Children’s Book Festival
Saturday, October 8: 10 am-3 pm

featuring
David Slonim (Author/Illustrator)  
Jim Gill (Musician/Author)
Award-winning musician and author Jim Gill will perform many of his signature songs for our young attendees. Then Indiana-based author and illustrator David Slonim will speak about his books and creative process in a presentation that’s perfect for school-age children. The performances and presentations will be specifically designed for kids, but everyone in the family is invited to attend.

There will also be carnival games, a bounce house, food trucks down Washington Street, professional face painting, balloon animals, and appearances by Clifford and Pete the Cat! Attendees might win one of the 100 autographed books & CDs given away that day!

*Sponsored by the Virginia Gene Neuenschwander Youth Fund from the Wells County Foundation, the Friends of the Library (on behalf of Barb Barbien), Wabash Endowment, Gay Saunders, and local schools and their PTOs.

**Schedule of Events**

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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 “A Place Called Hope” by Indiana-based author Philip Gulley. This year’s book was selected in part to help celebrate Indiana’s Bicentennial year. Make sure to come to Philip Gulley’s author visit on Thursday, October 20th. Books are available for check out at the library and a small selection will be for sale at the library and the author visit night. An eAudiobook can be checked out via OverDrive.

About the Book: The first book in the Hope series, which is a spin-off of Gulley’s popular Harmony series. Quaker Pastor Sam Gardner is facing unemployment and contemplating a future selling used cars when he receives a call from a woman in the suburban town of Hope, Indiana. It seems Hope Friends Meeting is in desperate need of a pastor. Though they only have twelve members, they also have a beautiful meetinghouse and a pie committee (Sam is fond of pie). But can he really leave his beloved hometown of Harmony?

Pie Day
Bluffton & Ossian: Thursday, October 13: 1-3 pm
All ages. To help celebrate our One Book One County title for 2016, “A Place Called Hope” by Philip Gulley, the library is giving away free pie slices, which just happen to be one of character Sam Gardner’s favorite foods! Stop by to get your free pie between 1-3 pm. First come, first served—until the pie is gone!

Book Discussion
Bluffton: Thursday, October 13: 6:30 pm
Adults & Teens. Join the “Who Picked This Book Anyway?” Group for a special discussion of the One Book One County title “A Place CalledHope” by Philip Gulley. You can also discuss the book online at www.wellscolibrary.org and click on “One Book One County” in the News & Events menu.

Philip Gulley Author Visit
Bluffton: Thursday, October 20: 7-8 pm
Adults/Teens. Philip Gulley is a Quaker pastor, writer, and speaker from Danville, Ind. An eclectic writer, Gulley has published 20 books, including the acclaimed Harmony series chronicling life in the eccentric Quaker community of Harmony, Indiana and the best-selling Porch Talk series of inspirational and humorous essays. He is the One Book One County author for 2016 and will be giving a presentation about his newest book: “A Lesson in Hope” - the second book in the Hope series. A small selection of books will be available for sale that evening or you can bring your own to have them signed. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Registration appreciated (at the library, call 260-824-1612, or online).
Wells County Snapshots - Photo Contest
Deadline for entry: September 30, 2016
All ages. The goal of this Photo Contest is to help preserve a small piece of history for the future. The Photo Contest Committee is seeking modern photos taken of people or places in Wells County during 2016. Digital photos can be submitted to Emily Marshall at emarshall@wellscolibrary.org or at the Main Library in Bluffton between September 1-30 (please put “Wells County Snapshots” in the subject of the email). Photos will be printed on 8x10 paper and need a resolution of 300 dpi or higher. The photos will be judged by area experts and a select number will be printed and put on display at the Art’s, Commerce & Visitors Centre at the end of the contest and then at the Main Library. All photos will be shared via social media.

Bicentennial Torch Relay
Starts on September 9 and ends October 15
(going through Wells County on September 30 at 1:30 pm)
The bicentennial torch will make a 2,300 mile journey across the state traveling through 92 counties. The Torch Relay will begin in Corydon, the state’s first capital, and culminate in Indianapolis on the Statehouse Grounds. The torch is scheduled to pass through Wells County on September 30 at around 1:30 pm. Our very own Library Director, Stephanie Davis, has been nominated as one of the Torchbearers, so make sure to stop near the Courthouse to cheer her on. The relay was designed to inspire Hoosiers and promote unity across the state by connecting people, communities, and regions.

