# The **BOOK** Report

# Wells County Public Library News









# Library News

# 2020 Year in Review

2020 definitely looked a bit different at the library than any other year. With the Main Library undergoing a major renovation project and the Covid-19 pandemic, we switched to offering new services, such as Curbside Pickup, craft/program To-Go Kits, and online/virtual events. We didn't let the year stop us and celebrated many successes. Enjoy some of our favorite photos throughout the year, including many of the new spaces at the Main Library.



















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WCPL—The Book Report

# Winter Reading



#### Participate in our annual Winter Reading challenge during the month of February.

All ages: Join our Winter Reading challenge and help us donate books to hospitalized children via the Kate's Kart organization. It's super easy to participate. Sign up at the library or online at wellscolibrary.org anytime during the month of February. You'll get a piece of candy or coupon for signing up and if you read at least 300 pages you will get a coupon for a free mini Blizzard provided by Dairy Queen and a chance to win a prize basket. Then if together as a group we can read the total number of pages listed in the chart on the right, we will get to donate books to Kate's Kart. The more we read, the more we will donate, so every page read helps us reach our goal!

# Community Goal to read 400,000+ pages to donate books to Kate's Kart

- 50,000 pages read = 25 books donated
- 100,000 pages read = 50 books donated
- 200,000 pages read = 75 books donated
- 300,000 pages read = 100 books donated
- 400,000+ pages read = 125 books donated

# Sponsored by the Friends of the Library and Dairy Queen.



### Winter Book Sale:

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

Hours: February 9: 5-8 pm (Friends only preview). Memberships are available at the door. February 10-13: open during library hours

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# Books & Media

# Top 10 Checkouts for 2020

#### Fiction:

- "Moral Compass" by Danielle Steel
- "Lost" by James Patterson and James O. Born
- "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens
- "The River Murders" by James Patterson and James O. Born
- "Daddy's Girls" by Danielle Steel
- "Someone Like You" by Karen Kingsbury
- "Smoke Screen" by Terri Blackstock
- "Camino Winds" by John Grisham
- "Fair Warning" by Michael Connelly
- "28 Summers" by Elin Hilderbrand

#### Non-fiction:

- "Too Much and Never Enough: How My Family Created the World's Most Dangerous Man" by Mary L. Trump, Ph.D.
- "Educated" by Tara Westover
- "Taste of Home's Holiday & Celebrations Cookbook"
- "The Answer Is . . .: Reflections on My Life" by Alex Trebek
- "Taste of Home Annual Recipes"
- "Becoming" by Michelle Obama
- "Girl, Wash Your Face" by Rachel Hollis
- "The Boy, the Mole, the Fox, and the Horse" by Charlie Mackesy
- "Talking to Strangers: What We Should Know about the People We Don't Know" by Malcolm Gladwell
- "The Splendid and the Vile: a Saga of Churchill, Family, and Defiance during the Blitz" by Erik Larson

#### Movies:

- "Jumanji: The Next Level"
- "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood"
- "Overcomer"
- "Ford v Ferrari"
- "Midway"

#### Movies (cont.):

- "Abominable"
- "Aladdin"
- "Yellowstone: Season 2"
- "Unplanned"
- "Hobbs & Shaw"

#### Kids:

- "Pete the Cat: Snow Daze" by James Dean
- "Meet Tracker!" by Geof Smith
- "Pete at the Beach" by James Dean
- "Dog Man and Cat Kid" by Dav Pilkey
- "Tractor Mac Arrives at the Farm" by Billy Steers
- "Guinness World Records"
- "Pete the Cat: I Love My White Shoes" by Eric Litwin and James Dean
- "Pete the Cat and the Bad Banana" by James Dean
- "Bob Books. Set 1: Beginning Readers" by Bobby Lynn Maslen
- "Sir Pete the Brave" by James Dean

#### Teen:

- "My Hero Academia. Vol. 1" by Izuku Midoriya
- "Garfield Cooks Up Trouble" by Jim Davis
- "The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes" by Suzanne Collins
- "Refugee" by Alan Gratz
- "Garfield the Big Cheese" by Jim Davis
- "Garfield Listens to His Gut" by Jim Davis
- "Catching Fire" by Suzanne Collins
- "The Complete Chi's Sweet Home. Part 1" by Konami Kanata
- "The Toll" by Neal Shusterman
- "Cinder" by Marissa Meyer



# **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 January.

#### January 5:

- Love and Monsters (PG-13)
- Nature: Santa's Wild Home (TV-G)

#### January 12:

- Jungleland (R)
- Narratives of Modern Genocide

#### January 19:

- Dreamland (R)
- Wander (R)

#### January 26:

- Agatha Christie: Inside the Mind of Agatha Christie and Agatha Christie's England
- Born a Champion (R)
- Fatman ®
- Nature: Primates (TV-PG)
- Synchronic (R)

### Weather Closing Info

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

# Resource SPOT

**Light** 



#### Chilton's Auto Repair Database

In case you are not aware of the Chilton's Auto Repair Database that WCPL subscribes to, it is a great free resource for patrons. To get the best use of this database, you will need to know the year, make, and model of the vehicle you are dealing with. Once those details are selected, Chilton will offer you information for that vehicle's repair, maintenance, or its bulletins and recalls.

