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Bluffton, Indiana 46714  
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Friday  
9 am to 6 pm  
Saturday  
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Friday  
9 am to 5 pm  
Saturday  
9 am to Noon

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**Independence Day:**  
Monday, July 5

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

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(Close at 5 pm)  
Sep. 21-25 (closed)  
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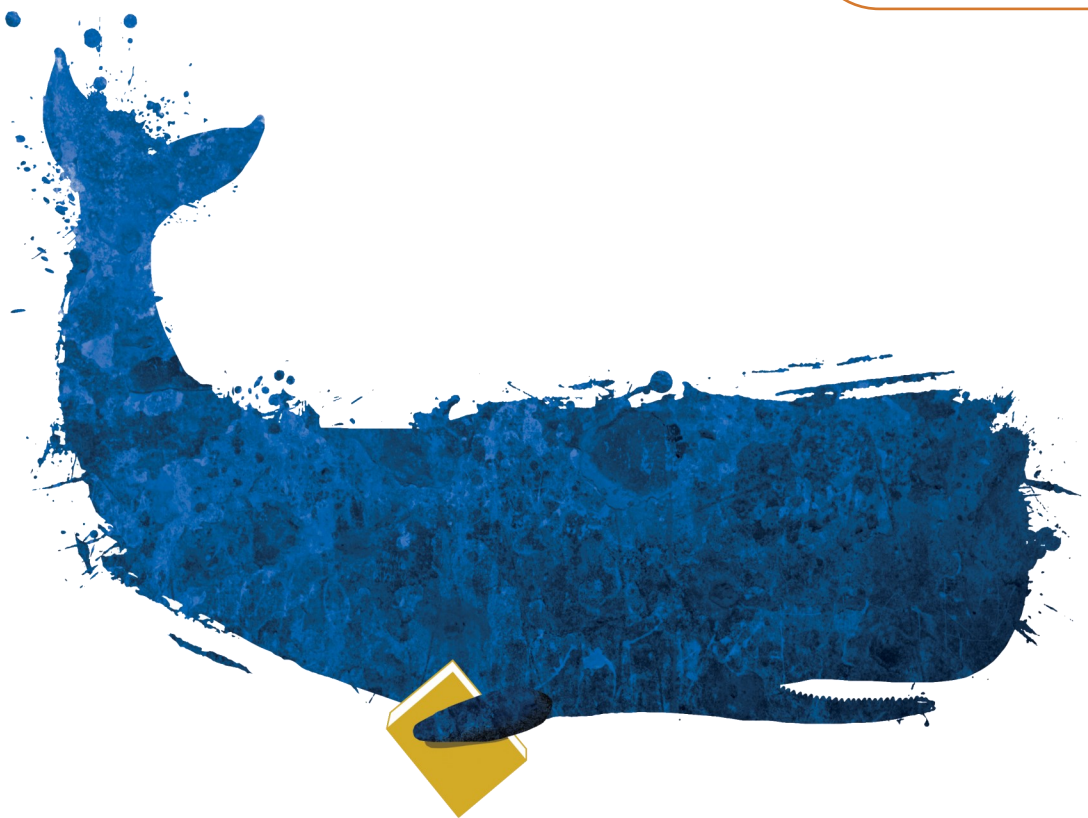
# The B O O K Report

## Wells County Public Library News

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# Tails & TALES



## 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
- Gigantagrams
- 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 #wcplyardgames.

### 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. Each comes with tools or supplies to try out a new hobby or make something fun.

Try It Kits available for checkout include:

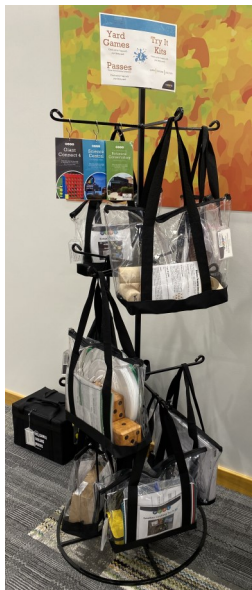
- Button Maker Try It Kit (1 inch)
- Embroidery Try It Kit
- Leather Crafting Try It Kit

- Light Pad Try It Kit
- Nature Try It Kit
- Unsolved Case Files Try It Kit

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.

