

The B O O K Report

Wells County Public Library News

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GIFT Campaign

There's still time to donate.



From the Director

The Wells County Foundation's recent GIFT Campaign encouraged several of our county's library supporters to generously add \$3,605 to the Wells County Public Library Endowment Fund. The Lilly Endowment's GIFT (Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow) initiative matched with another

\$1,802.50 for a total deposit of \$5,407.50.

Annual dividends from the library's endowment fund are available to the library. These funds help improve the facilities and the services of the library.

Since not all the match funds were expended at the campaign's March 31st deadline, the Wells County Foundation extended the GIFT campaign for as long as the funds last. Donations to the library endowment can still be matched. Checks should be made payable to the Wells County Foundation for the Library Endowment Fund and delivered to the library.



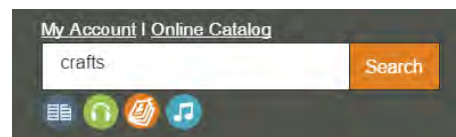
Business Idea?

Have a great business idea? There has never been a better time to consider putting your business in the library building. The Wells County Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development and Bluffton NOW are holding a competition called Tiger Tank. Contestants will get the opportunity to present an idea and business plan to a panel of judges, which will be awarding a prize package worth \$40,000. Get more information or submit an application at www.wellscoc.com/tiger-tank.

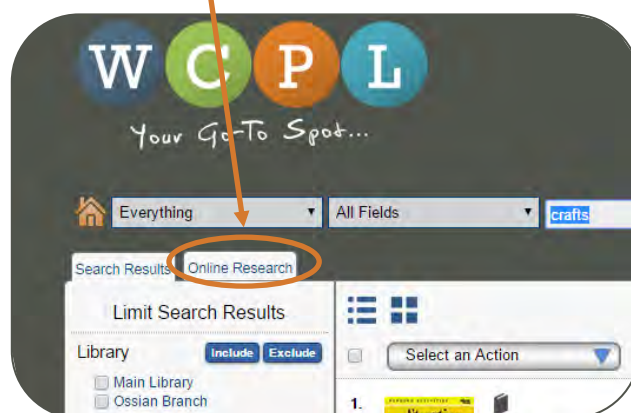
Online Research

The library recently purchased an enhancement tool that let's you search our databases from inside our online catalog. So now you only need to search in one location to bring up lots of results! Kind of like Google, but it only shows you reliable information in your results list.

The next time you are looking for information for a school project, a hobby, work around the house, or more, then try it out if you are open to looking at popular magazine articles, research journals, and other online resources instead of just books in the library. All you need to do is search for any word (such as "crafts") in our online catalog.



When your results are displayed, click the "Online Research" tab in the upper left corner to see all the available results!



This will bring up articles related to that keyword in most of our databases, including our online encyclopedias, the Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center, the Home Improvement Reference Center, and many other databases that pull articles from magazines and other reliable online sources.

To read the article, just click "Download" or "View." The articles are easy to read on your home computer or on any computer at the library.



Summer Reading

Sign up and read during June and July.

There are prizes awarded throughout the summer for completing reading challenges for kids, teens, and adults. Sign up for the children's program in the library starting June 1st or at the Hero Carnival. Teens and adults can sign up on our website or at the library. Reading logs with a list of rules for each program will be available when you sign up.

A complete list of special events and weekly story sessions for the summer can be viewed throughout this newsletter.



Hero Carnival

Bluffton: Wednesday, June 10: 5:30-7:30 pm

All ages. Join us for our fifth-annual Summer Reading Carnival kick-off event. Stop in for fun and register for Summer Reading at the same time. Enjoy a moonbounce, carnival games, crafts, facepainting, teen activities, and more. Food will be available for sale during the event in the Café area. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library. No registration needed. There will also be a **Mini "Hero" Carnival** at the Ossian Branch on Tuesday, June 16 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Enjoy a family fun night with a few of the carnival-style games.

Summer Reading and events are sponsored by the Friends of the Library and area businesses and organizations.