This resource, of course, could be used in any variety of ways: when doing car repair or maintenance at home, when researching a particular model before purchasing, keeping up to date on issues known with your vehicle's model.

At WCPL, we appreciate having the online Chilton database as there are far too many makes and models of vehicles on the roads nowadays to have an updated book for each one.

The staff at the Reference Desk are always happy to help you print any particular section of information from the Chilton's Auto Repair Database at the computers upstairs.

Additionally, this database also has several ASE test prep quizzes on its website for those working toward an auto mechanic certification.



# To-Go Kits & Virtual Programs

All programs and kits are free and available for pickup at both the Main Library (Bluffton) and the Ossian Branch. Call 260-824-1612 if you have any questions.

### Hygge

*To-Go Kit available at Bluffton and Ossian starting Jan.* 11 Hygge? Is that higgy or huggy? Nope, it's pronounced *hyoo-guh* and it's the Danish concept of being cozy and comfortable for a sense of wellbeing. The Danes have some lousy winter weather, but instead of fighting it they've found ways to cope. Staying in by candlelight with a favorite book, movie, game, or puzzle while enjoying a warm drink is hygge. Hygge is good by yourself or shared with family or friends. The library is here to help you find your hygge this winter. Each Hygge kit will include a mug with a hot chocolate and tea mix, a small candle, a hygge word search puzzle, and a hand-crocheted coaster for that mug. Before you leave the library, check out a book, movie, or one of many jigsaw puzzles with a CD of background music.

### Free Tax Help

Bluffton: Mondays from Jan. 25-Apr. 21 (10 am-5 pm) Adults. The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide will once again be offering free tax preparation at the Main Library. It will be done differently than year's past. To make it safer for volunteers and participants, you will need to schedule two appointments: one to get tax documents scanned and one to pickup and sign final forms. To schedule your appointments, stop by the Reference/Information Desk on the 2nd floor of the Main Library or call 260-824-1612.

### Winter Reading

#### Bluffton and Ossian: February 1-28

*All ages.* Participate in Winter Reading. If you read 300 pages or more, then you get a coupon for a free mini Blizzard from Dairy Queen and a chance to win a prize basket. If we read more than 400,000+ pages as a group, then the library will donate 125 books to Kate's Kart. Sign up at the library or online at wellscolibrary.org.

### Valentine Kit

To-Go Kit available at Bluffton and Ossian starting Feb. 1 Grab a bag of supplies at the upstairs desk to create the perfect, simple Valentine for...absolutely anyone you want! We'll give you some free paper, hearts, stickers, and candy. Available while supplies last.

### Pi/Pie Day

To-Go Kit available at Bluffton and Ossian starting Mar. 1 Pi Day – celebrating the mathematical constant  $\pi$ , or

3.14159 on 3/14, or March 14th! But thinking about Pi Day also makes us think about pies.



Pick up one of our kits with some fun pie recipes, a drink pairing guide, and maybe a free Moon Pie.

### Cook, Talk, Taste To-Go Kits

To-Go Kits will be available for pick-up starting on March 9, April 13, and May 11

We are hoping we can start this popular group back up in summer of 2021. Until then, we will be offering To-Go Kits that you can enjoy and a video each month that will feature new cookbooks of interest and a brief chat about everyone's favorite topic of food! Each kit will contain recipes with a different theme and a fun treat that you can enjoy.

### Walking the Trails of Wells County

*To-Go Kit available at Bluffton and Ossian starting Apr. 12* As spring approaches, it's the perfect time to get outside and start moving. Thankfully, Wells County has numerous trails available for the public to explore. So whether you like to walk, trek, tramp, trudge, traipse, slog, plod, trot, run, or stroll the library is here to help. Each Walking the Trails of Wells County To-Go Kit will include a brochure of locations and maps of trails and a water bottle to keep you hydrated. The library also has books for identifying wildflowers, trees, birds, and animal tracks to help you appreciate the wonders of nature as you walk.



# Monthly Events

Check out some of our ongoing programs for adults that should be starting back up in April. New members and participants are always welcome.

### **Computer Club**

#### Bluffton: April 13 and May 11

Meets the second Tuesday of the month from 1-2 pm Bring your computer-related questions for help or just listen for assistance on a variety of topics. Bring your own computer or use ours. All skill levels welcome. *Registration required*.

