# The **BOOK** Report

# Wells County Public Library News



### Wells County Snap Shots Photo Contest

To help celebrate Indiana's Bicentennial, the library is working together with several area organizations to host a Photo Contest. The goal of the contest is to 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, so don't forget your camera when you are out-andabout at events and places in Wells County this summer. We really want a "snap shot" of life in 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 Snap Shots" in the subject of the email). Photos will be printed on 8x10 paper and need a higher resolution, if possible. 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. Winners will receive a small prize. All photos become the rights of the committee, will be shared via social media, and bound together in a "book" at the library.



# Walking Tours

The Wells County Public Library and the Wells County Historical Society are teaming up to provide a selfguided walking tour brochure of downtown Bluffton to help celebrate Indiana's Bicentennial. Brochures should be available at both locations in late May and will include plenty of historical information about the buildings on the "tour." There will also be a guided tour later in the year (possibly August) that will include several "behind-the-scenes" locations that might not always be open to the public.

# **Popular Checkouts**

#### **Fiction Books:**

"Family Jewels" by Stuart Woods "Brush of Wings" by Karen Kingsbury "No Safe Secret" by Fern Michaels "If I Run" by Terri Blackstock "The Atonement" by Beverly Lewis

#### **Non-fiction Books:**

"Best-ever Casseroles" from Gooseberry Patch
"When Breath Becomes Air" by Paul Kalanithi
"Sunday Dinner at Grandma's" from Gooseberry Patch
"Indiana Bicentennial, Volume 1: The First Century" by Bob Ostrander
"Conviction: the Untold Story of Putting Jodi Arias Behind Bars" by Juan Martinez

#### Teen Books:

"Allegiant" by Veronica Roth
"The Son of Neptune" by Rick Riordan
"Michael Vey: Storm of Lightning" by Richard Paul Evans
"Fablehaven: Keys to the Demon Prison" by Brandon Mull
"Violent Ends: a Novel in Seventeen Points of View" by Shaun David

#### Kids' Books:

- "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: the Ugly Truth" by Jeff Kinney "Star Wars: the Secret Life of Droids"
- by Jason Fry "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" by J.K. Rowling

"Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Old School" by Jeff Kinney "The Boxcar Children" by Gertrude Chandler Warner



# Summer Reading/Events



# Summer Reading

#### Sign up and read anytime from May 23-July 30

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 May 23. 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.

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

# Olympic Torch Parade & Jim Barron Magic Show

# Bluffton: Wednesday, June 1: 6:00-7:30 pm

*Families of all ages.* Join other families as we parade through downtown Bluffton bearing our own blazing Olympic torch and then gather back at the library for an astonishing magic show presented by Fort Wayne favorite, Jim Barron. Bring your own family banner, flag, or decorated strollers or make items at the library from 5-6 pm that day (supplies provided). The first torch carrier and the last will be drawn from early sign-ups for Summer Reading. All other torchbearers will be selected from a drawing that evening. No registration needed.



### **Summer Book Sale** @ the Main Library

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

Hours: July 12: 5-8 pm (Friends only preview). Memberships are available at the door. July 13-16: open during library hours — Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

# Books, Media, & Technology



## Staff Picks

Check out some of the books our staff have enjoyed!



#### Angela's Picks

- "Dark Chocolate Demise" by Jenn McKinlay
- "Death by Tiara" by Laura Levine
- "Ming Tea Murder" by Laura Childs
- "Summer on Blossom Street" by Debbie Macomber
- "Trial by Fire" by Terri Blackstock



#### Katie's Picks

- "And Then There Were None" by Agatha Christie
- "Attachments" by Rainbow Rowell
- "The Book of Summers" by Emylia Hall
- "The Doll Maker" by Richard Montanari
- "Girls in White Dresses" by Jennifer Close

#### Lora's Picks

- "Chocolate Chip Cookie Murder" by Joanne Fluke
- "If I Run" by Terri Blackstock
- "Last Light" by Terri Blackstock
- "This Present Darkness" by Frank Peretti
- "A Voice in the Wind" by Francine Rivers

