

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**  
**9 am to 2 pm\***

Ossian Branch Library  
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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 2-4  
Street Fair/Inventory Week:  
**Main Library:** September 18 (close at 5 pm)  
September 19-23  
**Ossian Branch:** September 20-21  
Thanksgiving: November 22 (close at 5 pm)  
November 23-24  
Christmas: December 23-26  
**New Year's:** January 1

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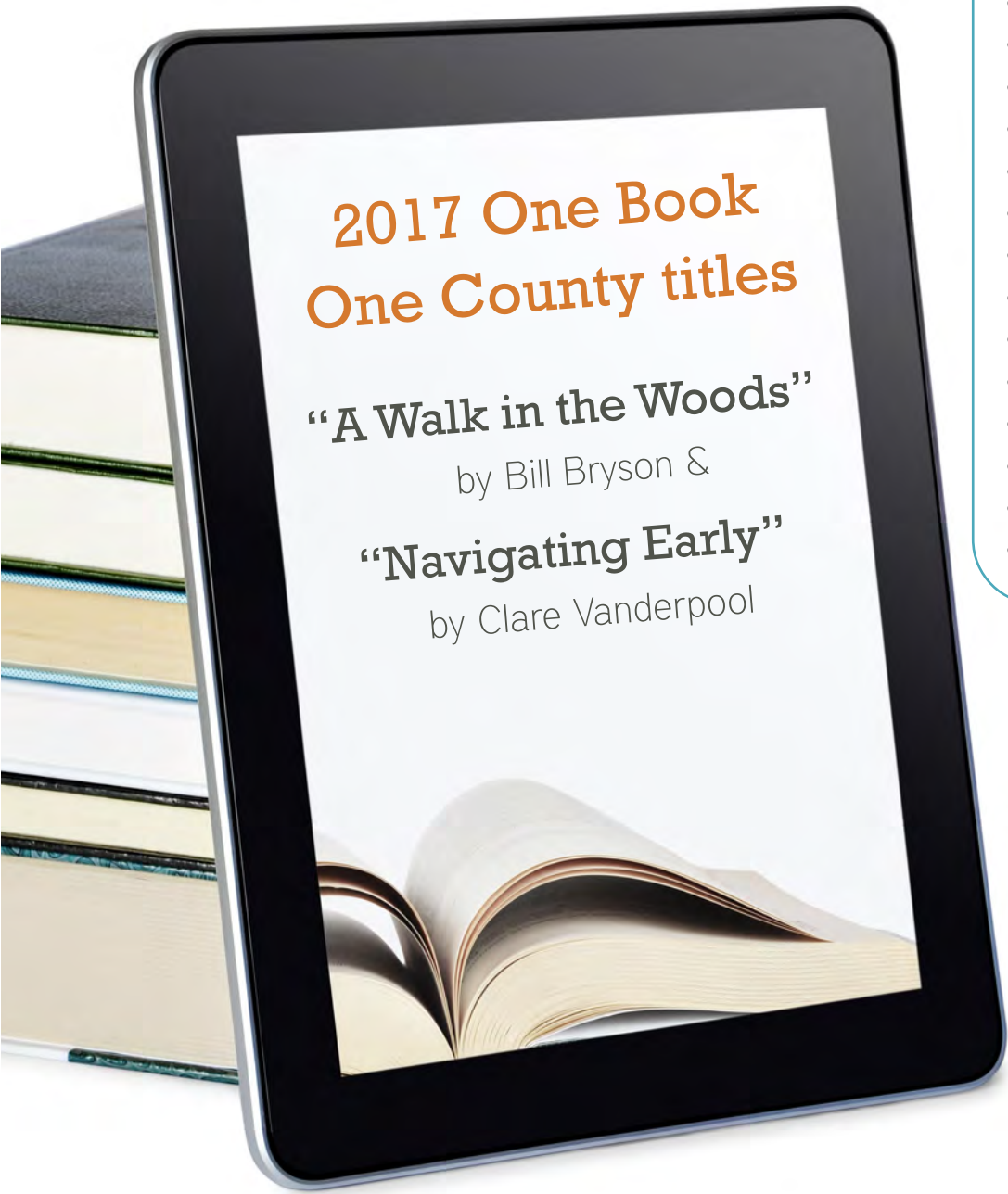
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# The B O O K Report

