The **BOOK** Report

Wells County Public Library News



One Book One County

Featured Virtual Events

Transcending Divides with Sara Drury

Wednesday, September 30 from noon to 1 pm (Free virtual presentation via Zoom, in collaboration with the Wells County Chamber of Commerce)

Dr. Sara Drury's interactive online presentation will be on "Transcending Divides through Creative Conversations."

She will directly engage the history of Indiana as a crossroads of America, a place where there have always been boundaries – geographic, demographic, socioeconomic – that seem to separate our communities. The question at the heart of the workshop is whether these histories and communities are as divided as they may seem. Participants will learn some of this history, examine divides in their everyday lives, weigh what values they hold in common or in tension with other Hoosiers, and deliberate different ideas and pathways forward. This type of conversation will leave participants with new skills for understanding and working together to address public problems.



Sara Drury is the Director of Wabash Democracy and Public Discourse at Wabash College. She works with students, staff, and community partners to design and conduct public forum events around the midwestern United States. As an Indiana transplant, Sara

has embraced our state's urban and rural communities. She makes her home in Montgomery County and loves traveling to local restaurants around the state. Her work connects her with large cities and small communities across Indiana.

RSVP by calling the library at 260-824-1612 and speaking to Emily Marshall or via the Library Event Calendar on www.wellscolibrary.org. An email with details of how to log-in to the presentation will be sent the week of the event.

INconversation with Jean Thompson

Tuesday, November 10 from 7-8 pm (Free virtual presentation via Zoom, sponsored by Indiana Humanities)

Join a special INconversation with Jean Thompson, the author of *The Year We Left Home*, Indiana Humanities' 2020 selection for its One State/One Story statewide read and our library's 2020 One Book One County title.



Jean Thompson, the New York Times bestselling author and National Book Award finalist for *The Year We Left Home*, is a Midwesterner with Indiana roots. She will be talking about her book, her career as a writer, and the stories we tell about the Midwest.

Barb Shoup, the founding director of the Indiana Writers Center, will moderate this conversation about place, identity, and writing in the Midwest.

This virtual event is free but advanced registration is required. A confirmation email with details of how to log-in to the program will be sent the week of the event.



RSVP at: www.eventbrite.com/e/ inconversation-with-jean-thompsonregistration-116010988991

This program has been made possible through Indiana Humanities as part of One State/One Story. One State/One Story: The Year We Left Home is presented by Indiana Humanities in partnership with the Indiana Center for the Book and the Indiana State Library.

One Book One County



One Book One County

Adults and Teens: 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. **This year's title is** *The Year We Left Home* by Jean Thompson, which happens to also be the One State/ One Story title for Indiana this year.



Check out a copy at the library!

About the Book: "The Year We Left Home follows the Erickson family through the many changes affecting American life at the end of the twentieth century. From city rooftops to country farms, college campuses to small-town main streets, the characters in Thompson's novel search for fulfillment and happiness in an ever-changing, often alienating country. The story asks us to consider the enduring, uniting power of place—why we choose to leave and when we decide to come home."

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Book Discussions (In-Person)

Bluffton: Thursday, October 8: 6:30-7:30 pm Bluffton: Monday, October 12: 1:30-2:30 pm Adults. Join us for a book chat about the One Book One County title The Year We Left Home by Jean Thompson.

Film Festival

(In-person & Checkout Bag for Home)

Bluffton: Saturday, October 17: 10 am and noon The library will show two films in a series centered around the INseperable theme, which asks Hoosiers to consider what unites and divides us across urban, rural, and suburban lines. Or check out a Film Festival bag which contains a comedy, drama, and documentary film that fits the theme.

Taste of Wells County

(Display and To-Go Kit)

Bluffton and Ossian: During the months of September and October, make sure to visit our display at both the Main Library and Ossian Branch featuring a Taste of Wells County. On display will be photos that "give a taste of life" in Wells County, including popular events such as Street Fair and nostalgic photos throughout the years. In addition, we will be collecting recipes that embody the foods of Wells County during September. These recipes will then be made available to everyone in October in our Taste of Wells County To-Go Kit that will also feature ingredients and supplies to create your own Mulled Cider in a Jar. The To-Go Kit can be picked up starting October 1st (available while supplies last).

Construction Project & Closed Dates

We are in the final phase of the construction project at the Main Library. Check with the library to get the official Open House and Ribbon Cutting date later in Fall of 2020, once the project is completed.

To allow time to move books and items at the Main Library back to their new locations and because of a staff in-service and yearly inventory that needs done, the Main Library and Ossian Branch will be closed for a few days in September.

