

All Together Now



Wells County Public Library
Summer Reading 2023
May 30-July 31

Prizes awarded throughout June and July for completing reading challenges.
Registration for Summer Reading begins May 30 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 6:

4:30 pm and 6:30 pm

All ages. Join us at either session for a Silly Safaris LIVE Animal show with Ryan the Lion 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. *No registration needed.*



Friendship Fun

Bluffton: Tuesday, June 13: 4-5 pm

Grades K-3 & 4-6. Bring a friend or meet new ones at the library. Participate in crafts, activities, and stories about friendship. *Registration required.*

Chalk the Block with Kindness

Bluffton: Monday, June 12: 10 am-noon
(Rain Date: Mon., June 19: 10 am-noon)

Ossian: June 21; July 7 and 19:

10 am-noon

All ages. Drop-in at the library to draw and create messages of kindness with sidewalk chalk.

Kids' Club @ Ossian

Ossian: Mondays from June 12-July 17
(except for July 3): 1 or 3 pm

Grades K-4. "All Together Now" activities, crafts, and stories. *Registration required.*



Our Community Rocks

Wednesday, June 21: 11 am & 3 pm

All ages of kids. Meet us at the Rock Creek Stone Quarry (781 N. 500 W.) for family tours. *Registration required.*

Community Connection K-9 Unit

Bluffton: Wed., June 28: 6:30-7:30 pm

Grades K-6. Join us as we learn about Sgt. Deputy Andrew Campbell and his K-9 partner Leo and their work at the Wells County Sheriff's Department. *Registration required.*

Stuffed Animal Party

Ossian: Wed., June 28: 6-7 pm

Bluffton: Wednesday, July 19: 6-7 pm

Grades K-6. Bring your stuffed animals to the library and then enjoy stories and pizza. *Registration required.*



Everyone Engineer

Bluffton: Thursday, July 6:

10 am-7 pm

All ages of kids. Engineer, build, and craft your way to fun. *Drop-in event.*

Community Clean-Up at Pickett's Run

Tuesday, July 11: 4-5 pm

Grades K-6. Join us at Pickett's Run Park to help us keep our community clean. Afterwards, walk the trail and enjoy the StoryWalk.® *Registration recommended.*

Storytime at the 4-H Park

Monday, July 17: 4-5 pm

All ages of kids. Drop in for stories and a craft anytime during the hour at the Wells County 4-H Fair. Meet near the playground beside the log cabin. *No registration needed. Drop-in event.*

Bingo @ Ossian

Ossian: Sat., July 22: 10:30-11:30 am

School-age and up. Come play Bingo with us! *Registration required.*



LEGO Day @ Ossian

Ossian: Monday,
July 24: 10 am-7 pm

All ages. Create with LEGOs and enjoy LEGO movies. *Drop-in event.*

Summer Reading Pool Parties

Thursday, July 27: 6:30-8:30 pm or

Tuesday, August 1: 10:00 am-noon

Birth-Grade 6. Complete your summer reading and get a ticket to attend a party at the Wells Community Pool.

Children's Book Festival

Bluffton: Saturday, Oct. 7:

9 am-4 pm

Large event featuring musician Jim Gill, author Deborah Hopkinson, author & illustrator David Slonim, food trucks, games, costumed characters, and more! *Schedule available at later date.*



Story Sessions for Kids

Weekly stories, crafts, and activities related to the summer theme. Must be registered to attend all story sessions. Sessions start the week of June 12. Registration begins May 22 at 9 am.

BLUFFTON STORY SESSIONS:

Wee Read:

June 13-July 18

*Ages Birth-24 Months
(with adult)*

Tuesdays at 9:30 am



Toddler Time: June 13-July 20

Ages 2-3 (with adult). Tuesdays at 10:30 am, Wednesdays at 9:45 am, or Thursdays at 9:45 am

Story Hour: June 14-July 20

Ages 4-6. Wednesdays at 10:30 am or Thursdays at 10:30 am

Bluffton and Ossian will not have story sessions the week of July 3-7.