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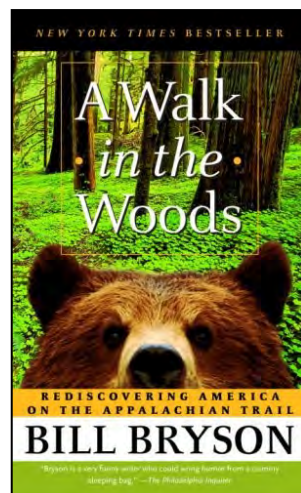
## One Book One County

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 the library has chosen two titles to appeal to different age groups: “A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail” by Bill Bryson and “Navigating Early” by Clare Vanderpool.

## Get the Books

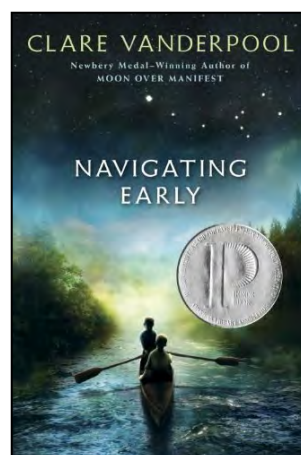
It's very easy to participate in One Book One County! Just stop by the Main Library, Ossian Branch, or the Northeast Indiana Digital Library (online at: [nidl.lib.overdrive.com](http://nidl.lib.overdrive.com) or via the OverDrive app) to check-out a copy of either book today.

## About the Books



### A Walk in the Woods by Bill Bryson

**Adults.** “Returning to the U.S. after 20 years in England, Iowa native Bryson decided to reconnect with his mother country by hiking the length of the 2100-mile Appalachian Trail. Awed by merely the camping section of his local sporting goods store, he nevertheless plunges into the wilderness and emerges with a consistently comical account of a neophyte woodsman learning hard lessons about self-reliance.” - *Publishers Weekly*



### Navigating Early by Clare Vanderpool

**Ages 10+.** “When Jack Baker’s father sends him from his home in Kansas to attend a boys’ boarding school in Maine, Jack doesn’t know what to expect. Certainly not Early Auden, the strangest of boys...During a break from school, the boys set out for the Appalachian Trail on a quest for a great black bear. As Jack and Early travel deeper into the mountains, they meet peculiar and dangerous characters and make some shocking discoveries. But their adventure is only just the beginning. Will Jack and Early’s friendship last the journey? Can the boys make it home alive?” - *book jacket*



## International Games Week

### After-Hours Party

*Bluffton: Friday, November 3: 5:30-7:30 pm*

**Grades 4-8.** Join us as we celebrate International Games Week at the library by playing all kinds of games including Wii, board games, and hide-and-seek in the library after the library closes. We will also have pizza and snacks for you to enjoy! You must have a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian to attend. Permission slips are available at the Teen Zone desk or at the door the evening of the party. *Register by November 2 for a guaranteed spot.*

## Make Your Own Crystal Radio

*Bluffton: Thursday, November 9: 6:00-8:00 pm*

**3rd grade - Adult.** The Wells County Amateur Radio Club, Upper Wabash Conservation & Science Center, and Wells County Public Library are collaborating to bring people of all ages together to learn how to build your very own working crystal radio. Participants in this STEM program will learn about some of the science behind how radios work and will build their very own crystal radio. Registrations will be taken at the Reference Desk at the Main Library. The cost for each radio kit is \$20 and must be paid upon registration. We are encouraging families to work together on the same kit to make this a multi-generational learning experience. *Space is limited so sign up today!*

## Escape Room

*Bluffton: Thursday, November 16: 6:00-7:30 pm*

**Grades 6-12.** In teams of 4-6 people, you will be “locked” in the meeting room. Together you need to find hidden clues, solve puzzles, and use your logic and observation skills to find codes to unlock the box that holds the final key to get out of the room. **It’s possible – but it won’t be easy. Are you up to the challenge?** If so register by November 15 for a guaranteed spot in this program. Space is limited! This is a different escape room from the previous two that we have run at the library for teens.

