The **BOOK** Report

Wells County Public Library News



Community Conversation & Library Survey

The library is looking for input from the community to help with it's strategic plan for the next five years. There is one more Community Conversation open that we'd love for people to attend. It's on Monday, May 22 from 6-8 pm at the Ossian Branch Library. The conversation will be facilitated by Erin Prible, the Executive Director of the Wells County Chamber of Commerce.

Please consider stopping by to share with us what we can do to improve library services for everyone and **also what we are doing well and you'd like us to** continue over the next few years.

If you miss the conversation, you can also fill out a **survey that's linked on the homepage of our website or** go directly there:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VSCS2D8





Courthouse Tour

Friday, May 19 from 3-5 pm (meet at the Courthouse Plaza) The Wells County Public Library and the Wells County Historical Society are teaming up to provide a guided historical tour of the Courthouse. Learn about the history of the building and see how some of it currently operates. Then walk back to the library for refreshments and a bit more history on the old Carnegie library as well. You must be registered to attend. Sign up at the library, online at wellscolibrary.org or call 260-824-1612.

Fun Things Your Library Card Can Get You... For FREE*

We post about all the great services the library offers in this newsletter every year, but sometimes it's hard to remember the bigger picture. So here is a summary of some of the fun things you can get or checkout with your Wells County Public Library Card...for FREE *(or a small fee).

- The latest books, movies, music CDs, magazines, and more (non-fiction movies rent for free, entertainment DVDs/Blu-rays are \$0.50 for a week)
- Juvenile Kits: Grab & Go Bags, Travel Bags, Birthday Bags, Nature Kits, Science Kits, etc.
- Weekend Experience Bags (books, movie, & activities for a fun weekend)
- Launchpad tablets, Playaways, Bookpacks
- A/V equipment (such as projectors, video camera, sound system, and more)
- Cake pans
- Art prints
- Electronic books & audiobooks
 (via the Northeast Indiana Digital Library)
- Electronic magazines (via Flipster)
- 5 free song downloads a week (via Freegal)
- Programs and special events for all ages
- Public computers, high-speed Internet, and free WiFi access
- Online research tools and digital downloads
- Private study rooms
- Community meeting rooms that can be rented for a small fee
- Special services for the blind and physically handicapped
- Self-service fax machines, copy machines, and scanners
- And lots more!

Need help finding anything? Ask a library staff member for help or visit our website at www.wellscolibrary.org for more info.

Summer Reading/Events



Summer Reading

Sign up and read anytime from May 30-July 31

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 30. 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.

"Build a Better Bubble" Show

Bluffton: Thursday, June 1: 6:30-7:30 pm

All ages. Join other families as we learn about the fascinating science of bubbles. Science teacher and bubble artist, Michael Bever, will be demonstrating some amazing properties of bubbles—how to make a **square bubble, how to fill a bubble with "smoke," and** how to fit yourself inside a bubble. Our SRP kickoff will be an evening filled with wonder as we watch the demonstrations first and then enjoy some hands-on exploration after the show. *Drop-in event. No registration needed.*



Summer Book Sale @ the Main Library

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

Hours: June 27: 5-8 pm (Friends only preview). Memberships are available at the door. June 28-July 1 open during library hours — Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Books & Online Resources

Popular Current Checkouts

Fiction Books:

"The Ebb Tide" by Beverly Lewis "If Not for You" by Debbie Macomber "The Black Book" by James Patterson and David Ellis "The Whistler" by John Grisham "Never Never" by James Patterson and Candice Fox

Non-Fiction Books:

"Old School: Life in the Sane Lane" by Bill O'Reilly and Bruce Feirstein
"The Magnolia Story" by Chip & Joanna Gaines with Mark Dagostino
"I Hate Everyone, Except You" by Clinton Kelly
"The Zookeeper's Wife" by Diane Ackerman

"Zero Belly Smoothies" by David Zinczenko

Teen Books:

"Who I Am" by Melody Carlson "Vampire Kisses " by Ellen Schreiber "Unfolding" by Jonathan Friesen "The Titan's Curse" by Rick Riordan "Thirteen Reasons Why" by Jay Asher

Kids' Books:

"Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Greg Heffley's Journal" by Jeff Kinney
"Follow that Easter egg!" by Trey King
"Diary of a Wimpy Kid: the Third Wheel" by Jeff Kinney
"World's Worst Wedgie" by Nancy Krulik
"Trouble Magnet" by Nancy Krulik

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So fun, preschoolers won't even know they're learning. But YOU will! Humblebees

MEASURABLE RESULTS



Miss Humblebee's Academy

One of our newest electronic resources is geared for children. Miss Humblebee's Academy prepares your three to six year old child for success in kindergarten and beyond! This interactive online learning program provides hundreds of lessons developed based on standards from the U.S. Department of Education, Head Start, and more. Children are guided toward kindergarten proficiency while completing fun activities that introduce key concepts in math, science and social studies, language and literacy, art, and music. To access, just go to the library's website (www.wellscolibrary.org) and click on "Children" and then "Fun Websites." Miss Humblebee's Academy is accessible on computers and tablets at home or on the go, making learning possible anytime and anywhere!

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Get email newsletters in a variety of genres with books available at our library.

Sign up on the library's website or go directly to www.libraryaware.com/1702/Subscribers/Subscribe

Media & Technology



MyHeritage

You've seen it on TV, now available through the Wells County Public Library, MyHeritage. Access the genealogy database by going to the **"Research tab" on the WCPL** home page. Select the **"Genealogy and Local History"** link. Then scroll down to the **"MyHeritage Library Edition"** link. You can use a library computer or your home computer with your library card number to access millions of records, photos, and indexes from over 48 countries.



New Movies

Make sure to find the new movies the library has available each month on our website (www.wellscolibrary.org). A listing is available on the home page in the "Library News" section or also under "Books & Media" and then "Movies & Music." Each month has an article on new movies! It's also available via the Library Email Newsletter each month.



Library Email Newsletter

Get an email about upcoming events each month!

If you haven't signed up to receive our Library News & Events delivered to your email each month, this is a great way to stay informed about what's going on at the library.

To sign up for the email newsletter, just go to our website (www.wellscolibrary.org) and scroll all the way to the bottom and in the right corner, fill out your email address in the "Library Newsletter" box and click "Subscribe."



Join a Group!

Computer Club

Meets the second Tuesday of the month from 1-2 pm Get computer help on a certain topic and plenty of time for questions. All skill levels welcome.

Monthly Topics:

- May 9: downloading from the Internet
- June 13: free software
- July 11: Internet search tips
- August 8: tech life hacks

iPad Club

May 9, June 13, July 11, and August 8 Meets the second Tuesday of the month from 2-3 pm Please bring your own iPad and get tips and tricks for using. All skill levels welcome. Monthly Topics:

- May 9: camera and photos app
- June 13: free gaming apps to try
- July 11: tips using Siri
- August 8: YouTube

Cook Taste Talk

May 9, June 13*, July 11, and August 8 Meets the second Tuesday of the month from 6-7 pm The tastiest group in the library. Each month a different hostess will prepare a meal for attendees and share cooking tips. * June meeting is a picnic at Kehoe Park



Unwind Wednesdays @ Ossian

Ossian: every Wednesday from 1-3 pm, May-July Adults. Learn the art of relaxation via coloring, 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. *Drop-in event.*

Bookish Conversation

Ossian Book Club

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

- Jun. 8 Reader's Choice
- Jul. 13 Any book that make you laugh
- Aug. 10 Any book by an author from another country
- Sep. 14 **"A Walk in the Woods" by Bill Bryson** One Book One County book

Brown Bag Book Club

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

- Jun. 12 Reader's Choice
- Jul. 10 Any book that make you laugh
- Aug. 14 Any book by an author from another country
- Sep. 11 **"A Walk in the Woods" by Bill Bryson** One Book One County book

Book Discussions

Bluffton: second Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm Pick up a copy of the book at the Main Library prior to the discussion. Join us each month or just when you are available.