Summer Book Sale @ the Main Library

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

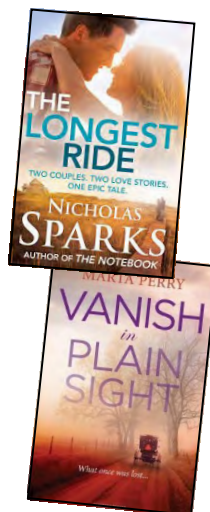
Hours: *July 21: 5-8 pm* (Friends only preview). Memberships are available at the door.
July 22-25: open during library hours — **Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.**

Books, Media, & Technology

Popular Checkouts

Fiction Books:

"The Longest Ride" by Nicholas Sparks
"Third Watch" by Bodie & Brock Thoene
"Takedown Twenty" by Janet Evanovich
"Private L.A." by James Patterson and Mark Sullivan
"Mr. Mercedes" by Stephen King
"Vanish in Plain Sight" by Marta Perry
"Learning" by Karen Kingsbury
"Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn
"Fifteen Minutes" by Karen Kingsbury
"The Chance" by Karen Kingsbury



Testing and Education Reference Center

The Testing and Education Reference Center can be a valuable tool if you are thinking of furthering your education. Besides accessing ACT, PSAT, SAT, CLEP, and AP practice tests you can search for the best colleges for you. If you are thinking of graduate schools, you can find GMAT, LSAT, and MCAT practice tests and research the best graduate schools. Once you have selected some schools you can read about each one and then contact admissions directly for more info.

Don't have time for traditional classroom studies? You can search accredited distance learning options. Planning for a nursing career? Search the undergraduate and graduate options. If you want some guidance in using the various options, there is an article on "Choosing Your College: The Basics" and one titled "College at a Distance."

Thinking about the cost? There are two Scholarship Search databases. Both the undergraduate and the graduate scholarship databases have information on private awards and grants. The undergraduate database has a convenient link for the FAFSA. There is a description for each award along with information on the monetary value, eligibility and application requirements, deadlines, and contact information.

Book Clubs

Brown Bag Book Club

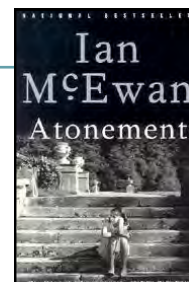
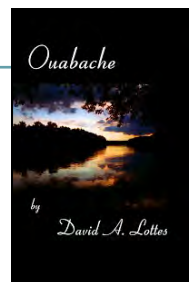
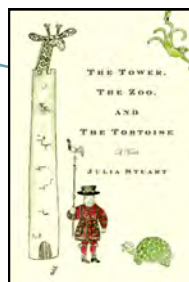
Meets the second Monday of each month at 1:30 pm

May 11	"The Tower, The Zoo, and the Tortoise" by Julia Stewart
Jun. 8	Any book by John Grisham
Jul. 13	Reader's Choice
Aug. 10	Any book by Ken Follett

"Who Picked This Book Anyway?" Club

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

May 14	"Like Water for Chocolate" by Laura Esquivel
Jun. 11	"Ouabache" by David A. Lottes
Jul. 9	"The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak
Aug. 13	"Atonement" by Ian McEwan



Join a Club!

Computer Club

May 12, June 9, July 14, and August 11

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

iPad Club

May 12, June 9, July 14, and August 11

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

Cookbook Club

May 12, June 9, July 14, and August 11

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

The tastiest club at the library! * June meeting is a picnic. Call library for the location.

Programs for Adults

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 Workshop

Bluffton: Thursday, May 7: 6-7 pm

Adults. Learn tips and tricks on researching your ancestors and using local genealogy resources. Workshops will not be held in the summer. *Registration appreciated.*



Theater Thursday

Bluffton: Third Thursday of the month at 10 am

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| May 21 | "Million Dollar Arm" (PG) |
| Jun. 18 | "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day" (PG) |
| Jul. 16 | "The Good Lie" (PG-13) |
| Aug. 20 | "The Hundred-Foot Journey" (PG) |

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



Adult Summer Reading

**Sign up in June or July at the library
or on our website.**

Then read to earn a book
and several chances to win prizes!



World War II Legacies

Bluffton: Tuesday, June 16: 6:30 pm

Adults and teens. Learn about some local heroes. Author Kay Reusser will talk about her book: "World War II Legacies: Stories of Northeast Indiana Veterans." Several local veterans featured in the book will also be there to answer questions. Books available for sale. Refreshments provided. *Registration appreciated.*

Escape the Ordinary Art

Bluffton: Wednesday, July 8: 6:30-7:30 pm

Adults. Cut out and collage newspapers, book pages, or vintage comic book pages onto a canvas background. Then you'll get to paint over it for a unique design. All supplies provided. *Registration required by July 6.*



Adult Summer Reading Party

Bluffton: Monday, August 3: 5:30-7:00 pm

Adults. Complete your reading log and you'll be able to attend the Adult Summer Reading Party. There will be dinner and lots of prizes.