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

## Crazy Christmas Culinary Challenge

*Bluffton: Thursday, December 14: 6:00-7:30 pm*

**Grades 6-12.** If you like to cook and enjoy the show

**Chopped™ then this program is for you! In teams of 4-5 people,** you will be given a basket full of Christmas themed ingredients and you will have 1 hour to prepare your dishes using all of the ingredients from the basket. The winning team will receive a small prize and the title of “Crazy Christmas Culinary Challenge Champions of 2017”. (Try to say that 5 times fast.) *Space is limited. Register by December 13 for a guaranteed spot.*

## Swim Party @ the “Y”

*Thursday, December 28: 6:00-8:00 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 start off swimming, then enjoy a snack, and finish up with a fun activity in the gym. We will **meet at the “Y” starting at 5:45 pm and you will need to be picked up no later than 8:15 pm.** This will be a very active program so come dressed appropriately. **Don’t forget your swimsuit and towel (no bikinis please).** You do not need to be a member of the “Y” to attend. *Registration is REQUIRED by December 27.*

## Saturday @ the Movies

**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.

### “LEGO Batman Movie” (PG)

Ossian: Sept. 9 at 10 am

Bluffton: Sept. 16 at 10 am

### “Cars 3” (G)

Ossian: Nov. 11 at 10 am

Bluffton: Nov. 18 at 10 am

### “Boss Baby” (PG)

Ossian: Oct. 14 at 10 am

### “Despicable Me 3” (PG)

Ossian: Dec. 9 at 10 am

Bluffton: Dec. 16 at 10 am

### “Beauty and the Beast” (PG)

Bluffton: Oct. 14 at 10 am

\* Due to a change in Saturday hours at the Main Library, please make note that all movies are now held at 10 am!



All events are free and held at the Main Library in Bluffton.  
Register for events at the library, online at [www.wellscolibrary.org](http://www.wellscolibrary.org), or call 260-824-1612.

## Monthly Events

### Manga Club

*September 11, October 2, November 6, and December 4*  
*Meets the first Monday of the month from 6:00-7:30 pm*  
Grades 6-12. Discuss manga or anime series, cosplay, learn Japanese phrases, karaoke to theme songs, play Smash Bros on Wii and more. You can also pick up a copy of one of these manga series the month prior to participate in a discussion. *Registration appreciated.*

- Sept. 11: "One Piece" (pirates, revolution)
- Oct. 2: "Karaoke" (fan, J-Pop, anime theme)
- Nov. 6: "Bleach" (reaper, Shinigami, spirits)
- Dec. 4: "Fairy Tail" (mages, guilds, dragons)

### Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

*September 27, October 18\*, November 29, and Dec. 27*  
*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!** \*October's meeting will be held earlier because of Fall Break.

### JL Crew

*October 17, November 21, and December 19*  
*Meets the third Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm*  
Grades 4-6. Join us for a night of fun activities that are centered around a different theme each month. *Registration appreciated.*



## Special Events

### Minecraft Mania

*Bluffton: Thursday, September 28: 5:30-7:30 pm*  
Grades 6-12. Players will be given a Minecraft building challenge and 75 minutes to come up with a creative solution. We will then showcase the creations on our big screen. If you have your own device and Minecraft account please bring it! We will only have a few iPads with guest accounts for those who do not have a device or account. We will also have a few laptops with Minecraft installed on **them for those who have a PC Minecraft account but don't want to bring their laptops/computers.** Snacks will be served. *Register by September 27 for a guaranteed spot.*



### Book Washing

*Bluffton: Monday, October 9: 5:00-8:00 pm*  
Grades 6-12. Volunteer to wash books at the library and get fines removed from your card! 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 9th! 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.** *Pre-registration is required so that we can have enough snacks available.*

### Melted Crayon Art

*Bluffton: Thursday, October 12: 6:00-7:30 pm*  
Grades 6-12. Create a work of art with crayons in a **whole new way. We'll be using several techniques to melt the crayons onto your canvas resulting in a unique piece of melted wax art. We want to make sure that we will have enough supplies so register by October 11 for a guaranteed spot in this program!**