“Who is a Hoosier?” Exhibit
Bluffton: November 7-December 2
Learn about the make up of the many people that have been nicknamed Hoosiers over the years. In this traveling exhibit, borrowed from the Indiana Historical Society, maps and informational graphics highlight the statistical impact of changing ethnic groups—from pioneer settlers, 19th century immigrants, and modern arrivals—while photographs from various IHS collections and institutions all over the state bring to life the personal stories of immigration.

Bicentennial Holiday Celebration
Friday, December 9-Sunday, December 11
All ages. Join us as all of Wells County celebrates Indiana’s official 200th birthday with a county-wide event. Get updated event schedule at www.wellscolibrary.org.

Tentative Schedule:
Thursday, December 8:
6:00-7:30 pm - Ossian Hometown Christmas
Friday, December 9:
Bicentennial Gala (Sassafras on Main) - possible, not finalized
Saturday, December 10:
8-11 am - Masonic Lodge Breakfast
9-11 am - Breakfast with Santa (Sassafras on Main)
10 am-1 pm - A Friend’s House Cookie Walk
12-3 pm - Market Street Celebration
  * Goodie Walk (Downtown Bluffton)
  * Entertainment (Courthouse steps)
  * Ice Sculpture Demos (1-3 pm - Courthouse Plaza)
  * Sentimental Journeys horse-drawn carriage rides
Sunday, December 11:
Noon-1 pm - Chili lunch (First Reformed Church)
1-2 pm - Advent Walk (starting from First Baptist Church)
2-6 pm - Bicentennial Bash (Wells County Public Library)
  Sentimental Journeys horse-drawn carriage rides
6 pm - Closing Ceremony

Ongoing Events over the Weekend:
Wonderland of Lights (Ouabache State Park)
Festival of Wreaths (Art’s, Commerce & Visitors Centre)
Christmas in the Mansion (Wells County Historical Museum)

Bicentennial Bash @ the Library
Bluffton: Sunday, December 11: 2-6 pm
All ages. The Wells County Public Library will be open on a special day to seal up the 2016 time capsule that will be stored in the library and scheduled to be reopened in 50 years. Time Capsule presentation will be around 2:30 pm. There will also be a “Bicentennial Cake,” holiday activities featuring a historical theme, stories, and more to fit in with the “Bicentennial Holiday Celebration” throughout the county that weekend. Several special collections from the Indiana Room will also be on display in the library that day.
Popular Checkouts

**Fiction:**
“Night and Day” by Iris Johansen
“Bullseye” by James Patterson and Michael Ledwidge
“The Apartment” by Danielle Steel
“Sweet Tomorrows” by Debbie Macomber
“The Pursuit” by Janet Evanovich and Lee Goldberg

**Non-fiction:**
“Wanda E. Brunstetter’s Amish Friends Harvest Cookbook” compile by Rebecca Germany
“Taste of Home’s Contest Winning Annual Recipes”
“Crisis of Character” by Gary Byrne
“Why America Misunderstands the World” by Paul R. Pillar
“White Trash: the 400-year untold history of class in America” by Nancy Isenberg

Summer Reading Recap

Thank you to everyone that participated in our 2016 Summer Reading Program and a special congratulations to the more than 1,200 children, teens, and adults that completed the program and helped us reached our community goal of reading 1.5 million pages/hours!

With your help, lots of wonderful books were read. Just how many?...
- **Infants:** 89 of our youngest library patrons completed a total of 1,600 activities.
- **Kids:** with 1,403 children ages 2-grade 6 participating, the group read for 7,673 hours.
- **Teens:** 221 teen participants in grades 6-12 read 399,245 pages!
- **Adults:** between the 352 adults participating, there were 566,133 pages read.

Wow! That's a lot of books! 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.

**Resource SPOT Light**

INSPIRE is a collection of academic databases and other informational resources that can be accessed by Indiana residents using any computer equipped with an Internet Protocol (IP) address located in Indiana.