# **Book Groups**

#### **Brown Bag Book Club**

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

- May 9 Any memoir or biography
- Jun. 13 TBD
- Jul. 11 Any "Miss Julia" book by Ann B. Ross
- Aug. 8 Any book by David Baldacci

#### "Who Picked This Book Anyway?" Group

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

- May 12 "Slaughterhouse Five" by Kurt Vonnegut
- Jun. 9 "Cook's Tour: A Global Adventure in Extreme Cuisines" by Anthony Bourdain
- Jul. 14 "The Time Traveler's Wife" by Audrey Niffenegger
- Aug. 11 "Mrs. Dalloway" by Virginia Woolf



# Join a Club!

#### **Computer Club**

May 10, June 14, July 12, and August 9 Meets the second Tuesday of the month from 1-2 pm

#### iPad Club

May 10, June 14, July 12, and August 9 Meets the second Tuesday of the month from 2-3 pm

#### **Cook Taste Talk**

May 10, June 14,\* July 12, and August 9 Meets the second Tuesday of the month from 6-7 pm The tastiest group in the library has a new name.

\* June meeting is a picnic. Call library for the location.

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 5: 6-7 pm

*Adults.* Learn tips and trick 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

- May 19 "The Intern" (PG-13)
- Jun. 16 "Minions" (PG)
- Jul. 21 "Where Hope Grows" (PG-13)
- Aug. 18 "Spectre" (PG-13)

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

### Community Games: 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
- Wii Sports Tournament\*: Thursday, June 23: 2-7 pm
   \* Small cost involved



#### Yoga for Beginners

Bluffton: Thurs., June 16: 6:30-7:30 pm Adults and teens. Emily Bertsch from the Caylor-Nickel Foundation Family YMCA will be teaching some basic yoga moves for those that have never tried yoga or done very little. *Registration appreciated*.

#### **Diabetes Management Program**

Bluffton: Tuesday, June 28: 6:30-7:30 pm Adults. Sue Delagrange, MS, RD, from Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana will talk about how to manage diabetes for individuals with or without a cancer diagnosis. This presentation will focus on how the food you eat affects your blood sugar levels and ways to manage the disease through meal planning. Recipes and samples provided. *Registration appreciated.* 

#### Travelogue: Spain

Bluffton: Tuesday, July 19: 6:30-7:30 pm Adults and teens. Enjoy a sports-themed travelogue. Jordan Marshall will talk about his recent trip to Avilés, Spain to compete in the Duathlon World Championships. Also enjoy a small sampling of Spanish foods. *Registration appreciated.* 

### William Wells Speaker & Mini Taste of Wells County

Bluffton: Friday, July 22: 6:00-7:30 pm Adults. Author William Heath will be discussing his book "William Wells and the Struggle for the Old Northwest." Then enjoy a small sampling of foods from around Wells County & Indiana. Registration appreciated (by July 21).



## Adult Summer Reading Party

*Bluffton: Wednesday, Aug. 3: 5:30-7 pm* Complete your reading log and you can attend the Adult Summer Reading Party. There will be a dinner and lots of prizes.

Many events sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

# **Events 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:**

#### PJ Story Hour (PJ Story Hour)

Bluffton (ages 4-6): Tuesday, May 3: 6:30-7:30 pm Ossian (ages 2 ½-Pre-K): Monday, May 9: 6:30-7:00 pm Stories, videos, fingerplays, and crafts make for an engaging and fun learning time. Registration suggested.

### Lego Club

Bluffton: Thursday, May 5: 3:30-4:30 pm Bluffton: Tuesday, May 24: 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 7: 10 am - noon Ages 4-12. The Wells County Master Gardeners will help your child create a Mother's Day card and flower gift. No registration needed. Limited supplies.

### Kids' Club

*Bluffton: Tuesday, May 17: 6:30-7:30 pm Grades K-3.* Book-related crafts, stories, games, and a chance to make new friends. *Registration suggested.* 

### Fizz! Boom! Wow! (JL Crew)

Bluffton: Tuesday, May 17: 6:30-7:30 pm Grades 4-6. Students from the high school chemistry classes will amaze you as they demonstrate science magic. Come and witness some very cool science. Registration suggested.