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

June 23-26:  
open during library hours

Sponsored by The Friends of the Library.



## 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.*



### 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.*

## Book Discussions

### Brown Bag Book Club

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

### 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.

Jun. 10 "Hillbilly Elegy" by J.D. Vance  
Jul. 8 "The Body in the Transept" by Jeane Dams  
Aug. 12 "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio  
Sep. 9 "In the Garden of Beasts" by Erik Larson

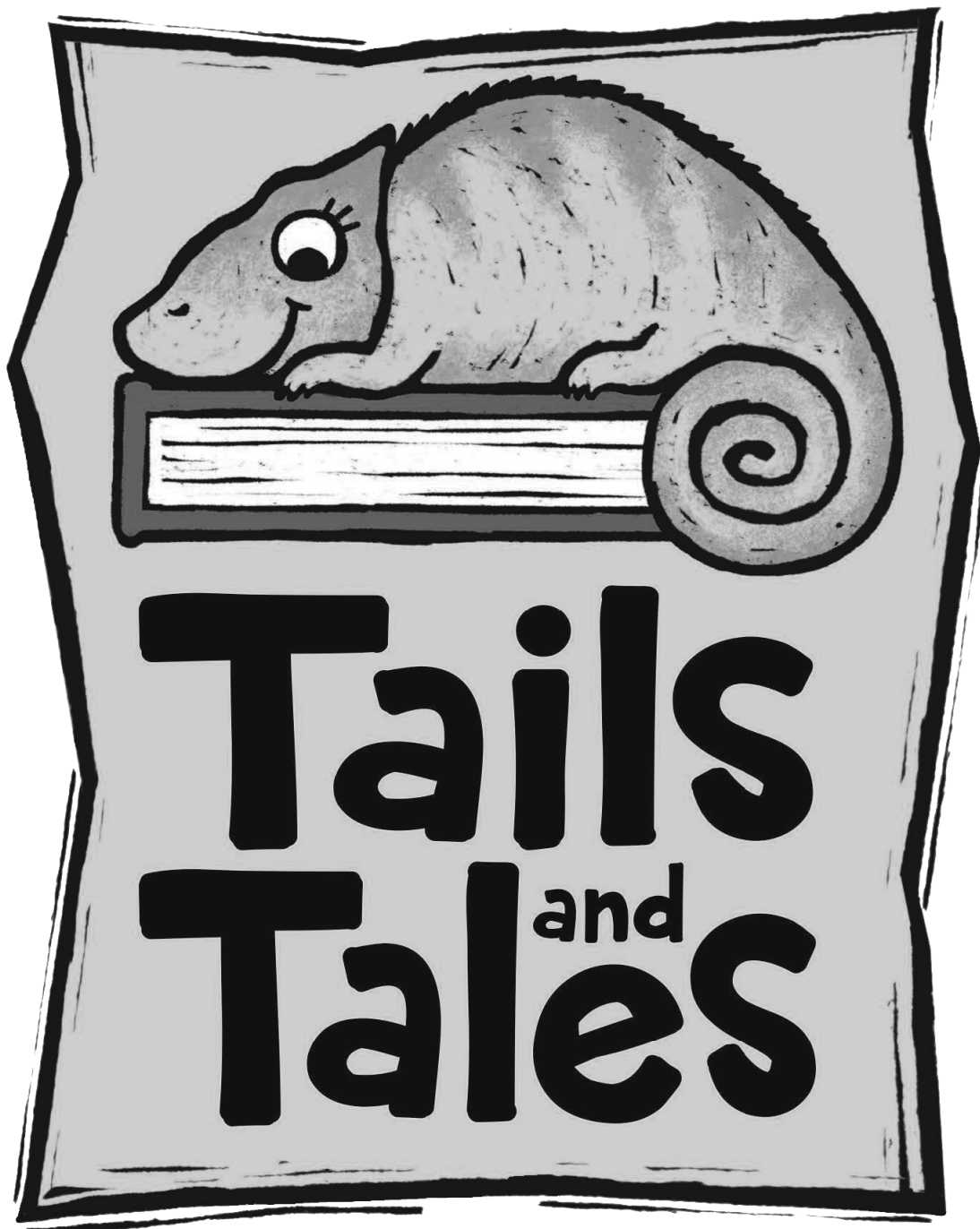
### BookChat (online)

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.

