Library Closings:

Independence Day:
Monday, July 5

Labor Day:
Saturday, September 4 and Monday, September 6

Street Fair/In-service:
Main Library: Monday, Sep. 20 (Close at 5 pm)
Sep. 21-25 (closed)
Ossian Branch: Sep. 22-23 (closed)

Sign up today to be a Friend of the Wells County Public Library

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.

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Renewals due annually each April.

Return this form and your payment in person or mail to:
Wells County Public Library - Attn: Friends of the Library
200 W. Washington Street
Bluffton, Indiana 46714
(Make checks payable to the “Friends of the Library”)

NAME: ____________________________________  ADDRESS: ______________________________________________________
PHONE: ___________________________________ EMAIL: __________________________________________________________

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
New Items @ the Library

**Yard Games**
Have a family reunion coming up soon? Need a little something extra for that birthday party this weekend? WCPL now has yard games available for you to borrow!

Games available for checkout include:
- Giant Connect 4
- KanJam
- Scatter Number Block Tossing Game
- Spikeball
- Throw Throw Burrito Extreme
- Outdoor Edition
- Tumbling Timbers
- Yard Dice

Coming soon:
- Bocce Ball
- Croquet Set
- CrossNet
- Disc Golf
- Flickin’ Chicken
- Giant Checkers
- Giant Chair Games
- GigaTigalongs
- Kubb
- Ladder Toss
- Lawn Darts (Glow in the Dark)

One game may be checked out at a time for one week. Games can be renewed once if no holds have been placed on the item. The late fee is $1 per day late.

Tag us in your social media posts using #wclyardgames.

**Try It Kits**
Do you love crafts or just interested in trying a new hobby? If so, you will love the new Try It Kit collection at the library.

Try It Kits can be checked out for three weeks at a time. A small sampling of supplies come in the kits for you to use to test out and try the crafts or activities.

Try It Kits available for checkout include:
- Button Maker Try It Kit (1 inch)
- Embroidery Try It Kit
- Leather Crafting Try It Kit
- Light Pad Try It Kit
- Nature Try It Kit
- Unsolved Case Files Try It Kit

**Entrance Passes**
The library loans an entrance pass to Science Central and the Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory in Fort Wayne that is available for checkout with a library card. Each pass is available for a seven-day borrowing period and can be placed on hold if someone else has the pass checked out. The Science Central entrance pass allows free, unlimited admission for two adults at the same address and any six kids. Photo I.D. is required when entering. The Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory entrance pass allows free entrance for one adult.

**Graphic Novels**
Find the new Graphic Novel collection for adults upstairs on the 2nd Floor of the Main Library in the Non-fiction section in “ART COMICS.” Or place a hold on the book if it’s checked out.

**Summer Book Sale**
Used books, movies, audiobooks, DVDs, & more.

**Hours:**
- June 22: 1-5 pm (Friends only preview). Memberships are available at the door.
- June 23-26: 10 am - 8 pm (General public)

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**Monthly Events**

**Computer Club**
Bluffton: June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, and Sep. 14
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 appreciated.

**iPad Club**
Bluffton: June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, and Sep. 14
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 or tablet. Registration appreciated.

**Cook, Talk, Taste**
Bluffton: June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, and Sep. 14
Meets the second Tuesday of the month from 6-7 pm
Enjoy the tastiest club at the library. Each month will be a different hostess or theme. In addition to the delicious food you will get to enjoy, also get the latest scoop on the new cookbooks and food-related books at the library. Registration appreciated.

**Book Discussions**

**Brown Bag Book Club**
Bluffton: Second Monday of each month at 1:30 pm
Jun. 14 Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania
Jul. 12 Anything related to animals
Aug. 9 A book with “beach,” “summer,” or “vacation” in the title
Sep. 13 Readers choice

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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.
Jun. 10 “Hillbilly Elegy” by J.D. Vance
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**BookChat (online)**
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Jun. 24 “Daisy Jones & the Six” by Taylor Jenkins Reid
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- June 23-26: open during library hours

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**Theater Thursday**
Bluffton: Third Thursday of each month at 10 am
Jun. 17 “Playing with Fire” (PG)
Jul. 15 “Overcomer” (PG)
Aug. 19 “I Still Believe” (PG)
Sep. 16 “The War with Grandpa” (PG)
Adults. Enjoy a movie, popcorn, and refreshments. Sponsored by Bluffton Parks & Recreation and the Friends of the Library. Registration appreciated.

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Summer Reading 2021

June 1-July 31

Prizes awarded throughout June and July for completing reading challenges. Registration for Summer Reading begins June 1 at the library.

Also enjoy special events for kids, teens, and adults.

Get more information at wellscolibrary.org/summer
Special Events for Kids and Families

All events are free. Grade levels are for students who have recently completed those grades.

Silly Safaris Kickoff
Bluffton: Tuesday, June 8: 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm
All ages. Join us at either session for a Silly Safaris LIVE Animal show that will provide both facts and fun for the entire family. There will be a variety of reptiles, mammals, birds, and bugs for an experience that everyone will remember. Special guests from the audience will join each animal for a game that teaches about the natural world. The special theme for the show will be “Animals in Fairy Tales.” No registration needed.