## Outdoor Pursuits

*@4-H Park: Saturday, Sept. 9: 1:30-2:30 pm*

*All ages.* Mark Durham will give tips and tricks on surviving the outdoors. Outside if the weather permits but in the Quonset Building if raining. *Must be registered with the library to attend.*

## Taxidermy Program

*Ossian Branch: Tuesday, Sept. 12: 7-8 pm*

*Ages 9+.* Robert Taylor, a local taxidermist, will present a family-friendly program on the art of taxidermy. *Registration required.*



## Book Discussions

*Pick up a copy of book when you register at the library*

### "A Walk in the Woods" by Bill Bryson

*Main Library:*

- Monday, Oct. 9: 1:30-2:30 pm
- Thursday, Oct. 12: 6:30-7:30 pm

*Ossian Branch:*

- Thursday, Oct. 12: 1:30-2:30 pm

*Online:*

- Discuss on [wellscolibrary.org](http://wellscolibrary.org) (click on "News & Events" & "One Book One County")

### "Navigating Early" by Clare Vanderpool

*Main Library (5th & 6th graders):*

- Tuesday, Oct. 10: 6:30-7:30 pm

## Guided Hikes

*@ Ouabache State Park: Saturday, Oct. 7: 2-3 pm*

*All ages.* Guided nature hike through the park with Indiana Naturalist Dr. Jordan Marshall. Attendees will get free entrance into the park. *Must be registered with the library to attend.*

## Local Author Night

*Bluffton: Tuesday, October 17: 6-8 pm*

*Kay Reusser talk: 7-8 pm*

*Adults/Teens/Kids.* Join us for this fun, family-friendly event. Attendees will get to wander through booths set up throughout the Main Library to chat with authors and participate in book-related activities for all ages (including **children's games, book-themed crafts, and more**). You can purchase books from the authors if you like or just enjoy the fun. Kay Reusser will be giving a keynote talk from 7-8 pm about her travels to World War II sites throughout Belgium, Luxembourg, France, and Germany that will be featured in her latest book and her writing process.

No registration needed (just drop in during the event). All activities will be free and there will be chances to win books. There is still space for authors to register for a booth. If interested, contact Emily Marshall at [emarshall@wellscolibrary.org](mailto:emarshall@wellscolibrary.org) or call 260-824-1612.

## Hiking the Appalachian Trail Speaker

*Bluffton: Monday, October 23: 6:30-8:00 pm*

*Adults.* Roger and Judy Summers of Fort Wayne will speak about their experiences on a "thru hike" of the Appalachian Trail. Roger has also done several section hikes of the trail and is doing another in early October! They will be joined by Jill Buskirk, special needs teacher at Bluffton High School who will also share her hiking experiences. *Registration appreciated.*





## New Hours @ Main Library

Please make a note that the Main Library in Bluffton will be open for slightly different hours on Saturdays starting September 9. Instead of switching throughout the year, we will have set hours across the board of 9 am to 2 pm on Saturdays. The Ossian Branch's hours are not changing and will remain open from 9 am to noon on Saturdays.

## Summer Reading Recap

Thank you to everyone that participated in our 2017 Summer Reading Program and a special congratulations to the more than 1,300 children, teens, and adults that completed the program.

We had a great year this year and had more finishers in almost all age groups.

- *Infants*: about 68 of our youngest library patrons completed a total of 1,440 activities.
- *Kids*: with 1,404 children ages 2-grade 6 participating, the group read for 8,304 hours (up more than 600 hours from last year).
- *Teens*: approximately 211 teens participated from grades 6-12 and read 553,416 pages (up over 154,000 pages from last year)!
- *Adults*: between the 383 adults participating, there were 621,575 pages read (up over 55,000 pages from last year).

Great job everyone and thank you for making the program a success. Below is a photo from our kick-off event.

Make sure to check out all the Summer Reading Program sponsors and finishers in the newsletter insert.



## Cake Pans

The library is constantly adding more cake pans that are available for check out. Stop by the Main Library to browse the collection in person or search for available pans in our online catalog.

## Program Cancellation Info

If the following school districts are closed due to inclement weather, all programs 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



## Fall Book Sale

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

### HOURS:

**October 31: 5-8 pm** (Friends only preview)  
 Memberships are available at the door.

**November 1-2: 9 am-8 pm**

**November 3: 9 am-6 pm**

**November 4: 9 am-5 pm**

Sponsored by The Friends of the Library.