Summer Reading and events are sponsored by the Friends of the Library and area businesses and organizations.



Programs for Kids and Families

All events are free. Register for special events at the library, online at www.wellscollibrary.org, or call 260-824-1612 (Bluffton); 260-622-4691 (Ossian).

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Musical Monday @ Ossian

Ossian: Monday, May 4: 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 requested.

PJ Story Hour (PJ Story Hour)

Bluffton: Tuesday, May 5: 6:30-7:30 pm

Ages 4-6. Stories, videos, fingerplays, and crafts make for an engaging and fun learning time. Registration requested.

Lego Club

Bluffton: Thursday, May 7: 3:30-4:30 pm

Ossian: Thursday, May 21: 6:30-7:15 pm

Bluffton: Tuesday, May 26: 6:30-7:30 pm

Grades K-6. Create LEGO masterpieces, using blocks provided by the library. Registration requested.

Mother's Day Craft

Bluffton: Saturday, May 9: 10 am - noon

Ages 4-12. The Wells County Master Gardeners will help your child create a Mother's Day craft and flower gift.

No registration needed. Limited supplies.

Battle of the Books

Bluffton: Tuesday, May 12: 6:30 pm

The No Boys Allowed & No Girls Allowed book club participants are invited to a Battle of the Books featuring the book *The One and Only Ivan*. *Registration required.*

Kids' Club

Bluffton: Tuesday, May 19: 6:30-7:30 pm

Grades K-3. Enjoy stories & activities. Registration requested.

Science Magic (JL Crew)

Bluffton: Tuesday, May 19: 6:30-7:30 pm

Grades 4-6. Susan Ballinger's Advanced Chemistry class will dazzle the crowd with amazing science demonstrations in the Café area. Registration requested.



EVERY HERO HAS A STORY

Summer Reading Program

Sign up and read in June & July.

Scholastic Book Fair

Bluffton: June 1-6, open during library hours

The Friends of the Library and Children's Services will be hosting a Book Fair in the Main Library's concourse. For every book that you purchase, the library gets to select one book to give away through the Summer Reading Program.

Battling the Forces of Darkness: Superhero Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Bluffton: Tuesday, June 2: 6:30-7:30 pm

Ossian: Thursday, June 4: 6:30-7:30 pm

Ages 4-Grade 4. You and your favorite stuffed animal are invited to the library for an exciting evening. Your stuffed animal will acquire some superhero attire and then sleep over at the library, enjoying some great after-hours fun. You may collect your animal the next morning along with some photographs of your animals executing some superhero feats throughout the library. Registration required (starts May 26).



"Hero" Carnival

*Bluffton: Wednesday, June 10:
5:30-7:30 pm*

All ages. Stop in for fun and register for Summer Reading at the same time.

Enjoy a moonbounce, carnival-style games, crafts, facepainting, teen activities, refreshments, and more.

Wearing a superhero or hero costume is encouraged. Food and snack items will be available for sale throughout the event in the Café area. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library. No registration needed.

Be A Gutsy Planet Protector!

Ossian: Thursday, June 11: 2-3 pm

Bluffton: Wednesday, June 17: 2-3 pm

Grades K-5. We will explore environmental heroes who help protect the water, the earth, and the air. Campers, hikers, nature lovers take note! Registration required (starts May 26).

Mini “Hero” Carnival @ Ossian

Ossian: Tuesday, June 16: 5:30-7:30 pm

All ages. Enjoy a family fun night with a few carnival-style games for kids. Food and snack will be available for sale that evening. Proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Library. No registration needed.

Animal Heroes Averting Danger One Paw at a Time

Bluffton: Wednesday, June 24: 2-3 pm

Ossian: Thursday, June 25: 2-3 pm

Grades K-5. Learn about some courageous animals and their feats of daring. Meet one of these heroes face to face! Registration required (starts May 26).

Daring Deeds in the Face of Conflict: Heroes Who Stand for Freedom

Bluffton: Tuesday, June 30: 2-3 pm

Ossian: Thursday, July 2: 2-3 pm

Grades K-5. Honor our American heroes who serve our country so that we all may enjoy our freedoms. Correspond with our military heroes through a Military Mail Call. Discover if you could survive as we pretend to go through some of the rigors of Boot Camp. USA! USA! USA! Registration required (starts May 26).

Zoo Animal Meet and Greet

*Ossian: Wednesday,
July 1: 10-11 am*

Bluffton: Thursday, July 2: 10-11 am

All ages. Special meet and greet with several animals from the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo. No registration needed.



More special events for kids & families on the next page!