### Tail Waggin' Tutors

Bluffton: May 24, June 28, July 26, and August 23 Meets the 4th Tuesday of every month, either 4-5 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm All ages. Work on your reading skills by reading aloud to Domina, a helpful and encouraging therapy dog. Registration appreciated.



### Scholastic Book Fair

Bluffton: May 31-June 4, 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.

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### The "Y" Visits the Library

Bluffton: Wednesday, June 8: 2-3 pm Ossian: Thursday, June 9: 2-3 pm Grades K-6. Fitness experts from our local Y will challenge us to Olympic feats—library style. Join our team for a fun-filled afternoon. Registration required (starts May 23).

#### Dance Party @ the Market

Saturday, June 11: 10-11 am All ages. Join us for a Dance Party at the Bluffton Farmers' & Artisans' Market at the Dutch Mill Plaza in Bluffton. No registration needed.

#### Focus on the 50s

Bluffton: Wednesday, June 15: 2-3 pm Ossian: Thursday, June 16: 2-3 pm Grades K-6. Celebrate the 1950s with popular activities from the decade: jump ropes, hopscotch, checkers, hula hoops, and more. Registration required (starts May 23).

### The Global Playground

Bluffton: Wednesday, June 22: 2-3 pm Ossian: Thursday, June 23: 2-3 pm Grades K-6. Travel the world as we play games and create crafts from different countries all around the globe. Registration required (starts May 23).

#### **Great Races**

Bluffton: Wednesday, June 29: 2-3 pm Ossian: Thursday, June 30: 2-3 pm Grades K-6. Participate in some most unusual races, including rubber ducks, hot pancakes, and LEGO bricks. Registration required (starts May 23).

#### **Stuffed Animal Sleepover**

Bluffton: Tuesday, July 5: 6:30-7:30 pm Ossian: Tuesday, July 12: 6:30-7:30 pm Grades K-6. Dress in your pj's and bring your favorite stuffed animal for an evening storytime. After you and your guest have enjoyed a few rousing tales, you will head home to bed. However, your stuffed animals get to spend all night long at the library. When you come to pick them up the next morning, we will have pictures waiting for you so that you can see what shenanigans went on at the library during the night. Registration required (starts June 27).

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 16 at 9 am. Programs begin the week of June 6.

#### **BLUFFTON STORY SESSIONS:**

Wee Read: June 10-July 15 Ages Birth-24 Months (with adult) Fridays at 10 am (6 weeks, no break)

or Thursdays at 9:45 am

**Toddler Time:** June 7-July 21 *Ages 2-3 (with adult)* Tuesdays at 9:45 am or 10:30 am, Wednesdays at 10 am,

**Story Hour:** June 8-July 21 *Ages 4-6.* Wednesdays at 1 pm or Thursdays at 10:30 am

#### **OSSIAN STORY SESSIONS:**

**Wee Read:** June 9-July 21 Ages Birth–30 months (with adult) Thursdays at 10:30 am

**Storytime:** June 8-July 20 Ages 2 ½ - 6 (with adult) Wednesdays at 10:30 am



No story sessions (except Wee Read at Bluffton) will meet the week of July 4-8. 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.):

#### **Ronald McDonald Visit**

Bluffton: Wednesday, July 6: 10-11 am Ossian: Wednesday, July 6: 1-2 pm @ Ossian United Methodist Church All ages. Interactive show includes

songs, magic, and fun. No registration needed.

#### Make It or Break It

*Bluffton: Saturday, July 9: 9:30 am-noon Grades K-6.* Experiment with straw construction, electronic building blocks, and small appliances. *Registration* 

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appreciated.

#### Family Day @ the "Y"

Thursday, July 14: 6:30 pm Families. Library families will be invited to a free evening at The Y. Trained staff will have some exciting family games and activities planned

for all to enjoy. If you have never visited our beautiful new Y, this is a perfect opportunity to do so. *No registration needed.* 

### The Science of Sports

Bluffton: Wednesday, July 20: 2-3 pm Ossian: Thursday, July 21: 2-3 pm Grades K-6. "How do they do that?!" Learn about the science and technology behind the sports you love--and have fun doing it. Registration required (starts June 27).