Jun. 8 **"Dewey: The Small Town Library Cat** Who Touches the World" by Vicki Myron

- Jul. 13 **"The Shoemaker's Wife" by** Adriana Trigiani
- Aug. 10 "A Girl Named Zippy" by Haven Kimmel
- Sep. 14 "The Territory" by Tricia Fields



Events 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.

Theater Thursday

Bluffton: Third Thursday of the month at 10 am

- May 18 "Keeping up with the Joneses" (PG-13)
- Jun. 15 **"Table 19" (PG**-13)
- Jul. 20 "A Dog's Purpose" (PG)
- Aug. 17 "Nine Lives" (PG)

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

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Musiclectics Performance

Bluffton: Thursday, June 8: 7-8 pm All ages. Stop by for an energetic and lively musical performance from the Musiclectics. They will be performing in the main concourse area of the library. No registration needed. Drop-in event.

Summer Book Sale

Bluffton: June 27-July 1 Friends only preview (Tuesday, June 27: 5-8 pm). Memberships available there. June 28-July 1: open during library hours

String Art Craft

Bluffton: Wednesday, July 12: 6:30-8:00 pm Adults. Get ready to build a better craft...easily! Join us to learn how to make a string art project, using different colored string, wood, nails, and a bit of creativity. Registration required by July 10.



Adult Summer Reading Party

Bluffton: Tuesday, August 1: 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.

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:

Mother's Day Craft

Bluffton: Saturday, May 13: 9:30-11:30 am 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.



Scholastic Book Fair

Bluffton: May 26-June 3, 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.

"Build a Better Bubble" Show

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All ages. Science teacher, Michael Bever will be demonstrating some amazing properties of bubbles—how to make a square bubble, how to fill a bubble with "smoke," and how to fit yourself inside a bubble. Our SRP kickoff will be an evening filled with wonder as we watch the demonstrations first and then enjoy some hands on exploration after the show. *No registration needed.*

Tower Power: Build a Better Tower

Bluffton: Wednesday, June 7: 2-3 pm Ossian: Thursday, June 8: 2-3 pm Grades K-6. Learn about the true story of the man who walked between two skyscrapers. See who can build the tallest tower using only newspaper and masking tape. Create a mini Leaning Tower of Pisa. Play a game of giant Jenga. And more! *Registration required (starts May 22).*

Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Preschoolers:

Ossian: Monday, June 12: 7:00-7:30 pm Bluffton: Wed., June 21: 6:30-7:30 pm

<u>Grades K-6:</u>

Bluffton: Wed., June 21: 6:30-7:30 pm Ossian: Thurs., June 22: 6:30-7:30 pm

It's time for your beloved stuffed animals to make their annual trek to the library for a sleepover. Dress in your PJs and come for rousing tales with your favorite stuffed animal. Then leave your stuffed friends at the library so that they can play out of sight from watchful humans! Animals may be picked up after 10 am the next day along with a page of pictures showing what shenanigans went on during the night. *Registration required (starts May 22).*

Re-Imagining Everyday Objects: Build a Better Imagination

Bluffton: Wednesday, June 14: 2-3 pm Ossian: Thursday, June 15: 2-3 pm Grades K-6. Take objects and transform them into something else entirely. What if the box or the stick you behold is NOT a box or NOT a stick—then what??!

Registration required (starts May 22).

LEGO Club @ Ossian

Ossian: Wed., June 21: 6:30-7:30 pm Grades K-6. Build a LEGO masterpiece. *Registration appreciated (starts May 22).*

Jr. Escape Room

Bluffton: Thursday, June 22: 5-6 pm

Ages 8-10. Use your puzzle-solving skills to escape a "locked" room at the library. Space is limited. Registration required (sign up at the Parks Department—260-824-6069).

