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Events for Teens

Monthly Programs

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

Teen Gaming Club
Bluffton: Meets the first Monday of the month from 6-7 pm Grades 6-12. Each month will feature a different game with themed activities or challenges. Bring your own device or play the library’s console on the big projector screen.

Jan. 3 Minecraft
Feb. 7 Overcooked! 2
Mar. 7 Mario Kart
Apr. 4 Among Us
May 2 Spyro

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Bluffton: Jan. 26, Feb. 23, Mar. 30, Apr. 27, and May 25 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: Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm Grades 7-12. Join us for a fun evening discussing the book-of-the-month, enjoying a snack, and participating in related activities. Pick up the books you sign up.

Jan. 13 “Raybearer” by Jordan Ifueko
Feb. 10 “Greenlight House” by Kate Milford
Mar. 10 “Ghost” by Jason Reynolds
Apr. 14 “Between Shades of Gray: The Graphic Novel” by Ruta Sepetys
May 12 Pizza Party

Special Events

Cool Runnings Interactive Movie Experience
Bluffton: Thursday, January 27: 6-8 pm Grades 6-12. Get in the spirit for the upcoming Olympics and join us in the Teen Zone for an interactive showing of Cool Runnings! Rated PG. Registration required.

Winter Reading: Go for the Gold!
During the month of February, sign up at the library, online at wellscolibrary.org, or via the READsquared app to participate in our Winter Reading challenge. Read just 300 pages for the month and get a coupon for a free Blizzard from Dairy Queen and be eligible to win one of several gift baskets. All pages read will count towards our community goal. The more pages read, the more books we donate to Kate’s Kart, which gives books to hospitalized children at Bluffton Regional Medical Center. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library and Dairy Queen.

UnValentine’s Day
Bluffton: Monday, February 14: 6:30-7:30 pm Ages 15-19. Tired of love songs and sappy romance? Hate the color pink? Think hearts are overrated? Then welcome to the UnValentine’s Day party! Come and share in your dislike of this uber-sappy holiday with fellow likeminded individuals as we eat, drink, and do everything that is UnValentines. Registration required.

To-Go Kits
These popular kits for teens will contain supplies for a fun craft or activity. 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! Pick up at the Teen Zone Desk or the Ossian Branch.

- January: Hot Cocoa Bombs
- February: Black History Month Quilt Blocks
- March: Ides of March Mystery
- April: Seed Bombs
- May: DIY Kite

Find all our kit info using #WCPLToGo.

And the Award Goes to...
Bluffton: Friday, March 25: 6-7 pm Grades 6-12. Try your hand as a movie critic! Check out the Academy Award nominations, then go online at wellscolibrary.org or stop by the library to cast your votes for your favorites in each category. Voting begins on Feb. 22 and will end on March 18. Then join us on March 25 for a glamorous 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.

Escape Room
Bluffton: Thursday, April 28: 6:30-7:30 pm Grades 6-12. Something’s not right in the library...what’s that chalk outline on the floor and why are you suddenly trapped in the meeting room? Using clues, will you break free in time? Registration required.

Child’s Play
Bluffton: Tuesday, May 17: 6:30 pm Grades 6-12. UnValentine’s Day, get in the spirit for the upcoming Olympics, and get a coupon for a free Blizzard from Dairy Queen and be eligible to win one of several gift baskets. All pages read will count towards our community goal. The more pages read, the more books we donate to Kate’s Kart, which gives books to hospitalized children at Bluffton Regional Medical Center. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library and Dairy Queen.

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On Instagram (wellscountypubliclibrary) for fun Tuesday posts. Also be sure to like and subscribe to the WCPL Teens YouTube channel (WCPLTeens). We post book reviews and other fun videos.

BookChat (online)
Join us on Instagram (wellscountypubliclibrary) on the last Thursday of the month at 4 pm for a Live Virtual BookChat with Rachel and Stephanie 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. 27 “Three Weeks With My Brother” by Nicholas Sparks and Micah Sparks
- Feb. 24 “Their Eyes Were Watching God” by Zora Neale Hurston
- Mar. 31 “When Dimple Met Rishi” by Sandhya Menon
- Apr. 28 “Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow” by Jessica Townsend
- May 26 “The Underground Railroad” by Coleson Whitehead

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