Jun. 24 "Daisy Jones & the Six" by Taylor Jenkins Reid  
Jul. 29 "Ready Player One" by Ernest Cline  
Aug. 26 "To All the Boys I've Loved Before" by Jenny Han  
Sep. 30 "Mike" by Andrew Norriess







Wells County Public Library  
**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](https://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*

*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.*

## Stuffed Animals, Snacks, and Stories

*Ossian: Monday, July 12: 1:30-2:30 pm*

*Bluffton: Tuesday, July 13: 6:30-7:30 pm*

*Grades K-6.* You and your favorite stuff animal are welcome to share in some fun stories, a snack, and a delightful craft in this program. *Registration required (starts May 17).*

## Outrageous Owls

*Ossian: Monday, July 19: 1:30-2:30 pm*

*Bluffton: Tuesday, July 20: 1:30-2:30 pm*

*Grades K-6.* Whoooo's ready to enjoy stories, crafts, and some information about these amazing birds? Fly on in to join the fun. *Registration required (starts May 17).*

## 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 Jim Gill, author & illustrator Jacob Grant, food trucks, games, costumed characters, and more!  
Schedule available at later date.



# 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

Grade levels are for students who have recently completed those grades. Teen events made possible by the Wells County Foundation.

## Just Like a Fairy Tale

*Bluffton: Monday-Friday, June 7-June 11 (all day, during library hours)*

*Grades 6-12.* Stop by the Teen Zone any time this week for some fairy tale-themed activities and crafts. Build a bridge for the troll to protect, make yarn rope for Rapunzel to escape, enjoy a Humpty Dumpty Egg Drop, and more!

## A Knight's Tale

*Bluffton: Tuesday, June 15: 6:30-7:30 pm*  
*Grades 6-12.* Join us for a medieval-style tournament! Feel free to come in costume and enjoy some food. Then show off your skills as you compete to be the best knight in all the land.  
*Registration required by June 11.*

## Wild Animal Show

*Bluffton: Thurs., June 24: 6:30-7:30 pm*  
*Grades 6-12.* Come and see some fantastic animals up close and personal! Learn about these creatures from the presenters of Indiana Wild. *No registration needed.*



## 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 Caylor-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.*

## Teen Summer Reading Party

*Bluffton: Friday, July 30: 6:00-7:30 pm*  
*Grades 6-12.* For all the teens who have completed the Summer Reading Program (reading 500 pages or more), come enjoy a party just for you! We will have a night of Nintendo Switch games in the Teen Zone space, games, pizza, snacks, and hide-and-seek in the library. You must have a permission slip from the library signed by a parent or guardian. *We want to make sure that we will have enough supplies, so registration is appreciated by Thursday, July 29.*

## 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.*

*Check the library calendar for dates of regular teen events: Manga Club and Teen Advisory Board.*



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# Adult Events and To-Go Kits

Events are free (unless noted). Register today!

## Dungeons and Dragons

*Bluffton: June 9 & July 14: 5:15-7:45 pm*  
*Ages 17 and up.* Don't know how to play? We can teach you! Just bring yourself and your imagination. We will be playing the 5th edition. Snacks and all supplies provided. *Registration appreciated.*

## WWII Prisoners of War

*Bluffton: Wed., June 16: 6:30-7:30 pm*  
*Adults.* Join local author Kayleen Reusser as she discusses some of the stories from her book "Captured! Stories of American WWII Prisoners of War."  
*Registration required (attend either in person or virtually).*

## Summer Book Sale

*Bluffton: June 22-26*  
Friends only preview (Tuesday, June 22: 5-8 pm). Memberships available there.  
June 23-26: open during library hours

## Historical Tales Walking Tour

*Saturday, June 26: 10 am, 1 pm & 3 pm*  
*Adults.* Enjoy a guided walking tour and view the outside of several homes in the downtown area, while learning historical facts about the homes and city. Tours led by the Wells County Historical Society.  
*Registration required by June 25.*

## Adult Summer Reading Party

*Bluffton: Wednesday, Aug. 4: 5:30-7 pm*  
Complete your reading log and you can attend the Adult Summer Reading Party.