OSSIAN STORY SESSIONS:

Wee Read: June 15-July 20

Ages Birth-30 months (with adult)

Thursdays at 10:30 am

Storytime: June 13-July 18

Ages 2 ½-5 (with adult)

Tuesdays at 10:30 am

*StoryWalks® available at
Pickett's Run Park (Bluffton)
& Archbold Wilson Park (Ossian)*



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

Events for Teens

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

BFF4L! <3

Bluffton: June 5-10, all day
Grades 6-12. When you stop by the Teen Zone to register for SRP, be sure to stay long enough to make a BFF bracelet for you and your bestie! *Drop-in event. No registration required.*

Teen Field Day

Bluffton: Tuesday, June 13: 6:30-7:30 pm
Grades 6-12. Work "all together now" in a series of co-op or team challenges like Tug of War and a Blindfolded Scavenger Hunt. *Registration required.*



WCPL Teens Rock (paint)!

Bluffton: Thursday, June 22: 3-4 pm
Grades 6-12. Share your creativity with the community by painting a rock or

two. Give it a fun design, an inspirational quote, or even turn it into a fun character! These rocks will then be hidden around Wells County for others to find and share. *Registration recommended.*

River Clean-Up

Monday, June 26: 5:30-7:00 pm
Teens (ages 12+) and Adults. Keep our community clean and learn about our local waterways! Meet at the Wabash Pavilion behind Hardee's for a short presentation and then stay to help pick up litter along the trail and banks of the River Greenway. This program is held in cooperation with the Parks Department and the Upper Wabash River Basin Commission. *Registration recommended.*

D&D Intro for Teens

Bluffton: Thursday, July 6: 2-5 pm
Grades 6-12. It'll take a party of hardy adventurers to survive a delve into Gnomengarde! This session is meant for Dungeons & Dragons beginners and pre-made characters and dice will be provided. *Registration required.*

Grow Together

Bluffton: Monday, July 10: 6:30-7:30 pm
Grades 6-12. Have a green thumb but looking for creative tips? Or do you have a black thumb, but are looking to change that? Then join us for this gardening event! *Registration required.*



Nerf Night @ the Y

Monday, July 24: 6:30-7:30 pm
Grades 6-12. Meet at the Caylor-Nickel Foundation Family YMCA in Bluffton and divide into teams for a Nerf War. We will provide standard Nerf darts and goggles.



Feel free to bring your own standard Nerf gun or use one of ours. 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 22). Teens need to be picked up no later than 7:45.*

Teen Summer Reading Party

Bluffton: Friday, August 4: 6:00-7:30 pm

Grades 6-12. Teens who have completed Summer Reading (reading 500 pages or more) will enjoy a night of pizza, snacks, and games ranging from the Nintendo Switch, giant yard games, hide-and-seek, or Capture the Flag. *Registration required (by Aug. 1). Teens need to be picked up no later than 7:45.*



Events for Adults/All ages

To-Go Kits

Bluffton and Ossian: pick up starting on these dates (while supplies last)

- *June 1: Friendship Trail Mix*
- *July 1: Kindness Rocks*

Collaborative Origami

Bluffton: Stop by the Info Desk from June 5-10 and July 3-8 to pick up paper and info on adding to our origami display.

Puzzle Pandemonium

Ossian: Sat., June 10: 10:30 am
Bluffton: Sat., June 24: 10 am (200 pcs.)
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Families or groups of up to five people will compete to see who can assemble the same puzzle the fastest. *Registration required.*



Summer Book Sale

Bluffton: Friends only (Tuesday, June 20: 5-8 pm). Memberships available there.
June 21-24: open during library hours

River Clean-Up

Monday, June 26: 5:30-7:00 pm
Adults and Teens (ages 12+). Meet at the Wabash Pavilion behind Hardee's for an introductory presentation & then as a group we will pick up litter along the River Greenway. *Registration recommended.*

Historical Homes Walking Tour

Saturday, July 15: 10 am, 1 pm & 3 pm
Adults. Guided walking tour to view the outside of several homes along West Wiley St. Tours led by the Wells County Historical Society. *Registration required.*

2003 Flood Retrospective Program

Bluffton: Tuesday, July 25: 6:00-7:30 pm
Adults. Doug Sundling will lead a 20-year retrospective on the flash flood that was a seminal event for our community in 2003.

