

# The B O O K Report

Wells County Public Library News

## *All Together Now*

June-August 2023

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## Special & Monthly Events for Adults

All events are free. Register at the library, online at [wellscolibrary.org](http://wellscolibrary.org), or call 260-824-1612.

### Calming Coloring

*Ossian: Tuesdays from 1-3 pm*

*Adults.* Drop-in for a stress-busting afternoon featuring adult coloring in a restful setting with soft music and snacks. *No registration needed.*



### Bingo with Jason

*Bluffton: Jun. 5, Jul. 3, Aug. 7, and Sep. 11*

*Meets the first Monday of the month, 3:00-4:30 pm*

*Adults.* Enjoy a lively game of Bingo with everyone's favorite librarian named Jason! *Registration required.*

### Golden Gamers

*Bluffton: Jun. 27, Jul. 25, Aug. 22, and Sep. 26*

*Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month from 3-5 pm*

*Adults.* Are you bored? Do you need some social interaction? Come and enjoy two hours of socializing, games, and snacks. *Registration appreciated.*



### Computer Club

*Bluffton: Jun. 13, Jul. 11, Aug. 8, and Sep. 12*

*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: Jun. 13, Jul. 11, Aug. 8, and Sep. 12*

*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: Jun. 13, Jul. 11, Aug. 8, and Sep. 12*

*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. 15 "Where the Crawdads Sing" (PG-13)

Jul. 20 "Top Gun: Maverick" (PG-13)

Aug. 17 "Elvis" (PG-13)

Sep. 28 "Dog" (PG-13)

*Adults.* Enjoy a movie, popcorn, and refreshments. Sponsored by Bluffton Parks & Recreation and the Friends of the Library. *No registration needed.*

## Summer Book Sale

Used books, movies, audiobooks, DVDs, & more.

### Hours:

*June 20: 5-8 pm* (Friends only preview).  
Memberships are available at the door.

*June 21-24:*

open during library hours

Sponsored by The Friends of the Library.





# Programs & Book Discussions for Adults

## Genealogy/Local History Club

*Bluffton: Thursday, September 7: 5:00-6:30 pm*

*Meets the first Thursday of the month (except for summer)*

*Ages 12+. Members help each other, learn new things, and obtain a greater appreciation for local history and genealogy research. Bring your own laptop or share one of ours. Registration appreciated.*



## Children's Book Festival

*Bluffton: Saturday, October 7: 9:00 am-4 pm*

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



## Book Discussions

### Brown Bag Book Club

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

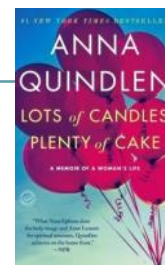
- Jun. 12 "All the Missing Girls" by Megan Miranda
- Jul. 10 Reader's Choice
- Aug. 14 A book with "heat," "hot," or "summer" in the title
- Sep. 11 TBD

### 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. 8 "Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake" by Anna Quindlen
- Jul. 13 "Women's Diaries of the Westward Journey" by Lillian Schlissel
- Aug. 3 "Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café" by Fannie Flagg
- Sep. 14 "Mistaken Identity: Two Families..." by Don VanRyn



## Monthly Events for Teens

### Teen Gaming

*Bluffton: Jun. 5, Aug. 7, and Sep. 11: 6-7 pm*

*Ages 12+. Play trading card games, board games, or video games on the big screen. No registration needed.*

### Teen Advisory Board

*Bluffton: Jun. 28, Jul. 26, Aug. 30, Sep. 27: 6:00-6:45 pm*

*Grades 6-12. Volunteer opportunity for teens.*

# Wells County Public Library

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

## Library Closings:

### Independence Day:

Monday, July 3 (close at 5 pm)  
Tuesday, July 4 (closed)

### Labor Day:

Saturday, Sep. 2 and Monday, Sep. 4

### Street Fair/In-service:

*Main Library:* Monday, Sep. 18  
(close at 5 pm)  
Sep. 19-23 (closed)  
*Ossian Branch:* Sep. 20-21 (closed)



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The Book Report is now published three times  
a year by the Wells County Public Library.

## 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.

(CIRCLE ONE)

STUDENT (through age 18)	\$2
INDIVIDUAL OR FAMILY	\$10
PATRON	\$25
SPONSOR	\$50

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

# 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](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 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)*



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# 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 Summer Reading, 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.)  
*Bluffton:* Sat., June 24: 1 pm (100 pcs.)  
*Bluffton:* Sat., July 22: 10 am (200 pcs.)  
*Bluffton:* Sat., July 22: 1 pm (100 pcs.)  
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.*

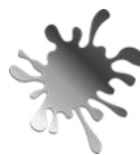
## 2003 Flood Retrospective Program

*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 <b>2023 Summer Reading sign up begins</b>	May 31	1	2
5	6 <b>Silly Safaris Kickoff</b> BL 4:30 pm or 6:30 pm	7	8	9
12 <b>First day to pick up 1st prize!</b> Chalk the Block BL 10:00 am-noon <b>Kids' Club</b> OSS 1 pm or 3 pm	13 Wee Read: BL 9:30 Toddler Time: BL 10:30 Storytime: OSS 10:30 <b>Friendship Fun</b> 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
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26 <b>First day to pick up 2nd prize!</b> <b>Kids' Club</b> 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 <b>Community K-9 Unit</b> BL 6:30-7:30 pm <b>Stuffed Animal Party</b> 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:

- American Legion Auxiliary
- 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 Neuenchwander Youth Fund
- Wells County Foundation



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