Story Sessions

Join us each week for stories, crafts, and activities. Must be registered to attend all story sessions.
Registration begins May 26 at 9 am. Programs begin the week of June 8.

BLUFFTON STORY SESSIONS:

Wee Read: June 9-July 24

Ages Birth-24 Months (with adult)

Tuesdays at 9:30 am or Fridays at 10 am

Toddler Time: June 9-July 23

Ages 2-3 (with adult)

*Tuesdays at 10:30 am, Wednesdays at 10 am, or
Thursdays at 9:45 am*

Story Hour: June 10-July 23

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

OSSIAN STORY SESSIONS:

Wee Read: June 11-July 23

Ages Birth-30 months (with adult)

Thursdays at 10:30 am

Storytime: June 9-July 22

Ages 2 1/2- 6 (with adult)

*Tuesdays or Wednesdays
at 10:30 am*

*No story sessions will meet
the week of June 29-July 3.*



Programs for Kids and Families

All events are free. Register for special events at the library, online at www.wellscolibrary.org, or call 260-824-1612 (Bluffton); 260-622-4691 (Ossian).

SPECIAL EVENTS (cont.):

Fearless Real World Champions: Community Heroes to the Rescue

Bluffton: Wednesday, July 8: 2-3 pm

Ossian: Thursday, July 9: 2-3 pm

Grades K-5. Every community has its own unsung heroes—fire, police, EMTs, doctors, nurses, teachers, garbage collectors, highway department—the list is long. Come and learn about the heroes in our community.

Registration required (starts June 26).



Epic Strengths: Superhero Power Hour, Boom! Pow! Flash!

Bluffton: Wednesday, July 15: 2-3 pm

Ossian: Thursday, July 16: 2-3 pm

Grades K-5. Superheroes of the world unite! Unveil your epic strengths as you spend an action packed hour delving into all things superhero! *Registration required (starts June 26).*

Heroic Deeds in Bygone Times

Bluffton: Tuesday, July 21: 2-3 pm

Ossian: Thursday, July 23: 2-3 pm

Grades K-5. We will travel back in time to discover some of the legendary acts of greatness by certain historical heroes. *Registration required (starts June 26).*

Summer Reading Parties

Complete your reading and you'll receive a ticket to attend one of the Summer Reading Parties.

Ages 4-Grade 3

Bluffton:

Thursday, July 30:

10-11 am or

2-3 pm for children

Ages 4-Grade 3. Featuring a thrilling and entertaining magic show by Gary Kantor. Gary's magic has been enjoyed by over 30,000 children. The show is packed with vanishing acts, mind-reading tricks, and a variety of hilarious tricks that will have the children rolling on the floor with laughter.

Grades 4-6

Bluffton: Thursday, July 30: 7-9 pm

Grades 4-6. Pizza, games, and lots of activities.

Back to School Night

Bluffton: Tuesday, August 25: 6:30-7:30 pm

Ossian: Tuesday, August 25: 6:30-7:30 pm

Grades 1-6. Visit your public library with a parent or guardian, participate in a scavenger hunt, and have your library card fines wiped clean! *No registration needed.*



Gary Kantor will perform on July 30 at the Summer Reading Program parties for ages 4-grade 3. Just complete your summer reading challenges to receive a ticket to the event.



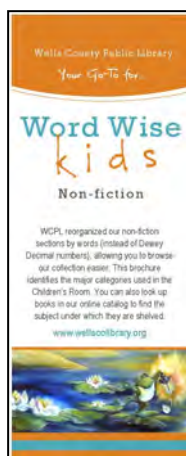
Events and programs are supported by the Friends of the Library.

Word Wise

*Non-fiction in the Children's Room
is now organized by words!*

The library recently finished reorganizing lots of books in the Children's Room. One of the biggest overhauls was to the non-fiction section, where the books are now organized by words instead of Dewey Decimal numbers. This allows you to browse our collection easier and it's more intuitive to find the categories of books you are looking for.

While you get used to this new organization system, feel free to ask any of the Children's Room librarians for assistance. You can also pick up a "Word Wise: Kids" brochure which identifies the major categories used, including everything from "Animals," "Art," "Jokes," "Places," "Science," "Tales," "Wellness," and more. The brochure also lists sub-categories. For example, in the animal section books are further divided by birds, bugs, endangered, etc.



You can also look up books in our online catalog to find the subject under which they are shelved.