#### **Summer Reading Program Parties**

Thursday, July 28: 6:30-8:30 pm or Tuesday, August 2: 10 am-noon Birth-Grade 6. Complete your summer reading and you'll receive a ticket to attend one of our pool parties at the Wells Community Pool.

#### **Back to School Night**

Bluffton: Tuesday, August 16: 6:30-7:30 pm Ossian: Tuesday, August 16: 6:30-7:30 pm Grades 1-6. Visit your public library with a parent or guardian, participate in a scavenger hunt, and get your library card fines wiped clean or receive a library coupon! No registration needed.

# \*\*\* Save the Date \*\*\*

# Children's Book Festival

Bluffton: Saturday, October 8: 10 am - 3 pm You do not want to miss this event! Award-winning musician and author Jim Gill will perform many of his signature songs for our young attendees. Then Indianabased author and illustrator David Slonim will speak about his books and creative process. The performances and presentations will be specifically designed for kids, but everyone in the family is invited to attend. Jim and David will both be selling and signing books and CDs during the day and there will be a chance to win some free books. We will also have food trucks down Washington Street, carnival games featuring book themes, special times to meet children's costumed book characters, balloon animals, professional face painting, and much more!



Sponsored by the Virginia Gene Neuenschwander Youth Fund from the Wells County Foundation, the Friends of the Library (on behalf of Barb Barbieri), Wabash Endowment, Gale Saunders, and local school PTOs.

# StoryWalk ®

#### Read a story together, while outside in nature

StoryWalk® is an innovative and delightful way for children and adults to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg-Hubard Library.

The Wells County Public Library children's staff heard about this idea at a professional conference in late summer of 2015. Soon after, they obtained money from the Virginia Gene Neuenschwander Youth Fund through the Wells County Foundation to complete this project. They then contacted Steve Higgins at the Anthony Wayne Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, to ask if there were any boys interested in designing, building, and installing a StoryWalk® for an Eagle Scout project. They were thrilled to discover that there were two boys, Bailey Ulfig and Connor Gilliom, interested in this project.

Wells County now has two StoryWalk® projects installed because of the partnership between the library, Bailey and Connor, the Virginia Gene Neuenschwander Youth Fund, the town of Ossian and Bluffton Parks Department.

Bailey Ulfig spent many hours researching, designing, building, and installing the StoryWalk® at the Archbold Wilson Park. This StoryWalk® is approximately 1/4 of a mile long and is located behind the Ossian Elementary School. The **Grand Opening** Ceremony will be on **Saturday, May 7** at 9:30 am.

Connor Gilliom worked on the StoryWalk® at Pickett's Run in Bluffton, which is a loop of approximately 1/5 of a mile long. Connor spent just as many hours researching, designing, building, and installing this StoryWalk®. The **Grand Opening** should happen in middle to late May.

The Wells County Public Library will be placing a new picture book in the StoryWalk® each season for families to enjoy throughout the year.

The first book that is being featured is "From Head To Toe" by Eric Carle.



# 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.

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 "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)
- Robin Hood (1973)



People's Choice movie Bluffton: May 14 at 2 pm

# Launchpads

Launchpads are here! What's a Launchpad you ask? It's a preloaded tablet just for kids with 8-12 fun apps pre-installed. Each Launchpad has a theme with apps that coordinate with that theme (ABCs, Colors, Transportation, Fantasy, Math, Space, etc.). They are geared toward ages 3-5 (pre-K – K) and ages 5-7 (K-2). They cannot connect to the internet, there is no camera and no access to an app store so parents don't have to worry about their kids accessing sites that aren't appropriate. As kids play the games, they earn points that can be spent on items to customize their avatar. Once the Launchpad is returned, it will be wiped clean so it's ready for the next kid. Launchpads are loaned with these policies: 1 week loan, 1 renewal, Limit 2, ADULT card only (not teacher cards), and \$1.00 per day late fee. 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

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



# **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: 5:30-7:30pm 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 (Brazillian fudge balls) and the unique Brazilian soda Guaraná. *Registration required by Friday, June 24 (for a guaranteed spot).*  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 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



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