Movie Night Under the Stars
Bluffton: Thursday evenings from 6-8 pm
All ages. Join us for a family-friendly movie and popcorn under the stars in the Story Hour Room. Movies begin promptly at 6 pm. No registration needed.
- June 10: “The Tale of Despereaux”
- June 17: “Homeward Bound”
- June 24: “Finding Nemo”
- July 1: “Onward”
- July 15: “Hugo”
- July 22: “Babe”

To-Go Kits
Bluffton and Ossian: pick up starting on the dates listed below
Families. Craft To-Go Kits will be available while supplies last.
- June 14
- June 28
- July 12

Kites Take Flight
Ossian: Monday, June 14: 1:30-2:30 pm
Bluffton: Tuesday, June 15: 6:30-7:30 pm
Grades K-6. Celebrate “Fly a Kite Day” with us as we look at the history of kites and build your own to take home. Registration required (starts May 17).

LEGO Club
Ossian: Tuesday, June 15: 6:30-7:15 pm
Bluffton: Tuesday, July 13: 6:30-7:15 pm
Grades K-6. Create LEGO masterpieces, using blocks provided by the library. Registration required (starts May 17).

Healthy Tails
Ossian: Monday, June 21: 1:30-2:30 pm
Bluffton: Tuesday, June 22: 1:30-2:30 pm
Grades K-6. One tail, two tails, three tails, or…Join with us as we create some healthy treats for our favorite tail wagging pets. Registration required (starts May 17).

S’mores and Tales
Ossian: Monday, June 28: 1:30-2:30 pm
Bluffton: Tuesday, June 29: 6:30-7:30 pm
Grades K-6. Summer and S’mores go together. Let’s add in some great cultural tales around the “campfire” this year! Registration required (starts May 17).

Block Day
Ossian: Wednesday, July 7: 10 am-7 pm
Bluffton: Wednesday, July 7: 10 am-7 pm
All ages. Parents can interact with kids at several block stations. No registration needed.

Summer Reading Program Parties
Wednesday, July 28: 6:30-8:30 pm* or Tuesday, August 3: 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.

* NEW/CORRECTED DATE

SAVE THE DATE
Children’s Book Festival
Bluffton: Saturday, Oct. 9: 9:30 am-3:00 pm
Large event featuring musician Jacob Grant, food trucks, games, costumed characters, and more! Schedule available at later date.

Register at the library, online at www.wellscolibrary.org, or by calling 260-824-1612 (Bluffton) or 260-622-4691 (Ossian).

Kids’ Story Sessions

Weekly stories, crafts, and activities related to the summer theme. Must be registered to attend all story sessions. Sessions start the week of June 7. Registration begins May 17 at 9 am.

BLUFFTON STORY SESSIONS:

Wee Read:
June 11-July 23
Ages Birth-24 Months (with adult)
Fridays at 10 am

Toddler Time: June 9-July 22
Ages 2-3 (with adult). Wednesdays at 9:45 am or Thursdays at 9:45 am

Story Hour: June 9-July 22
Ages 4-6. Wednesdays at 10:30 am or Thursdays at 10:30 am

Family Story Time: June 8-July 20
Ages Birth-6 (with adult)
Tuesdays at 10 am

OSSIAN STORY SESSIONS:

Wee Read: June 10-July 22
Ages Birth-30 months (with adult)
Thursdays at 10:30 am

Storytime: June 8-July 20
Ages 2 ½ -5 (with adult)
Tuesdays at 10:30 am

No story sessions will meet the week of July 5-9.
Teen Events

Campfire Tales
Bluffton: Monday, June 28: 6:30-7:30 pm
Grades 6-12. Make a s’more and settle in to tell your best story around the ‘fire’ under the Story Hour Room stars. Registration appreciated by June 26.

Princess Bride Interactive Movie Experience
Bluffton: Friday, July 9: 6-8 pm
Grades 6-12. Watch “The Princess Bride” (rated PG) in the Teen Zone and yell at the screen, act along with the characters, and be a part of this classic movie. Registration required by July 8.

Nerf Knight @ the “Y”
Thursday, July 15: 6:30-7:30 pm
Grades 6-12. This free program will take place at the Taylor-Nickel Foundation Family YMCA in Bluffton. Join us for an evening of fun as we divide up into teams for a Nerf War. We will provide standard Nerf darts and goggles. Please feel free to bring your own Nerf gun or use one of ours. We will meet at the “Y” starting at 6:15 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 12.

Back to School To-Go Kit
Bluffton and Ossian: pick up starting August 2 (while supplies last)
Kit is available for those in Grades 6-12.

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August 2 Pool Party (need ticket to enter) 10 am-noon
August 3
August 4
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August 6

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Location Abbreviations:
- BL = Bluffton (Main Library)
- OSS = Ossian Branch

KIDS’ PROGRAM SPONSORS:
- American Legion Auxiliary
- Bluffton Lions
- Bluffton Psi Iota Xi
- Bluffton Rotary
- Bluffton Youth Baseball
- Elks
- Fort Wayne TinCaps
- Friends of the Library
- Optimists
- Ossian Lions
- Ossian Psi Iota Xi
- Sigma Phi Gamma
- Sons of the American Legion
- Taco Bell
- Tri Kappa Sorority
- Virginia Gene Neuenschwander Youth Fund
- Wells County Foundation