Participants can walk through a display of photos and share their own stories from the flood. Funded by the Wells County Foundation. *Registration appreciated.*

Trivia Night

@ The Parlor City Brewing Company
Sunday, July 23: 5:00-6:30 pm
Adults (21+). Grab a team of up to four and test your knowledge on a variety of subjects. *Registration required.*



Bad Art: Try It Night

Bluffton: Monday, July 31: 6:30-8:00 pm
Adults and Teens. Receive an art prompt and create a masterpiece with leftover supplies. Creativity and imagination will be key! *Registration required.*

Adult Summer Reading Party

Bluffton: Wednesday, Aug. 2: 5:30-7 pm
Complete your reading log and you can attend the Adult Summer Reading Party.

Kids and Families Calendar • June 2023

Registration for
June and July special
events starts May 22.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	May 30 2023 Summer Reading sign up begins	May 31	1	2
5	6 Silly Safaris Kickoff BL 4:30 pm or 6:30 pm	7	8	9
12 First day to pick up 1st prize! Chalk the Block BL 10:00 am-noon Kids' Club OSS 1 pm or 3 pm	13 Wee Read: BL 9:30 Toddler Time: BL 10:30 Storytime: OSS 10:30 Friendship Fun BL 4:00-5:00 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	16
19 Kids' Club OSS 1 pm or 3 pm	20 Wee Read: BL 9:30 Toddler Time: BL 10:30 Storytime: OSS 10:30	21 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30 Chalk the Block: OSS 10:00 Our Community Rocks RCSQ 11 am or 3 pm	22 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30 Wee Read: OSS 10:30	23
26 First day to pick up 2nd prize! Kids' Club OSS 1 pm or 3 pm	27 Wee Read: BL 9:30 Toddler Time: BL 10:30 Storytime: OSS 10:30	28 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30 Community K-9 Unit BL 6:30-7:30 pm Stuffed Animal Party OSS 6:00-7:00 pm	29 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30 Wee Read: OSS 10:30	30

Location Abbreviations :
BL = Bluffton
(Main Library)
OSS = Ossian Branch
RCSQ = Rock Creek
Stone Quarry
PR = Pickett's Run Park



KIDS' PROGRAM SPONSORS:

- Bluffton Lions
- Bluffton Psi Iota Xi
- Bluffton Rotary
- Elks
- Fort Wayne TinCaps
- Friends of the Library
- Optimists
- Sons of the American Legion
- Taco Bell
- Tri Kappa Sorority
- Virginia Gene Neuenschwander Youth Fund
- Wells County Foundation



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3	4 LIBRARY CLOSED <i>for Independence Day</i>	5	6 Everyone Engineer BL 10:00 am-7:00 pm	7 Chalk the Block OSS 10:00
10 First day to pick up 3rd prize! Kids' Club OSS 1 pm or 3 pm	11 Wee Read: BL 9:30 Toddler Time: BL 10:30 Storytime: OSS 10:30 Community Clean-Up PR 4:00-5:00 pm	12 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30	13 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30 Wee Read: OSS 10:30	14
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24 LEGO Day @ Ossian OSS 10:00 am-7:00 pm	25	26	27 Pool Party (need ticket to enter) 6:30-8:30 pm	28
31 Last day to log books	August 1 Pool Party (need ticket to enter) 10 am-noon	August 2	August 3	August 4 Last day to pick up prizes

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Your Go-To Spot...