All proceeds help fund library events.

## A Fond Farewell



Time marches on. Actually, at times it seems to sprint! Retirement, a coveted milestone for many Americans, has come knocking at my door. Deciding when the right time to open the door and walk on through has been a bit of a process. It seemed that the conclusion of another successful Summer Reading Program—the busiest time of the year in the Children's Room—would be a fitting time to bid my thirty-four years at the Wells County Public Library a fond farewell. And so August 31st will be “turn-in-my-keys-and-nametag” day.

I want to thank our wonderful patrons and my amazing colleagues for a career that has been challenging, fulfilling, and rewarding. It has been a joy to spend my days promoting and providing literacy in its many forms. It has been a bonus to share these passions with library advocates who have become some of my closest friends.

There have been plenty of golden moments over the decades to keep me happily reminiscing long into my retirement: three major building projects, cutting edge technology, and myriad interactions with our customers. I have loved selecting materials for you to enjoy and planning programs to encourage the love of reading and learning. I have been inspired by world class speakers at conferences as well as by the innocent remarks of small children discovering the

delights of a library. I treasure the conversations I have had over the years with grandparents, parents, and children, teachers and students, and library colleagues throughout the state. Quite simply, I could not have asked for a career that suited me more perfectly or provided me any greater satisfaction. For any role, large or small, that you have played in making my library memories so golden, I am profoundly grateful.

Finally, I have kept a quote taped in my desk calendar for at least ten years now, repositioning it annually in the back of the current year's calendar. It states, “Those of us who are able to pick our own successors to carry on endeavors that we care about with passion and enthusiasm are the lucky ones. It means that we have happy expectations that the ventures we leave have a life of their own and will flourish in the best hands.” I have personally interviewed and chosen many outstanding candidates to carry on the work of Children's Services. The staff we currently have in place are exceptional in so many ways. Cindy Burchell, with whom I have worked for twenty wonderful years, will be the new Department Head of Children's Services. Truly, I could not be leaving our corner of the library in better hands. “Happy expectations” indeed!

A benefit of having worked in a public place is that I can always return after retirement to check in with friends and to see what's new. As a lifetime lover of libraries, I fully expect to continue my relationship with my beloved WCPL. However, from now on I will be entering through the front doors which should give me a slightly different perspective on this esteemed institution. Till then...

...and one last time...Amy Greiner, Head of Children's Services

## Story Sessions

Join us each week for stories, crafts, and activities. Must be registered to attend all story sessions. Registration begins Monday, Sept. 11 at 9 am. Sessions start in October.

### 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 or 6:30 pm \*NEW EVENING TIME

Story Hour: *Ages 4-6.*  
 Tuesdays at 2 pm or Thursdays at 10:30 am

### OSSIAN STORY SESSIONS:

Wee Read: *Ages Birth-30 months (with adult)*  
 Thursdays at 10:30 am

Storytime: *Ages 2 1/2- 5 (with adult)*  
 Wednesdays at 10:30 am

Play Group: *Preschoolers (with adult)*  
 Fridays from 10 am –noon (no registration needed)



Register at the library, online at [www.wellscolibrary.org](http://www.wellscolibrary.org), or call 260-824-1612 (Bluffton); 260-622-4691 (Ossian).

SPECIAL EVENTS

**Back to School Night:**  
*Bluffton and Ossian: Thursday, September 7: 6:30-7:30 pm*  
*Elementary-age families.* Enjoy a scavenger hunt, treat, and learn more about library services. *No registration needed.*

**Tail Waggin’ Tutors:**  
*Bluffton: every Thursday from 6:30-7:30 pm*  
*All ages.* Drop-in to read to Oria, a friendly therapy dog.

**Fabric Painting:**  
*Ossian: Tuesday, October 3: 6:30-7:30 pm*  
*Grades K-5.* Use your artistic skills to paint a dreamy pillowcase. *Registration required (between Sep. 19-30).*

**Halloween Hullabaloo:**  
*Ossian: Saturday, October 28: 10 am-noon*  
*Ages 2-10.* Come in costume and enjoy some Halloween activities. *No registration needed.*

**Boo in Bluffton:**  
*Bluffton: Tuesday, October 31: 5:00-6:00 pm*  
*All ages.* Stop by the library during the downtown Trick or Treat hours for a special treat.