2, 4, 6, 8 How Do We Communicate?: Building Better Communication

Bluffton: Wednesday, June 28: 2-3 pm Ossian: Thursday, June 29: 2-3 pm Grades K-6. Learn how to communicate in a new language: American Sign Language, Morse Code, Charades, or via mail bags and ponies like the men of the Pony Express did! Registration required (starts May 22).

Ronald McDonald Visit

Ossian: Wednesday, July 5: 10-11 am (location to be determined) Bluffton: Thursday, July 6: 10-11 am All ages. Interactive show includes songs, magic, and fun. No registration needed.

The "Y" Visits the Library

Bluffton: Wednesday, July 5: 2-3 pm Ossian: Thursday, July 6: 2-3 pm Grades K-6. Staff from the "Y" will share fun activities as you learn to Build a Better Body. Registration required (starts June 19).

LEGOs: Build a Better Brick Construction

Bluffton: Wednesday, July 12: 2-3 pm Ossian: Thursday, July 13: 2-3 pm

Grades K-6. Create some amazing projects using our supply of LEGO bricks. Start with a very basic house, for example, and then create another, but much more elaborate house. Build it better! *Registration required (starts June 19).*

Reach Out and Touch: Building Better Connections

Bluffton: Wednesday, July 19: 2-3 pm Ossian: Thursday, July 20: 2-3 pm

Grades K-6. We will "get in touch" with all things tactile as we play games, create a craft, and watch a DVD of an ancient legend which demonstrates how touch determines how we interpret our world. *Registration required (starts June 19).*

Summer Reading Program Parties

Thursday, July 27: 6:30-8:30 pm or Tuesday, August 1: 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.

Story Sessions

Join us each week for stories, crafts, and activities. Must be registered to attend all story sessions. Registration begins May 22 at 9 am. Programs begin the week of June 5.

BLUFFTON STORY SESSIONS:

Wee Read: June 9-July 21 Ages Birth-24 Months (with adult) Fridays at 10 am

Toddler Time: June 6-July 20 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: June 8-July 20 Ages 4-6. Thursdays at 10:30 am or 1 pm

No story sessions will meet the week of July 3-7.

OSSIAN STORY SESSIONS:

Wee Read: June 8-July 20 Ages Birth–30 months (with adult) Thursdays at 10:30 am

Storytime: June 7-July 19 Ages 2 ½ - 6 (with adult) Wednesdays at 10:30 am



STORYWALKS®:

Ossian: Archbold Wilson Park Bluffton: Pickett's Run Park Read a story on your own at the park All events are free, open to any young adult that has completed grades 6-12 this year, and held at the Main Library in Bluffton (unless otherwise noted in the listing).

Register for events at the library, online at www.wellscolibrary.org, or call 260-824-1612.

Special Events/Programs

Cut Throat Kitchen: Rise and Shine Library Edition: Bluffton: Tuesday, May 23: 5:30-7:30 pm Grades 6-12. Teens will work in teams to create culinary masterpieces in a limited amount of time. Each round several "sabotages" will be auctioned off to force your opponents to deal with while cooking. Register by May 22 (for a guaranteed spot).



Teen Summer Reading

Sign-up for the Summer Reading Program anytime from May 30-July 31 at the library or on our website. Read just 500 pages to win a book, a one-day Wells Community Pool pass, 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 \$10).*

If you read more than 9,000 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.

Build a Better Pizza

Bluffton: Tuesday, June 6: 6:00-7:30 pm Grades 6-12. Join us for an evening of creating delicious pizzas. We will provide the dough for the crust and a wide range of toppings. Each teen will make his/her own mini pizza to enjoy. Register by June 5 (for a guaranteed spot).