You can get to most of the INSPIRE databases on our website (www.wellscolibrary.org) and going to the “Research” section to find databases listed either A-Z or by category. Just look for anything with the INSPIRE logo. Recently, INSPIRE added a large number of resources to what they offer, including:

- Alt HealthWatch
- Biography Reference Bank
- Consumer Health Complete
- Entrepreneurial Studies Source
- Essay & General Literature Index
- Explora
- Film & Television Literature Index
- Fuente Academica Premier
- History Reference Center
- Humanities Full Text
- International Bibliography of Theatre & Dance
- Literary Reference Center
- MagillOnLiterature Plus
- Multilingual Health Databases
- Play Index
- Points of View
- Read It!
- Reader’s Guide Full Text Select
- Referencia Latina
- Rosetta Stone
- Science Reference Center
- Social Sciences Full Text
- Short Story Index
- Small Business Reference Center
- Vente et Gestion
- Vocational and Career Collection
- Vocational Studies Premier
eReader & iPad Fair

**Bluffton: Tuesday, December 13: 3-7 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 Group!

**Computer Club**

Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, and Dec. 13

*Meets the second Tuesday of the month from 1-2 pm*

**iPad Club**

Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, and Dec. 13

*Meets the second Tuesday of the month from 2-3 pm*

**Cook, Talk, Taste**

Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, and Dec. 13

*Meets the second Tuesday of the month from 6-7 pm*

The tastiest group at the library!

**Rosetta Stone**

The language-learning software Rosetta Stone was added to the INSPIRE databases this summer. To get started using, just go to our website (wellscolibrary.org) and click on the “Research” menu to find online resources listed either A-Z or by category and browse for Rosetta Stone and then create an account. Here’s a few tips for using:

- The program offers more than 32 languages (ex. English, Japanese, Russian, Polish, Urdu, Swahili, Farsi), but you can only select one language to learn at a time, which can be done from the log-in screen.
- Each language has “levels” of learning. Some only have one, some have as many as five. Each level is then divided into “courses,” which focus on speaking, reading, and writing skills.
- Due to their “immersion theory,” no English definitions are given, so you’ll need to rely on context clues from pictures, which is great for visual learners.
- Learning reports can be printed if proof of language skills are needed.
- A microphone is highly recommended, but not required.

Book Groups

**Brown Bag Book Club**

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

- Sep. 12  Any book by Alexander McCall Smith
- Oct. 10  Any book by a Dead Author
- Nov. 14  Any cozy mystery
- Dec. 12  Any book related to the holidays

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

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

- Sep. 8  “Orphan Train” by Christina Baker Kline
- Oct. 13  “A Place Called Hope” by Philip Gulley (One Book One County title)
- Nov. 10  “Lady Catherine, the Earl, and the Real Downton Abbey” by Fiona Carnarvon
- Dec. 8  “A Covington Christmas” by Joan Medlicott

**Ossian Book Club**

*Meets the second Thursday of each month at 1:30 pm*

- Sep. 8  Any book by Alexander McCall Smith
- Oct. 13  Any book by a Dead Author
- Nov. 10  Any cozy mystery
- Dec. 8  Any book related to the holidays

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
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.

**Genealogy Workshops**

*Bluffton: First Thursday of the month at 6-7 pm (Sep.-Nov.) Adults.* This 3-part series will cover tips and tricks on researching your ancestors and using local genealogy resources. *Registration appreciated.*

- **Sep. 1** Family Tree Forms and Vital Records
- **Oct. 6** Ancestry and Heritage Quest
- **Nov. 3** FamilySearch.org and the Bureau of Land Management

**Theater Thursday**

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

- **Sep. 15** “Catching Faith” (PG)
- **Oct. 20** “Pan” (PG)
- **Nov. 17** “Hoosiers” (PG)
- **Dec. 15** “Winter’s Tale” (PG-13)

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

**Unwind Wednesdays @ Ossian**

*Ossian: every Wednesday (Sep. 7-Dec. 14) from 1-3 pm Adults.* Discover why coloring is a popular stress buster for adults by learning the art of relaxation through color therapy, Zentangle, and doodling. Also enjoy a cup of tea, soft music, and the soothing scent of lavender. All supplies provided or bring your own relaxing craft projects.

**Bicentennial Bash - Open House**

*Bluffton: Sunday, December 11: 2-6 pm All ages.* Instead of our annual Holiday open house we will be having an extended Bicentennial Bash as part of the city’s Bicentennial Holiday Celebration over the weekend of Indiana’s Statehood Day. So help us celebrate Indiana’s 200th birthday in style!