**Candy Science:**  
*Ossian: Tuesday, November 7: 6:30-7:30 pm*  
*Grades K-5.* Learn cool facts using candy in a few experiments. Yes, tasting will be available!  
*Registration required (between Oct. 24-Nov. 4).*

**Drive-in Movie Night:**  
*Ossian: Tuesday, December 5: 6:15-8:00 pm*  
*Grades K-5.* Bring your own blanket and pillow while you settle in to watch a movie in your own "car." The refreshment stand will be open during intermission offering popcorn and drinks.  
*Registration required (between Nov. 21-Dec. 2).*

**Ossian Hometown Christmas:**  
*Ossian: Thursday, December 7: 6:30-8:00 pm*  
*All ages.* Visit the library during the community event for treats and crafts. *No registration needed.*

**Parlor City Christmas:**  
*Saturday, December 9 (Downtown Bluffton)*  
*All ages.* **Free event with a goodie walk, “train” rides, carriage rides, owl program, singers, and more.** *More info Pg. 7.*

**Christmas PJ Storytime:**  
*Ossian: Thursday, December 14: 6:30-7:00 pm*  
*Ages 2-6.* Enjoy a special program with stories, activities and a craft celebrating the season. *Registration suggested.*

MONTHLY EVENTS

**PJ Storytime**  
*Ossian: September 7, October 5, and November 2*  
*Meets the 1st Thursday of the month from 6:30-7:00 pm*  
*Ages 2-6.* Monthly program with stories, activities, and a craft. *Registration suggested.*

**LEGO Club:**  
*Ossian: October 10, November 14, and December 12*  
*Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm*  
*Grades K-6.* Create LEGO masterpieces each month, using blocks provided by the library. *Registration suggested.*

**Kids’ Club:**  
*Bluffton: Meets the third Tuesday of the month 6:30-7:30 pm*  
*Grades K-3.* Book-related activities. *Registration suggested.*  
*Monthly Themes:*

- *Zoo Day—Tuesday, Oct. 17: 6:30-7:30 pm*
- *Artists Night—Tuesday, Nov. 21: 6:30-7:30 pm*
- *Christmas Fun—Tuesday, Dec. 19: 6:30-7:30 pm*

**JL Crew:**  
*Bluffton: October 17, November 21, and December 19*  
*Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm*  
*Grades 4-6.* Each month has a different theme. Enjoy games, crafts, and other activities. *Registration suggested.*

**Children’s Book Clubs:**  
*Bluffton: A free book will be available upon registration in each of our book clubs. Registration required.*  
*Grades 1-2 - Meets 1st Tuesday of the month 6:30-7:30 pm*  
*Grades 3-4 - Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month 6:30-7:30 pm*  
*Grades 5-6 - Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month 6:30-7:30 pm*

Popular Checkouts

Fiction Books:  
“Love Story” by Karen Kingsbury  
“The Duchess” by Danielle Steel  
“Dangerous Minds” by Janet Evanovich  
“Murder Games” by James Patterson and Howard Roughan  
“Camino Island” by John Grisham

Teen Books:  
“Michael Vey: Battle of the Ampere” by Richard Paul Evans  
“The House of Hades” by Rick Riordan  
“The Hate U Give” by Angie Thomas  
“The Fairest Beauty” by Melanie Dickerson

Kids Books:  
“Guinness World Records”  
“Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days” by Jeff Kinney  
“Thea Stilton and the Missing Myth” by Thea Stilton  
“The Double Dabble Surprise” by Beverly Lewis



Book Recommendations

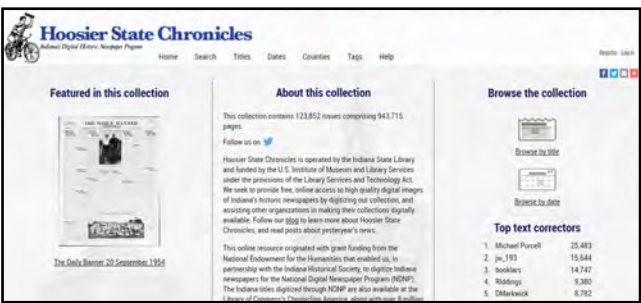
Looking for author or title recommendations? Here are suggestions from some of the attendees at the Adult Summer Reading Party.