Build it Better: Engineering Night

Bluffton: Thurs., June 15: 7:00-8:30 pm Grades 6-12. Engineer and build a container that will keep an egg safe from the two-story drop off the library balcony. All building materials and snacks will be provided. Register by June 14 (for a guaranteed spot).

Build a Better Community by Helping Others

Bluffton: Tuesday, June 20: 6:00-7:30 pm Grades 6-12. Help us make the lives of others better by being a part of our service project. We will be putting together snack packs for DCS and the Adams/Wells Crisis Center. All of the supplies for the project were **made possible by a "Youth As Resources Grant." Once** the bags are finished we will spend the remainder of our time enjoying snacks and games. *Register by June 19 (for a guaranteed spot).*

Escape Room

Bluffton: Thursday, June 22: 6:30-7:30 pm Ages 11 & up. Use your puzzle-solving skills to escape a "locked" room at the library. Space is limited. Sign-up at the Parks Department—260-824-6069).

Build a Better Minecraft Theme Park

Bluffton: Tuesday, June 27: 6:00-7:30 pm

Grades 6-12. We will be hosting 2 Minecraft realms where **you will be given a "Theme Park" related challenge and** 45 minutes to come up with a creative solution. We will then showcase the creations on our big screen and vote on the winners for different prize categories. If you have your own device and Minecraft account, please bring it. *Snacks will also be served. Register by June 26 (for a guaranteed spot).*

Build a Better Trifle

Bluffton: Friday, July 7: 5:30-7:00 pm

Grades 6-12. Join us for a delicious evening of creating lovely layered desserts. You will be given the opportunity to create 3 mini trifles with a wide range of ingredients. It will be up to you if you choose to share your finished product with your friends and family or eat it all yourself. *Register by July 6.*

Construct It with Cardboard

Bluffton: Thursday, July 13: 6:00-7:30 pm

Grades 6-12. Create a masterpiece from cardboard, scissors, duct tape, and other craft supplies. If you wish to create cardboard armor, we will host a pillow fight jousting session at the end. *Register by July 12 (for a guaranteed spot).*

Build a Better Nerf Obstacle Course at the "Y"

@ the Y: Thursday, July 20: 6:00-7:30 pm

Grades 6-12. This free program will take place at the Caylor -Nickel Foundation Family YMCA in Bluffton. Join us for an evening of fun as we build and run obstacle courses that incorporate targets and Nerf guns. We will provide standard Nerf darts and goggles (donated by Fastenal), please feel free to bring your own Nerf gun or use one of ours. We will **meet at the "Y" starting at 5:45 pm and you will need to be** picked up no later than 7:45 pm. This will be a very active program so come dressed appropriately. You do not need **to be a member of the "Y" to attend.** *Registration required by July 18.*

Teen SRP Party

Bluffton: Friday, July 28: 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, July 27.

Monthly Programs

Manga Club

May 1, June 5, July 3, and August 7 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 13: 2 pm All ages. Join us for "Moana" (G) on the big screen.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

May 31, June 28, July 26, and August 30 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!

Donations

We would like to extend a big thank you to the following organizations and businesses for supporting the library's teen programs.

- Wells County Foundation—for a generous grant that makes all the Teen programming possible. Without their support we would only be able to offer a small fraction of the programs that we currently offer.
- Youth As Resources—recent grant towards our **"Build a Better Community by Helping Others" service** project on June 20th.
- Fastenal of Bluffton—for donating 25 pairs of safety glasses and 25 pairs of goggles for our Nerf programs.
- Walmart—for donating \$50 towards supplies for our "Build a Better Community by Helping Others" service project on June 20th
- CoCo China—for donating \$10 towards the Manga Club's May Day Party food bill.

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Library Closings:

Library In-Service: Friday, May 19 (Main Library & Ossian Branch closed from 9 am-1 pm) Memorial Day: Saturday, May 27 & Monday, May 29 Independence Day: Tuesday, July 4 Labor Day: Saturday, Sept. 2 & Monday, Sept. 4



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