The Main Library in Bluffton will be open on Sunday to seal up the 2016 time capsule that will be stored in the library and scheduled to be reopened in 50 years. Time Capsule presentation will be around 2:30 pm. There will also be a “Bicentennial Cake,” holiday activities featuring a historical theme, and more. Several special collections from the Indiana Room will also be on display in the library that day. *More Bicentennial Events listed on Page 4.*

**One Book One County**

Stop by the library anytime in September and October to check out “A Place Called Hope” by Philip Gulley Then discuss the 2016 One Book One County title on our website or on October 13 at 6:30 pm at the library. Make sure to join us for Philip Gulley’s author visit on Thursday, October 20 from 7-8 pm at the Main Library in Bluffton. *More info on Page 2.*
All events are free. Dates subject to change. Check with library prior to event. Register at the library, online at www.wellscolibrary.org, or call 260-824-1612 (Bluffton); 260-622-4691 (Ossian).

Special Events

**Stuffed Animal Storytime:** Preschoolers

**Ossian:** Monday, September 26: 6:30-7:30 pm

Kids can come in their PJs and bring their favorite stuffed animal for stories, activities and a craft. Animals can spend the night. Registration required (starts Sept. 12).

**Children’s Book Festival:** All ages

**Bluffton:** Saturday, October 8: 10 am—3 pm

You don’t want to miss this special day featuring author & illustrator David Slonim and musician Jim Gill. There will also be carnival games, a bounce house, food trucks down Washington Street, book give-aways, face painting, and appearances by Clifford and Pete the Cat. More details and a schedule on Page 2.

**Boo in Bluffton:** All ages

**Bluffton:** Monday, October 31: 5:00-6:00 pm

Stop by the library during the downtown Trick or Treat hours for a special treat.

**Halloween Hullabaloo:** All ages

**Ossian:** Saturday, October 29: 10 am-noon

Come in costume and enjoy some Halloween activities. Registration suggested.

**All things LEGO:** Grades K-6

**Ossian:** Monday, November 14: 6:30-7:30 pm

Registration required (starts 2 weeks before event).

**Pirate Party:** Ages 4-8

**Ossian:** Tuesday, November 15: 6:30-7:30 pm

*Wednesday, Nov. 16: 6:30-7:30 pm*  
*(only if Tuesday fills)*

Ahoy, mateys! Enjoy pirate themed stories and activities. Registration required (starts 2 weeks before event).

**Ossian Hometown Christmas:** All ages

**Ossian:** Thursday, December 8: 6:30-8:00 pm

Visit the library during the community event for treats and crafts. No registration needed.

**Bicentennial Holiday Celebration:** All ages

**Saturday, December 10-Sunday, December 11**

You don’t want to miss this event for all ages in Downtown Bluffton and Ossian, which will include a Goodie Walk and Ice Sculpture demos on Saturday, Dec. 10 along Market Street and the Closing Ceremony on Sunday, Dec. 11. More info on Page 4.

**Bicentennial Bash @ the Library:** All ages

**Bluffton:** Sunday, December 11: 2-6 pm

Stop by for stories, movies, and to see the Time Capsule sealed up and find out what’s in it! More info on Page 4.

**Countdown to New Year’s:** Grades K-6

**Ossian:** Friday, December 30: 11 am-noon

Registration required (starts 2 weeks before event).

Monthly Events/Programs

**PJ Story Sessions:**

**Bluffton (Ages 4-6):** Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, & Dec. 6

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

**Ossian (Ages 3 - Pre-K):** Oct. 6, Nov. 3, & Dec. 1

Meets the 1st Thursday of the month from 6:30-7:00 pm

Enjoy stories, videos, fingerplays, and crafts for an engaging and fun learning time. Registration suggested.

**Children’s Book Clubs:**

**Grades 1-2 - Bluffton:** Sept. 6, Oct. 4, & Nov. 1

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

**Grades 3-4 - Bluffton:** Sept. 13, Oct. 11, & Nov. 8

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

**Grades 5-6 - Bluffton:** Sept. 13, Oct. 11, & Nov. 8

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

A free book will be available upon registration in each of our book clubs. Registration required.
Kids’ Club: Grades K-3
Bluffton: Oct. 18, Nov. 22, & Dec. 20
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 suggested.

JL Crew: Grades 4-6
Bluffton: Oct. 18, Nov. 22, & Dec. 20
Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm
Each month has a different theme. Enjoy games, crafts, and other activities. Registration suggested.

JL Crew Themes
Junk Food Fest: Tuesday, October 18: 6:30-7:30 pm
Discover some most unusual ways of interacting with your food. We will NOT be hosting a polite sipping, nibbling, and chatting tea party. Quite the opposite.