Other Changes

Some other recent changes in how the books are organized in the Children's Room at the Main Library, include:

- Beginning chapter books are now at the end of the beginning reader collection, and the earliest readers—those with very few words per page—now have lime green stickers on the books.
- All holiday books are together and shelved alphabetically by holiday. The major holidays are subdivided further into: activities, beginner, fiction, international, picture, poetry, and religious.
- Picture books are positioned a bit differently on the shelf and run vertically to the end of each bookshelf.
- We now have Grab & Go bags which include a selection of five books or items with similar themes. Check out these fun book collections in the green bags!



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.



"Big Hero 6" (PG)

Ossian: May 9 at 10 am



"Mr. Peabody & Sherman" (PG)

Bluffton: May 16 at 2 pm



Programs for Teens

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

Support Our Troops

Bluffton: Monday, May 18: 6:00-7:30 pm

Grades 6-12. Celebrate Memorial Day by giving back to our troops. We will be writing letters and assembling care packages for those serving in our military. We will also be creating patriotic themed artwork that you can take home with you. *Registration is required by Friday, May 15 for a guaranteed spot in this program.*



Teen Summer Reading

Sign-up for the Summer Reading Program throughout June and July 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.



Incredible Edible Art

Tuesday, June 2: 6:00-7:30 pm

Grades 6-12. Join us as we create incredible edible works of art. You will get to create your own work of art and eat it too. *Registration is required by Monday, June 1 for a guaranteed spot in this program.*

Wholock

Monday, June 15: 6:00-7:30 pm

Grades 6-12. Join us for a mash-up party on all things Dr. Who and Sherlock. We will have games, food and crafts all Dr. Who/Sherlock themed, or I should say “Wholock” themed. Feel free to come dressed in cosplay. *Registration is required by Friday, June 12 for a guaranteed spot in this program.*

Teen Survival Skills Course

Tuesday, June 23: 5:30-7:30 pm

Grades 6-12. Come join us for survival skills instruction with Professional Survivalist Clint Jivoin. This program will start with instruction and discussion of basic survival skills and then move outside to practice some practical hands-on skills! Each participant will receive a small bag, which they get to keep, filled with a few items to use during the program. Only the first 30 people who register will receive a bag. *Permission forms must be signed by a parent or guardian. Registration is required by Monday, June 22 for a guaranteed spot in this program.*

Beyond Ordinary Self-Portraits

Monday, June 29: 5:30-7:30 pm

Grades 6-12. No drawing or art experience needed!

Come and create a beyond ordinary self-portrait. We will be taking and printing out black and white photos of you at the program, which you can embellish with art/craft supplies making your self-portrait uniquely your own creation. We will have a sample of this project in the Teen Zone, if you would like a better idea of the process.



*Registration is required by
Friday, June 26 for a
guaranteed spot in
this program.*

Murder Mystery

Tuesday, July 7: 5:30-7:30 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 is required by Monday, July 6 for a guaranteed spot in this program.



Extraordinary Desserts

Monday, July 20: 6:00-7:30 pm

Grades 6-12. Want to know how to make simple yet extraordinary desserts? Well then join us at the library this summer while we create and eat a Death by Chocolate Trifle, Berries and Cream Chocolate Cups, and a Rainbow Layer Cake. Teens will be taken step by step through the processes of making these desserts and given recipes so they can recreate the desserts at home! Gluten-Free versions of the desserts will be provided.

Registration is required by Friday, July 17 for a guaranteed spot in this program.

Monthly Programs

Manga Club

May 4, June 1, July 6, and August 3

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)

May 26, June 30, July 28, and August 25

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 TAB meetings. Snacks are always provided!

Saturday @ the Movies

Ossian: Saturday, May 9: 10 am ("Big Hero 6" - PG)

Bluffton: Saturday, May 16: 2 pm ("Mr. Peabody & Sherman" - 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.

**Teen programming made possible by the
Wells County Foundation.**

Teen eBooks & Audiobooks



Go to nidl.lib.overdrive.com or install the **OverDrive** app on your tablet, smart phone, or eReader to borrow teen eBooks and Audiobooks. Also browse the Teen Collection in the "eReading Room" designed especially for young adults. Reading eBooks that fit within the rules also counts towards your Summer Reading page goals!

Wells County Public Library

www.wellscolibrary.org

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:

Library In-Service:

Friday, May 22 (close early:
12:45 pm @ Ossian & 1 pm @ Bluffton)

Memorial Day:

Saturday, May 23 & Monday, May 25

Independence Day:

Friday, July 3 & Saturday, July 4

Labor Day:

Saturday, Sept. 5 & Monday, Sept. 7



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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