> Temporary Closure: Main Library (Bluffton): Sept. 23 (close at noon) and Sept. 24-27 (closed) Ossian Branch: Sept. 23 (close at noon) and Sept. 24 (closed)



Sneak Peek of the Main Library concourse area and new stadium-style seating/stairway.



Furniture Sale

September 28-October 3 (open during library hours)

As part of our library renovation project, we will be selling off more of our tables, chairs, desks, and miscellaneous furniture. So if you are looking for items for an office or home, make sure to stop by the Main Library. The sale will be in the meeting rooms during normal library hours.



Most Read Books

Fiction:

- "Fair Warning" by Michael Connelly
- "28 Summers" by Elin Hilderbrand
- "Spy" by Danielle Steel
- "The River Murders" by James Patterson and James O. Born
- "Met Her Match" by Jude Deveraux

Non-fiction:

- "When Life Gives Your Pears: The Healing Power of Family, Faith, and Funny People" by Jeannie Gaffigan
- "Wanda E. Brunstetter's Amish Friends Farmhouse Favorites Cookbook" by Wanda E. Brunstetter
- "Thinking, Fast and Slow" by Daniel Kahneman
- "She Made Herself a Home: A Practical Guide to Design, Organize, and Give Purpose to Your Space" by Rachel Van Kluyve
- "Sam Houston and the Alamo Avengers: The Texas Victory That Changed American History" by Brian Kilmeade

Fall Book Sale

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

Hours:

October 27: 5-8 pm (Friends only preview). Memberships are available at the door.

> October 28-31: open during library hours

Sponsored by The Friends of the Library.



New Movies

Each month find the new movie releases on our website in the "Recent News & Events" section (wellscolibrary.org). Here are new releases that will be available to checkout at the library in September.

September 1:

• Irresistible (R)

September 8:

- Bad Education (TV-MA)
- Waiting for the Barbarians (NR)

September 15:

- Outlander: Season 5 (TV-MA)
- Succession: Season 2 (TV-MA)
- Weathering With You (PG-13)

September 22:

• Babyteeth (MA-17)

September 29:

• John Lewis: Good Trouble (PG)

Program Cancellation Info

If the following school districts are closed due to inclement weather, all in-**person teen and children's events will be** cancelled. If the school has a delay, then programming will proceed as normal. Adult programs will be cancelled at the discretion of the person planning the event and time of day. Those closing will be posted on Facebook and the library website.

Main Library (Bluffton): Bluffton-Harrison School District Ossian Branch: Northern Wells Community Schools

For fall of 2020, if in-person programs for teens and children are postponed, cancelled, or moved to virtual events because of health regulations, anyone registered will be notified of the change prior to the event or program.

CURBSIDE PICKUP

To use Curbside Pickup, place items on hold online through your account at wellscolibrary.org or call us during normal library hours to reserve items.

Our staff will then get those items pulled for you and you will receive either an email notification or phone call when items are ready to pickup.

Once you have received the notification that items are available, you can pick them up in the designated Curbside Pickup spot at either the Main Library or Ossian Branch. Once you have arrived to the designated spot outside our buildings, just give us a call and let us know that you are here to pickup items. If you do not have a mobile phone, just call us before leaving your current location to make pickup arrangements. You will need your library card or card number with you.

Call for Curbside Assistance:

- Main Library (Bluffton): 260-824-1612
- Ossian Branch: 260-622-4691



In-Person Events*

All events are free. Register at the library, online at wellscolibrary.org, or call 260-824-1612.

*In-person events are subject to change based on health regulations. All in-person programs will require a signed waiver for each participant.

One Book One County

Stop by the library anytime in September and October to check out "The Year We Left Home" by Jean Thompson. Then join us for one of our virtual or in-person events. *Details about events are on Page 2 and 3.*



Theater Thursday

Bluffton: Third Thursday of each month at 10 am

- Oct. 15 "Yesterday" (PG-13)
- Nov. 19 "Judy" (PG-13)
- Dec. 17 "Little Women" 2019 version (PG)

Adults. This will be a paired down version of our popular event and space is limited at each movie. Enjoy a movie sponsored by Bluffton Regional, Bluffton Parks & Recreation, and the Friends of the Library. Refreshments and prizes will be added back when they can be done safely.