Turkeys and Treasure: Tuesday, Nov. 22: 6:30-7:30 pm
JL Crew Pilgrims will be travelling throughout the library in search of a November treasure.

Christmas Party: Tuesday, December 20: 6:30-7:30 pm
Let us help you catch the Christmas spirit as we enjoy seasonal activities, crafts, and food together.

LEGO Club: Grades K-6
Ossian: Oct. 20, Nov. 17, & Dec. 15
Meets the 3rd Thursday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm
Join us each month to create LEGO masterpieces, using blocks provided by the library. Registration suggested.

Monthly Movies
Saturday @ the Movies
Ossian: September 10: 10 am (“Angry Birds” - PG)
Bluffton: September 17: 2 pm (“Kung Fu Panda 3” - PG)
Ossian: October 1: 10 am (“Zootopia” - PG)
Bluffton: October 15: 2 pm (“Zootopia” - PG)
Ossian: November 12: 10 am (“The BFG” - PG)
Bluffton: November 19: 2 pm (“The Jungle Book” - PG)
Bluffton: Saturday, Dec. 17: 2 pm (“Finding Dory” - PG)
All ages. 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. No registration needed.

Story Sessions
Join us each week for stories, crafts, and activities. Must be registered to attend all story sessions.

BLUFFTON STORY SESSIONS:

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

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

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

OSSIAN STORY SESSIONS:

Wee Read: Ages Birth-30 months (with adult)
Thursdays at 10:30 am (October 5-December 14)

Storytime: Ages 2 1/2– 6 (with adult)
Wednesdays at 10:30 am (October 5, 12, 19, & 26)

Play Group Fun: Ages Birth - Pre-K (with adult)
Fridays from 10 am –noon (October 7-December 16)
No registration needed.

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.
All events are free and open to any young adult that has completed 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.

Monthly Programs

Manga Club
September 12, October 3, November 7, and December 5
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 Advisory Board (TAB)
September 28, October 26, November 30, and Dec. 28
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!

Teen Read Week
October 9-15. Check out many of the great programs to help you “Read for the Fun of It.”

Read for the Fun of It Raffle
Grades 6-12. Submit a book review to the Teen Zone from September 26th – October 10th for a chance to win chamber bucks. We will be drawing multiple winners from the submitted book reviews throughout Teen Read Week, so get a review form from the Teen Zone desk and start reading for the fun of it.

Read for the Fun of it and Treats!
Grades 6-12. Get caught reading in the Teen Zone during Teen Read Week and you will receive a yummy treat!

Book Washing
Bluffton: Monday, October 10: 5:00-8:00 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 on the 10th! That’s up to $36.00 off your fine or two free books and you’ll even get to enjoy a tasty treat while you volunteer. Registration is required so that we can have enough snacks available.

Fall Party
Bluffton: Friday, October 14: 5:30-7:30 pm
Grades 6-12. Finish off Teen Read week with a fall party that will get you excited for the changing of the leaves, pumpkins, and ghosts! Join us for food, games, and a fall edition of hide and seek in the library.
Register by Oct. 13 for a guaranteed spot.

Teen programming made possible by the Wells County Foundation.
Mug Cake Mania
Bluffton: Thursday, November 17: 6:00-7:30 pm
Grades 6-12. Join us for a night of food and fun. Learn how to make a delicious mug cake in a microwave in minutes! We will supply the mugs, ingredients, and recipes for you to try and taste. We will also provide a blank white mug for you to personalize and take home with you. Register by Monday, November 14th for a guaranteed spot.

Around the World Christmas
Bluffton: Monday, December 19: 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 16 for a guaranteed spot in this program.

After-Hours Party
Bluffton: Friday, December 30: 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 required for a guaranteed spot in this program.

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).

Library Apps
Have a tablet or school-issued iPad or Chromebook? If so, check out these apps available in the iTunes and Google Play stores. You may need to enter your library card number & PIN to get materials.

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.
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 (Labor Day - Memorial Day)
9 am to 5 pm
Saturday (Summer)
9 am to Noon

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

Library Closings:

Labor Day:
September 3-5
Street Fair/Inventory Week:
Main Library: September 19 (close at 5 pm)
September 20-24
Ossian Branch: September 21-22
Thanksgiving:
November 23 (close at 5 pm)
November 24
Christmas:
December 23-26

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