- Andy Andrews – “The Final Summit”
  - David Baldacci – “Memory Man”
  - T. Davis Bunn
  - Sigmund Brouwer
  - JoAnna Carl – the Chocoholic mystery series
  - Vannetta Chapman
  - Colleen Coble
  - Lynette Eason
  - Janet Evanovich – “Turbo Twenty-three”
  - Irene Hannon
  - Dee Henderson
  - Kathy Herman
  - James Herriot – “The Lord God Made Them All”
  - Iris Johansen
  - Joanne Kennedy
- Watt Key – “Terror at Bottle Creek”
  - Stephen King – “The Dark Tower”
  - Debbie Macomber
  - Erynn Mangum
  - DiAnn Mills
  - James Patterson – “Private India”
  - Brandon Sanderson/Robert Jordan – the Wheel of Time series
  - Randy Singer
  - Nicholas Sparks
  - Gregory Spencer – “Awakening the Quieter Virtues”
  - Danielle Steel – “Amazing Grace”

Resource SPOT Light

Indiana Newspapers

Would you like to browse some historic newspapers? The Indiana State Library offers free access to Indiana newspapers between 1804 to the 1970s. The database is in alphabetical order, to access go to



<https://newspapers.library.in.gov/>.  
If you want to access the Bluffton Chronicle Weekly (October 24, 1878 – December 30, 1886) and the Bluffton Chronicle (January 6, 1887 – June 26, 1918), go to [blog.newspapers.library.in.gov/digitized-newspapers/access](http://blog.newspapers.library.in.gov/digitized-newspapers/access). The Chronicle was digitized by Google. The database is in alphabetical order by city and is part of the Indiana State Library Genealogy collection. You will also see other Indiana newspapers



Biography for Beginners/FactCite offers wonderful illustrated biographies written especially for beginning and striving readers. This resource is perfect for young students needing biographies for class projects. You can access it for free using your library card. Navigate to the site from the library’s website or go directly to: [www.factcite.com/taxis/user/wellscl.html](http://www.factcite.com/taxis/user/wellscl.html)





## Tech Trainings

### Genealogy Workshops

*Bluffton: First Thursday of the month at 6-7 pm (Sep.-Nov.)*  
*Adults.* Tips and tricks on using genealogy resources.  
*Registration appreciated.*

- Sep. 7 MyHeritage—information from FamilySearch, Ancestry, Geni World Family Tree and other resources.
- Oct. 5 Indiana State Library Genealogy—cover Collection Guides and Lists section and the Indiana County Research Guides section
- Nov. 2 Indiana State Library Genealogy—cover the sections titled: Indiana State Library Digital Collection, Online Resources, FAQs, FamilySearch Affiliated Services, and Webinars and Videos.

Preview the Indiana State Library Genealogy division resources at [www.in.gov/library/genealogy.htm](http://www.in.gov/library/genealogy.htm)

### Computer and Internet 101

*Bluffton: Monday, November 6: 6-8 pm*  
*Wednesday, November 8: 6-8 pm*  
*Monday, November 13: 6-8 pm*

*Adults.* Three-part, beginning-level computer class that will cover everything from how to turn on the computer, using the mouse and keyboard, working with Windows, and basic computer terminology. You will also learn about using the **Internet search engine Google**, exploring the library's website, and lots of Internet searching tips and tricks.  
**No computer experience needed. You will use the library's computers during class. Must be registered to attend.**

### eReader & iPad Fairs

*Bluffton: Thursday, November 30: 5-7 pm*  
*Ossian: Thursday, December 7: 6-8 pm*  
*Bluffton: Wednesday, 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.*