Book-a-Librarian

Adults. Our Computer and iPad Clubs are temporarily being replaced with our Book-a-Librarian service. So if you have a computer question or would like to explore a tech topic, we encourage you to sign up for a Book-a-Librarian appointment. These one-on-one help sessions can last for 30-45 minutes at a time and are on the subject of your choosing, including computer help, genealogy assistance, email, and more. You will be assigned a librarian that can best help you. To sign up, call 260-824-1612 or sign up online at wellscolibrary.org/services/book-a-librarian/. There are some limitations to the advice we can provide, which we will let you know when you sign up.

Castles of Europe Travelogue

Monday, October 26: 4-5 pm

Enjoy a travelogue featuring photos from several different trips through Scotland, France, Spain, Germany, Czech Republic, and more countries in Europe. The main focus will be on several different castles throughout these countries. *This event will be in conjunction with the Bluffton Parks & Recreation's Senior Explorations and held at the Washington Park Pavilion. Register by calling the Parks*

Department at 260-824-6069.

Book Discussions

General 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. Space is limited.

- Sep. 10 "Gap Creek" by Robert Morgan
- Oct. 8 **"The Year We Left Home" by Jean** Thompson (One Book One County title)
- Nov. 12 "Last Bus to Wisdom" by Ivan Doig
- Dec. 10 "Redbird Christmas" by Fannie Flagg

Brown Bag Book Club

Bluffton: Second Monday of the month at 1:30 pm Pick up a copy of the book at the Main Library prior to the discussion. Space is limited.

- Oct. 12 **"The Year We Left Home" by Jean** Thompson (One Book One County title)
- Nov. 9 "The Supremes at Earl's All-You-Can-Eat" by Edward Kelsey Moore
- Dec. 14 **"The Chilbury Ladies' Choir" by** Jennifer Ryan



Virtual Events and To-Go Kits

All To-Go Kits are free. Please call 260-824-1612 if you have questions.

Get Out in Wells County

Available starting Monday, September 28 Adults and Teens. Go to our Facebook page and website for a series of videos and posts featuring activities to do this fall in Wells County, including visiting an ACRES Land Trust property and information to locate local trails of interest.

Day of the Dead (Display and To-Go Kit)

Kit available at Bluffton and Ossian starting Oct. 19 *Adults and Teens.* Keep an eye out in October for our library's interactive Day of the Dead display (upstairs @ the Main Library) and To-Go Kit with recipes, prompts, and information on how this holiday celebrates our loved ones whom have passed away. Brief video talking about the To-Go Kit will also be available on Facebook and our website.

Alice in Cooking Wonderland

(Video and To-Go Kit)

Kit available at Bluffton and Ossian starting Nov. 16 Adults & Teens. Angelic Alice will show you how it's done! Tune in to watch as she prepares a dish without following a strict recipe, and look at our To-Go Kit with similar recipes from our Indiana Room cookbook collection. Cooking video will be available on Facebook and our website.

Fun Christmas Recipes (Video and To-Go Kit)

Kit available at Bluffton and Ossian starting Dec. 7 Adults. National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation is a holiday classic that many families enjoy watching every year. Join us as we celebrate this hilarious movie by preparing some Griswold inspired recipes. To-Go Kits with recipe suggestions will be available for pickup at the library, including Aunt Bethany's Jell-O, Clark's egg-nog, and Snot's OI Roy puppy chow. Cooking video will be available on Facebook and our website.



Winter Scarf-Making Kit (Video and To-Go Kit) *Kit available at Bluffton and Ossian starting Dec. 14 Adults and Teens.* To-Go Kit will be available with materials to make your own fleece scarf for the winter season! There will also be a brief instructional video available on Facebook and our website.

Find us!

Our programming videos will be on the library's Facebook

page at www.facebook.com/WellsCountyPublicLibrary. Or visit the library website at www.wellscolibrary.org.

You can also search #WCPLToGo for videos related to our To-Go Kits for all ages.

Book Chat - Online #WCPLBookChat

Teens and Adults. Join us each week on Thursday evenings on Instagram and Facebook as we feature info, crafts, recipes, videos, read-alikes and more on our book-of-the-month. The last Thursday of the month at 4 pm, we will have a Live Book Chat on Instagram

that you are welcome to join or watch the replay.

September: "The Reading Promise" by Alice Ozma October: "Dracula" by Bram Stoker and "Twilight" by Stephenie Meyer November: "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

December: "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" by Barbara Robinson



WCPL—The Book Report

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

In-Person Events*

*In-person events are subject to change based on health regulations. All in-person programs will require a signed waiver for each participant.

Back to School Night

Bluffton and Ossian: Thursday, September 10: 6:30-7:30 pm School-age children with an adult can complete a scavenger hunt to erase their fines* or earn a coupon for library services. It's a great way to see how the library can help with school work. Event will be held at both the Main Library and Ossian Branch on the same evening and time. Drop-in event. No registration needed.