#### iPad Club

Bluffton: April 13 and May 11

Meets the second Tuesday of the month from 2-3 pm Learn about apps to use in your everyday life and fun tricks on your iPad. Must bring your own iPad. *Registration required.* 

### **Theater Thursday**

Bluffton: Third Thursday of each month at 10 am

- Apr. 15 "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" (PG)
- May 20 "The Art of Racing in the Rain" (PG)

Adults. We should return to in-person movies again in April. Enjoy a movie, popcorn, refreshments, and chance to win a prize. Sponsored by Bluffton Parks & Recreation



and the Friends of the Library. Registration required.

# **Book Discussions**

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

Bluffton: Second Monday of each month at 1:30 pm

- Jan. 11 Book of Choice
- Feb. 8 Anything by Clive Cussler
- Mar. 8 "The Indigo Girl" by Natasha Boyd
- Apr. 12 Anything by David McCullough
- May 10 "Little Fires Everywhere" by Celeste Ng

#### **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.

- Jan. 14 "The Martian" by Andy Weir
- Feb. 11"H Is for Hawk" by Helen McDonaldMar. 11"Grandma Gatewood's Walk" by<br/>Ben MontgomeryApr. 8"Lila" by Marilynne Robinson
- May 13 "Ordinary Light" by Tracy Smith

#### BookChat (online)

Join us on Instagram (wellscountypubliclibrary) on the last Thursday of the month at 4 pm for a Live Virtual BookChat with Lana and Rachel that's appropriate for both teens and adults. We will also highlight various aspects of the book throughout the month leading up to the BookChat on Instagram.

- Jan. 28 "Attachments" by Rainbow Rowell
- Feb. 25 "Joy Luck Club" by Amy Tan
- Mar. 25 "Ghost" by Jason Reynolds
- Apr. 29 "Wednesday Wars" by Gary D. Schmidt and "The Tempest" by Shakespeare
- May 27 "Wrinkle in Time" by Madeleine L'Engle







# **Events for Kids and Families**

All events are free. Register for events at the library, online at www.wellscolibrary.org, or call 260-824-1612 (Bluffton);
260-622-4691 (Ossian). Registration is suggested for all events, but required only when stated in the listing.

# **Special Events & Activities**

#### To-Go Kits

Children's craft To-Go Kits will be available for pickup in the Children's Room and at the Ossian Branch starting on these dates. *Available while supplies last.* 

- Do You Want to Build a Snowman Craft (available starting Jan. 2)
- National Puzzle Day Kit (available starting Jan. 18)
- Valentine's Day Card Kit (available starting Feb. 1)

#### Children's Book Clubs

Grades 1-2 - Bluffton: Jan. 5, Feb. 2, Mar. 2, and Apr. 6 Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm

Grades 3-4 - Bluffton: Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 9, and Apr. 13 Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm

Grades 5-6 - Bluffton: Jan. 12, Feb. 9, Mar. 9, and Apr. 13 Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm

Books available for pick-up when you register. *Registration required.* 

#### **Tween Tech**

Bluffton: Jan. 7, Feb. 4, Mar. 4, and Apr. 1 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 appreciated.





### Kids' Club

Bluffton: Jan. 19, Feb. 16, Mar. 16, and Apr. 20 Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm Grades K-3. Book-related crafts, stories, games, and a chance to make new friends. *Registration appreciated*.

#### JL Crew

Bluffton: Jan. 19, Feb. 16, Mar. 16, and Apr. 20 Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm 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:

- January Disco and Digital Tech (1970s-80s)
- February 1990s-2000s
- March 2000s-2020
- April Decades Party

Registration required.

#### Winter Story Videos

Get links to view recorded videos of stories and fingerplays on our website during January and February or stop by the Children's Room desk to scan the QR code to take you there.

### A Blizzard of Books– Winter Reading

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# 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program at the library was started in 2011 as a way to help parents prepare their children for one of life's big milestones: Kindergarten. Myriad research projects have proven over and over that children get ready to read years before they begin their formal education. The most effective way to get your child ready to learn is to read to them.

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We are excited about the success of this program over the years, and in 2021, we want to celebrate all of our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten graduates. During National Library Week (April 5-10), stop by the library to see photos of all our finishers over the years and keep an eye out for details about a reception for finishers in the fall.

As part of our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten celebration throughout 2021, we are also giving this program a bit of a facelift. We want to continue to build on the success of the program by offering even more tips and guidance as you prepare your children for Kindergarten and streamlining the program slightly to hopefully make it easier for our parents and caregivers. Many of the concepts used in this program are based on the American Library Association's Every Child Ready to Read initiative. The new and improved 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program will feature tips from the 2nd edition of Every Child Ready to Read which incorporates more simple practices, based on research, for helping children develop early literacy skills from birth to age five.