## Bookish Conversations

### Brown Bag Book Club

*Bluffton: second Monday of each month at 1:30 pm*

- Sep. 11 A Book about Women such as:  
**"First Women" by Kate Anderson Brower**  
**"Hidden Figures" by Margot Lee Shetterly**  
**"Radium Girls" by Kate Moore**
- Oct. 9 **"A Walk in the Woods" by Bill Bryson**  
 (One Book One County title)
- Nov. 13 **Reader's Choice**
- Dec. 11 Any book by Louise Penny

### Ossian Book Club

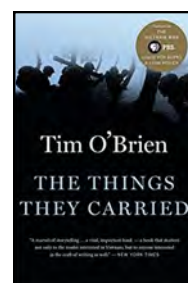
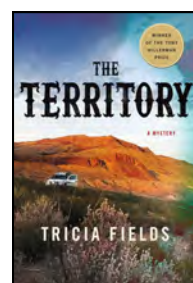
*Ossian: second Thursday of each month at 1:30 pm*

- Sep. 14 A Book about Women
- Oct. 12 **"A Walk in the Woods" by Bill Bryson**  
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### 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.

- Sep. 14 **"The Territory" by Tricia Fields**
- Oct. 12 **"A Walk in the Woods" by Bill Bryson**  
 (One Book One County title)
- Nov. 9 **"The Things They Carried" by Tim O'Brien**
- Dec. 14 **"Christmas in Harmony" by Philip Gulley**



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](http://www.wellscolibrary.org), or call 260-824-1612.

### Calming Coloring for Adults

*Ossian: every Tuesday from 1-3 pm (starts Sep. 5)*  
*Adults.* Break up the week with a stress buster of color therapy, Zentangle, and doodling. Also enjoy a cup of tea, soft music, and soothing scents. All supplies provided or bring your own relaxing craft projects. *No registration needed.*

### Disney Travel 101

*Bluffton: Tuesday, September 12: 6:30-7:30 pm*  
*Adults.* Andrea Mann from ABC Travel will discuss some basic planning tips and tricks when traveling to Walt Disney World. *Registration appreciated.*

### Theater Thursday

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

- Sep. 28\* **"La La Land" (PG-13)** - \* special date
- Oct. 19 **"Deepwater Horizon" (PG-13)**
- Nov. 16 **"Me Before You" (PG-13)**
- Dec. 21 **"Beauty and the Beast" (PG-13)**

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



### Let the Games Begin @ Ossian

*Ossian: Sep. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 30, and Dec. 28*  
*Meets the last Thursday of each month from 6-8 pm*  
 Ages 18+. Come in for an evening of tabletop gaming. (Board, card, and dice...sorry, no RPGs.) We play everything from Settlers of Catan to Love Letter to Betrayal at House on the Hill. Don't worry if you don't know the rules--we'll teach you! Snacks & drinks provided. *Registration appreciated, but not required.*

### One Book One County

Stop by the library anytime in September and October to **check out "A Walk in the Woods" by Bill Bryson and "Navigating Early" by Clare Vanderpool.** Then discuss the 2017 One Book One County titles on our website or at the library. *See a listing of One Book One County events on Pages 2-3.*

### Local Author Night

*Bluffton: Tuesday, October 17: 6-8 pm*  
*Kay Reusser talk: 7-8 pm*  
*All ages.* More than 20 authors that write for all ages will be gathered in one location. Purchase books or just stop by for lots of book-related activities and a key-note talk from Kay Reusser about her travels to World War II sites throughout Belgium, Luxembourg, France, & Germany.

### Escape Room

*Bluffton: Friday, November 17: 5:00-7:00 pm*  
*Adults.* In teams of 4-6 people, you will be **"locked" in the meeting room.** Together you need to find hidden clues, solve puzzles, and use your logic and observation skills to find codes to unlock the box that holds the final key to **get out of the room. It's possible – but it won't be easy.** *Registration required.*

### Parlor City Christmas

*Bluffton: Saturday, December 9*  
*All ages.* The library is once again working with the Chamber of Commerce, Historical Society, and area businesses to bring you a winter festival for the whole family. Enjoy carriage rides, musical performances in the library, an arts & crafts fair, goodie walk featuring an **entire meal's worth of food, and much more.** Market Street will be shut down on the 100th block in front of the Courthouse, but activities will be happening throughout Wells County. *Get a schedule at the library closer to the event.*