## 19th Amendment Program

*Bluffton: Thursday, August 19: 7-8 pm*  
2020 marked the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote. This suffragette program presented by members of the Wells County Historical Society will honor three key women whose years of tireless labor changed the course of history.  
*Registration appreciated.*

## TO-GO KITS

### Origami Animal To-Go Kit

*Bluffton and Ossian: pick up starting June 1 (while supplies last)*  
Grab this kit by the tail and fold up some fun. Kit will include paper and instructions to create some simple origami animals, links to live animal webcams, suggested reading materials, adult coloring pages, and an animal-themed treat.

### Tell Your Tale To-Go Kit

*Bluffton and Ossian: pick up starting July 1 (while supplies last)*  
Journaling has numerous benefits including, but not limited to, reducing stress, improving immune function, keeping your memory sharp, and boosting your mood. Kit will include a notebook and WCPL pen, colorful paper, samples of different journaling styles, links to journaling videos on Creativebug (free with your library card), and a sweet treat with lemonade packet to get your creative juices flowing.

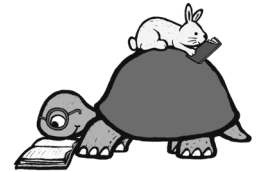
Register at the library, online at [www.wellscolibrary.org](http://www.wellscolibrary.org), or by calling 260-824-1612 (Bluffton) or 260-622-4691 (Ossian).

# Kids and Families Calendar • June 2021

Registration for summer story sessions and June and July special events starts May 17.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<div>Monday, May 17</div> Registration for summer story sessions and special events begins	1 <b>2021 Summer Reading sign up begins</b>	2	3	4
7	8 Family Story Time: BL 10:00 Storytime: OSS 10:30 <b>Silly Safari Kickoff</b> BL 4:30 pm or 6:30 pm	9 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30	10 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30 Wee Read: OSS 10:30 Movie Night: BL 6:00	11 Wee Read: BL 10:00
14 <b>First day to pick up 1st prize!</b> To-Go Kit available <b>Kites Take Flight</b> OSS 1:30-2:30 pm	15 Family Story Time: BL 10:00 Storytime: OSS 10:30 LEGO Club: OSS 6:30 <b>Kites Take Flight</b> BL 6:30-7:30 pm	16 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30	17 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30 Wee Read: OSS 10:30 Movie Night: BL 6:00	18 Wee Read: BL 10:00
21 <b>Healthy Tails</b> OSS 1:30-2:30 pm	22 Family Story Time: BL 10:00 Storytime: OSS 10:30 <b>Healthy Tails</b> BL 1:30-2:30 pm	23 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30	24 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30 Wee Read: OSS 10:30 Movie Night: BL 6:00	25 Wee Read: BL 10:00
28 <b>First day to pick up 2nd prize!</b> To-Go Kit available <b>S'mores and Tales</b> OSS 1:30-2:30 pm	29 Family Story Time: BL 10:00 Storytime: OSS 10:30 <b>S'mores and Tales</b> BL 6:30-7:30 pm	30 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30		

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

# Tails and Tales • July 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30 Wee Read: OSS 10:30 Movie Night: BL 6:00	2 Wee Read: BL 10:00
5 <b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b> for Independence Day	6	7 <b>Block Day</b> OSS 10:00 am-7:00 pm BL 10:00 am-7:00 pm	8	9
12 <b>First day to pick up 3rd prize!</b> To-Go Kit available <b>Stuffed Animals, Snacks, and Stories</b> OSS 1:30-2:30 pm	13 Family Story Time: BL 10:00 Storytime: OSS 10:30 LEGO Club: OSS 6:30 <b>Stuffed Animals, Snacks, &amp; Stories</b> BL 6:30-7:30 pm	14 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30	15 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30 Wee Read: OSS 10:30 Movie Night: BL 6:00	16 Wee Read: BL 10:00
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26	27	28 <b>Pool Party</b> (need ticket to enter) 6:30-8:30 pm	29	30  31 <b>Last day to log books</b>
August 2	August 3 <b>Pool Party</b> (need ticket to enter) 10 am-noon	August 4	August 5	August 6 <b>Last day to pick up prizes</b>



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