* Good towards fines only, not applicable for fees associated with lost or missing materials.

Children's Book Clubs

Grades 1-2 - Bluffton: Oct. 6, Nov. 3, and Dec. 1 Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Story Hour Room

Grades 3-4 - Bluffton: Oct. 13, Nov. 10, and Dec. 8 Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Story Hour Room

Grades 5-6 - Bluffton: Oct. 13, Nov. 10, and Dec. 8 Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Small Meeting Room

Books available for pickup when you register. *Space is limited. Registration required.*





Tween Tech

Bluffton: Oct. 1, Nov. 5, and Dec. 3 Meets the first Thursday of the month from 4-5 pm Grades 4-6. An hour of exploring a variety of resources to stretch your TECH-abilities. Limited space available. Registration required.

Kids Club

Bluffton: Oct. 20, Nov. 17, and Dec. 15 Meets the third Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Story Hour Room Grades K-3. A club for kids who enjoy fun stories, activities and craftel Each month will have a different theme. The

and crafts! Each month will have a different theme. The program lasts about an hour. *Registration required.*

JL Crew

Bluffton: Oct. 20, Nov. 17, and Dec. 15 Meets the third Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Small Meeting Room

Grades 4-6. Come Discover the Decades with us as we look at the culture of food, fashion, and fun within the decades 1920 to 2020! Upcoming themes include:

- October Roaring with the 20's!
- November Depression & Wars

• December - Rock n' Roll and The Beat Registration required.





Safety for Kids' Programs and

Story Sessions

As per state mandates, masks will be required for all adults during story sessions and kids during school-age programs. However, we will not be requiring them for children under the age of 8. The presenter will be wearing a face shield during the program. If the state mandates change, we will contact you with any changes to our program guidelines for any events you are registered for. All programs will also require a waiver signed by a parent or guardian for each participant. Social distancing should be maintained throughout the building as well as during special events.

* SAVE THE DATE FOR 2021 * Children's Book Festival

Bluffton: Saturday, October 9, 2021 We have postponed our Children's Book Festival for one year, so join us hopefully in 2021 for this event featuring musician Jim Gill, author & illustrator Jacob Grant, food trucks, carnival games, face painting, balloon animals, costumed characters, and more!



Story Sessions

Join us each week for stories, fingerplays, and activities. Must be registered to attend all story sessions. Registration is from August 24-September 8 online at wellscolibrary.org. After Sept. 8, please call to register. All in-person programs are subject to change based on health regulations and will require a signed waiver for each participant. Mask requirements will be based on the current state guidelines.

BLUFFTON STORY SESSIONS (In-person*):

Wee Read: October 2-November 6 Ages Birth-24 Months (with adult) Fridays at 10:00 am

Toddler Time: September 22-November 10 Ages 2-3 (with adult) Tuesdays at 9:45 am

Story Hour: September 22-November 10 *Ages 4-6.* Tuesdays at 10:30 am

Family Story Time: September 22-November 10 *Ages Birth-6.* Wednesdays at 10:00 am

VIRTUAL STORY SESSIONS:

Toddler Time: September 24-November 12 Ages 2-3 (with adult) Thursdays at 9:45 am

Story Hour: September 24-November 12 Ages 4-6 (with adult) Thursdays at 10:30 am

After you register you will get details of how to join us live each week for these virtual story session and info on picking up a craft kit via curbside pickup or at the library for the upcoming session.



In-person Events*

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Manga Club

Bluffton: Sep. 14, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, and Dec. 7 Meets the first Monday of the month from 6:00-7:00 pm Grades 6-12. Discuss the latest Manga books, draw, trade cards and just have fun.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Bluffton: Sep. 30, Oct. 28, and Dec. 30 Meets the last Wednesday of the month from 6:00-6:45 pm Grades 6-12. Do you wish you had a say in Teen Programming at the Library? Do you need volunteer credit? Join the Teen Advisory Board. You don't need to sign up, just show up for the meetings. We hope to see you there!

Teen Book Club

Bluffton: Oct. 8, Nov. 12, and Dec. 10 Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm Grades 6-12. We will discuss the selected book for the month, enjoy snacks, and activities.

- Oct. 8: "Fever 1793" by Laurie Halse Anderson (pick up starting Sep. 8).
- Nov. 12: "March: Book One" by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell
- Dec. 10: "Not If I Save You First" by Ally Carter





Fair Fun!