The update will officially kickoff on April 5 during National Library Week and at that time the newly-prepared binders with literacy tips and ways to track your 1,000 Books will be ready. We will also be launching an app that you can use to track books if you prefer over the paper tracking system.

# **Story Sessions**

Join us each week for stories, fingerplays, and activities. Must be registered to attend all story sessions. **Registration starts Feb. 8 at the library and online at wellscolibrary.org.** After Feb. 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):**

Sessions will start the week of March 2nd

**Wee Read:** Ages Birth-24 Months (with adult) Fridays at 10:00 am

**Toddler Time:** Ages 2-3 (with adult) Tuesdays at 9:45 am or Thursdays at 9:45 am

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

Family Story Time: Ages Birth-6. Wednesdays at 10:00 am

### VIRTUAL STORY SESSIONS:

#### Virtual Story Time: Ages Birth-6.

Contact Miss Cindy in the Children's Room for further details if you are interested in either a live or recorded virtual story time (cburchell@wellscolibrary.org).



# Special Events\*

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

\*Most will be in-person unless listed. These are subject to change based on health regulations. All in-person programs will require a signed waiver for each participant.

#### Manga Club

Bluffton: Jan. 4, Feb. 1, Mar. 1, Apr. 5, and May 3 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 Book Club**

Bluffton: Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 11, and Apr. 8 Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm Grades 7-12. Join us for a fun evening discussing the bookof-the-month, enjoying a snack, and participating in related activities.

- Jan. 14: "The House of the Scorpion" by Nancy Farmer
- Feb. 11: "5th Wave" by Rick Yancy
- Mar. 11: "Stargirl" by Jerry Spinelli
- Apr. 8: "Cinder" by Marissa Meyer



### Teen Advisory Board (TAB)

Bluffton: Jan. 27, Feb. 24, Mar. 31, Apr. 28, and May 26 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!

#### Macramé Keychains

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

*Grades 6-12.* All trends have a way of coming around again and macramé is no different. Pick up a To-Go at the library with supplies and then follow along with our video tutorial to learn beginning knots of this old, but revitalized art.



### Winter Reading Challenge

Earn a Blizzard coupon and help us reach our community reading goal. Sign up at wellscolibrary.org or at the library during the month of February.

#### **Chocolates and Cards**

Bluffton: Thursday, February 4: 6:30-7:30 pm Grades 6-12. Valentine's day is coming! We will be making chocolates and cards for you to take home with you at the end of the program. Registration required by February 3 for a guaranteed spot.

### St. Patrick's Day Program

Bluffton: Wednesday, March 17: 6:30-7:30 pm Grades 6-12. Join us for an evening of food and fun activities that will focus on St. Patrick's Day. Registration required by March 15 for a guaranteed spot.

### And The Award Goes To...

Bluffton: Friday, April 23: 6:00-7:00 pm

*Grades 6-12.* Decide which of our nominees will win WCPL's version of the Academy Awards. Nominations will be announced March 15 on social media and at the library. Vote online at wellscolibrary.org or stop by the library to cast your votes for your favorites in each category. Voting will end on April 17. Then join us on April 23 for a glamourous night of fun to see if the movie or actor you voted for wins! Be red carpet ready and come dressed to impress. *Registration required by April 22 for a guaranteed spot.* 

### Among Us

Bluffton: Monday, May 10: 6:30-7:30 pm

*Grades 6-12.* Can you find the imposter? Maybe you are the imposter! Join us as we play this popular game together as a group. Complete tasks as you attempt to prep your spaceship for departure and try to vote off the imposter before he or she creates too much chaos. If you have your own device with the app loaded, feel free to bring it. Otherwise you can use one of ours. *Registration required by May 7 for a guaranteed spot.* 

### Summer Reading Program

Earn prizes just for reading books. Starts at the end of May and will run through July. Get details at the library closer to the program!

# To-Go Kits

Back by popular demand, we will be offering 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 month listed, so get in early to make sure you get to take one home!

- January: Nailed It! Challenge
- February: Black History
- March: March Madness
- April: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
- May: Scavenger Hunt

Find all our Kit info using #WCPLToGo.



### Follow us...

on Instagram (wellscountypubliclibrary) for fun "Teen Tuesday" posts. Also be sure to like and subscribe to the WCPL Teens YouTube channel (WCPLTeens).

# **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.



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/

#### 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

Due to Covid-19 some hours and services may be reduced throughout the year. Check at wellscolibrary.org/coronavirus/ for updated information.



#### **Library Closings:**

New Years: Friday, January 1

President's Day: Monday, February 15

**Easter:** Friday, April 2 & Saturday, April 3

Memorial Day: Saturday, May 29 & Monday, May 31

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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: _	
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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