Decorate an Altoid tin to create a carry case for those pesky ear buds that keep getting in a tangled mess in the bottom of your bag. Then, create a French message board for all those great pictures and notes you’ll have throughout the year. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Registration is required by Thursday, January 17.

Chocolate Make and Take
Wednesday, February 6: 5:30-7:00 pm
Need a Valentine’s Day gift or just love Chocolate? Come join us as we create some delicious chocolates. You can give them as a gift or just eat them yourself! The library will provide the chocolate, utensils, and molds. Snacks and drinks will also be provided, so get your friends and come have some fun. Registration is required by Monday, February 4th.

Teen Book Club
Wednesday, January 23: 6:00-7:00 pm
Wednesday, February 27: 6:00-7:00 pm
Do you love to read? Come join other Teens every 4th Wednesday of the month and discuss a book chosen by your group. The book for January is Ashfall by Mike Mullin. We will choose February’s book during the January meeting. The Teen Department will have extra copies of the title for book club readers, so drop by today and pick a copy up! Snacks and drinks will be provided.

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