Bluffton: Monday, September 21: 6:30-7:30 pm Grades 6-12. Come join us for an evening of fun inspired by the Street Fair. We thought that since we can't enjoy the real Street Fair this year, we would have fun re-creating some of our favorite foods and games from the fair at the library. Register by Friday, September 18 for a guaranteed spot in this program.

Mug Makeover

Bluffton: Tuesday, November 10: 6:30-7:30 pm Grades 6-12. Join us for a night of food and fun. We will provide you with a blank white mug for you to personalize and take home with you and some tasty treats to enjoy while you decorate it. Register by Monday, November 9th for a guaranteed spot in this program.



Snack Pack Service Project and Teen Advisory Board

Bluffton: Wednesday, November 18: 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 to give to children who come through their office. All of the supplies for the project were made possible by a "Youth As Resources Grant." Once we finish making the packs we will be moving on to the Teen Advisory Board meeting. All teens are welcome to attend both parts of the event. No registration is required.

Programming made possible by the Wells County Foundation

To-Go Kits

Back by popular demand, we will be offering one or two different To-Go Kits for teens each month. They will contain the supplies you need for a fun craft or activity and will be available for pick up at the Teen Zone desk. All To-Go Kits will be available while supplies last during the dates listed, so get in early to make sure you get to take one home!

- August 31-September 19: "Stained" Glass
- September 21-October 3: Fair Fun
- October 5-17: Trivia 'n Treats
- October 19-31: Virtual Escape Room
- November 2-28: Mug Makeover
- November 30-Dec. 12: Cranberry/Popcorn Garland
- December 14-31: Ornament

Find all our Kit info using #WCPLToGo.

Follow us...



on Instagram for fun "Teen Tuesday"

challenges. Starting in September, those who post will be entered into a drawing at the end of the month for a prize. Also be sure to like and subscribe to the WCPL Teens YouTube channel, which will also provide another fun way to earn a small prize.



Book Reviews for teens will be available on our WCPL Teens YouTube Channel. We also have an ongoing list on our website that can be found at **wellscolibrary.org/tag/ teen-zone-book-reviews/**

Student Resources

Library Apps

Available in the iTunes store and Google Play store to access your library on the go! You'll need your library card number and PIN to access.



Libby by OverDrive - browse, borrow, and download popular eBooks, eAudiobooks, and digital magazines directly to your device.



BookMyne - search for items in our catalog, put materials on hold, renew books, check your account information, and more.

INSPIRE

A collection of academic databases and other information resources that can be accessed by Indiana residents. You can



search all the INSPIRE databases at once or pick and choose which ones to search in, such as "Explora," "Funk & Wagnalls New Encyclopedia," "Rosetta Stone," and more. Go to wellscolibrary.org and click on "Research" to access.

Find articles in our online catalog

Search most of our library databases from inside our online catalog (kind of like Google, but with reliable results). Just go to wellscolibrary.org and search for any word in our

online catalog. When the results are **displayed click the "Online Research"** tab in the upper left corner to find online articles related to that topic.



Free WiFi, Mobile Hotspots, and Computer Access

Free WiFi is available at both the Main Library in Bluffton and the Ossian Branch. You can also check out mobile hotspots with a library card for up to 7 days at a time (must be done on an adult card by those 18 & up). Computers are available for internet use, research, word processing, and educational games. Laptop rental is also available in the buildings.

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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 9 am to 2 pm

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

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Through membership dues and funds raised at our used books sales, the Friends of the Library assist in important library programs that are not supported by taxes, including 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, Summer Reading Program, Winter Reading Program, and much more. If you are interested in being a Friend of the Library, please complete the following form.

	(CIRCLE ONE)			Renewals due annually each April.
	STUDENT (through age 21)	\$2		Return this form and your payment in person or mail to:
	INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY	\$10		Wells County Public Library - Attn: Friends of the Library
	PATRON	\$25		200 W. Washington Street
	SPONSOR	\$50		Bluffton, Indiana 46714
				(Make checks payable to the "Friends of the Library")
NAME:			_ ADDRESS:	
PHONE:			_ EMAIL:	

Library Closings:

Labor Day: Saturday, Sept. 5 and Monday, Sept. 7 (closed)

In-Service, Inventory, and Building Project Closure: Main Library (Bluffton): Sept. 23 (close at noon) and Sept. 24-27 (closed) Ossian Branch: Sept. 23 (close at noon) and Sept. 24 (closed)

Thanksgiving: Wednesday, Nov. 25 (close at 5 pm) Thurs., Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27 (closed)

Christmas: December 24-26 (closed)

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