June-August 2023
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Special & Monthly Events for Adults

All events are free. Register at the library, online at 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 Crawdad’s 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.
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.

Programs & Book Discussions for Adults

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

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Monthly Events for Teens

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

Teen Advisory Board
Bluffton: Jun. 28, Jul. 26, Aug. 30, Sep. 27: 6:00-6:45 pm
Grades 6-12. Volunteer opportunity for teens.
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
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
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 friendship.

**Our Community Rocks**
Bluffton: 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.

**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.

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**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.

**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.

**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.

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Bluffton: 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.

**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 LEGO and enjoy LEGO movies. Drop-in event.

**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.

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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.

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 stay to help pick up litter along the River Greenway. Registration required.

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.

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.

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.

Register at the library, online at www.wellscolibrary.org, or by calling 260-824-1612 (Bluffton) or 260-622-4691 (Ossian).
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- 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 Neuenschwander Youth Fund
- Wells County Foundation

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

**Registration for June and July special events starts May 22.**