Library Closings:

Library In-Service:
Friday, May 20 (Main Library & Ossian Branch closed from 9 am-1 pm)

Memorial Day:
Saturday, May 28 & Monday, May 30

Independence Day:
Monday, July 4

Labor Day:
Saturday, Sept. 3 & Monday, Sept. 5

Wells County Public Library
200 West Washington Street
Bluffton, Indiana
260-824-1612

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 (Summer)
9 am to Noon

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9 am to 8 pm
Friday
9 am to 5 pm
Saturday (Labor Day - Memorial Day)
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Saturday (Summer)
9 am to Noon
Events for Teens - Grades 6-12

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.

Special Events/Programs

Bluffton On the Move: May 22-June 25
All ages. Sign up with the Bluffton Parks Department by May 13 to participate in Bluffton on the Move, which is a community games series. Events at the library include:

- Library Scavenger Hunt* (Amazing Race style): Tuesday, June 21: 6 pm * small cost involved
- Wii Sports Tournament*: Thursday, June 23: 2-7 pm

Programming made possible by the Wells County Foundation.

Teen Summer Reading

Sign-up for the Summer Reading Program anytime from May 23-July 30 at the library or on our website. Read just 500 pages to win a book, be eligible to attend the Summer Reading party, and be entered into a drawing for a chance to win prizes at the party! Read more pages to receive Chamber Bucks (up to $15). If you read more than 8,000 pages, then you will be eligible for a drawing to win an iPad mini.

Complete information will be available when you sign up. Stop by the Teen Zone to learn more.

Medieval Night
Bluffton: Monday, May 23: 6:00-7:30 pm
Grades 6-12. Medieval Feast held in your honor! We will be celebrating medieval style with a night full of food and fun, so bring a friend or two and enjoy the revelries. Registration required by May 20 (for a guaranteed spot).

Nerf Ninja Night
Bluffton: Tuesday, June 7: 6:00-7:30 pm
Grades 6-12. Test your balance, agility, and Nerf gun sharp shooting skills on our Nerf Ninja obstacle course. Snacks will be served to keep your strength up. Registration required by Friday, June 3 (for a guaranteed spot).

Chocolate Olympics
Bluffton: Monday, June 13: 6:00-7:30 pm
Grades 6-12. Join us for a fun night of games all chocolate themed! We will have chocolate relays, trivia, doughnut eating contests and more. Registration required by Friday, June 10 (for a guaranteed spot).

Wacky Sports
Bluffton: Friday, June 24: 5:30-7:30 pm
Grades 6-12. On your mark, get set, go! Join us for a night full of fun and games as we participate in sports like a mini-golf course set up in the library, office chair relays, beach ball volleyball, around the world ping pong, and more. We will also enjoy some tasty traditional tailgating snacks. You must have a permission slip from the library signed by a parent or guardian to attend. Registration required by Thursday, June 23 (for a guaranteed spot).

Taste of Brazil
Bluffton: Monday, June 27: 6:00-7:30 pm
Grades 6-12. In honor of the host country for the 2016 Summer Olympics, we are having a food fest Brazilian style. Enjoy some of the yummy cultural treats from Brazil like pão de queijo (Brazilian Cheese Bread), grilled churrasco meat, brigadeiros (Brazilian fudge balls) and the unique Brazilian soda Guaraná. Registration required by Friday, June 24 (for a guaranteed spot).

Life-Size Games
Bluffton: Friday, July 8: 5:30-7:30 pm
Grades 6-12. Start your engines, put on your game face and join us for an Anki OVERDRIVE racing tournament and life-size board games including: Sorry!, Candyland, Farkle, Wii Games and more. You must have a permission slip from the library signed by a parent or guardian to attend. Registration required by Wednesday, July 6 (for a guaranteed spot).

Teen Dodge Ball @ the YMCA
Tuesday, July 12: 6:30-7:30 pm
Grades 6-12. The Baylor-Nickel Foundation Family YMCA of Bluffton is partnering with the Wells County Public Library for an evening of active fun. Join us at the YMCA in Bluffton for a free teen dodge ball tournament. Teens MUST pre-register by 8:00 pm on Thursday, July 7 for a spot in this program.

Teen Iron Chef
Bluffton: Tuesday, July 26: 6:00-7:30 pm
Grades 6-12. Do you like to cook and make up tasty recipes on the fly? If the answer is yes, then come compete in our friendly Library Teen Iron Chef challenge. Registrants will be divided into teams on the day of the competition, with an effort made to keep friends on the same team. Teams will be scored on their use of the “secret” ingredient, taste, originality, and presentation. The winners will receive a small prize and the title of Library Teen Iron Chef of 2016. Register by Friday, July 22 (for a guaranteed spot).

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Teen SRP Party
Bluffton: Friday, August 5: 5:30-7:30 pm
Grades 6-12. For all teens that complete the Summer Reading Program (reading 500 pages), come enjoy a party just for you! We will have a night of Wii on the big screens, games, pizza, snacks, hide-and-seek in the library, and more. You must have a permission slip from the library signed by a parent or guardian. We want to make sure that we will have enough supplies, so registration is appreciated by Thursday, August 4.

Monthly Programs

Manga Club
Bluffton: May 2, June 6, July 11, and August 1
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.

Saturday @ the Movies
Bluffton: Saturday, May 14, 2 pm (People’s Choice)
All ages. Because of unforeseen release date changes, we are sadly unable to show Kung Fu Panda 3 on Saturday May 14th, so we are having a fun “Movie Election Saturday.” The movie will be voted on at that day and the ballot will include: Hotel Transylvania 2, Up, Shrek, The Jungle Book (1967), and Robin Hood (1973). Popcorn and water will be served.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
May 25, June 29, July 27, and August 31
Meets the last Wednesday of the month from 6:00-6:45 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 TAB meetings. Snacks are always provided!