Wells County Public Library
Summer Reading 2022
May 31-July 30

Prizes awarded throughout June and July for completing reading challenges.
Registration for Summer Reading begins May 31 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.

**Interactive Bubbles Kickoff**
**Bluffton: Tuesday, June 7: 6:30-7:30 pm**
All ages. Science teacher, Michael Bever, will demonstrate some amazing properties of bubbles. After the demonstration, kids will get to make a variety of different bubbles at several interactive stations, including square bubbles, large-scale bubbles that fill up the room, and bubbles that you can stand inside. No registration needed.

**Exploring the Beach**
**Ossian: Monday, June 13: 3:00-4:00 pm**
**Bluffton: Tuesday, June 14: 1:30-2:30 pm**
Grades K-6. Search, paint, and explore the beach with us! Registration required (starts May 23).

**Saturday Movie Under the Stars**
**Bluffton: Third Saturday at 11:00 am**
All ages. Enjoy a family-friendly movie and popcorn under the stars in the Story Hour Room. No registration needed.
- June 19: “The Little Mermaid”

**Whale To-Go Kit**
**Ossian and Bluffton: pick up starting June 20**
(while supplies last)
Kids and Families. Take a kit with whale trivia, activities, and a craft.

**Whale Mobile**
**Bluffton: Wednesday, June 22**
Grades K-6. Take a journey inside Nile—a life-size inflatable humpback whale. During this 30-minute presentation, you’ll learn about how whales and humans are similar and different, and have a chance to touch baleen, teeth, and bones. Registration required (starts May 23). Sign up for a specific 30-minute time slot between 4:00-6:00 pm.

**Survive the Island**
**Ossian: Monday, June 27: 3:00-4:00 pm**
**Bluffton: Tuesday, June 28: 1:30-2:30 pm**
Grades K-6. Are you able to survive on a deserted island? Join us as we work on shoring up your survival skills. Registration required (starts May 23).

**Aquarium Livestreams**
**Ossian and Bluffton:**
- **July 5-8: 11:30 am-7:30 pm**
Grades K-6. Enjoy a different livestream from one of our nation’s beautiful aquariums each day this week at both the Main Library and the Ossian Branch. Then participate in an activity in the Craft Area. No registration needed. Drop-in event.

**A Pirate’s Life for Me**
**Ossian: Monday, July 11: 3:00-4:00 pm**
**Bluffton: Tuesday, July 12: 1:30-2:30 pm**
Grades K-6. Ahoy, Matey! Join us as we learn about the seafaring life and enjoy pirated-themed crafts and activities. Registration required (starts May 23).

**Survive the Shark**
**Ossian: Monday, July 18: 3:00-4:00 pm**
**Bluffton: Tuesday, July 19: 6:30-7:30 pm**
Grades K-6. Shark facts, a shark craft, and shark games will challenge you and your friends to see if you can Survive the Shark! Registration required (starts May 23).

**Storytime at the 4-H Park**
**4-H Park: Monday, July 18: 4:00-5:00 pm**
All ages. Drop in for stories and a craft anytime during the hour at the Wells County 4-H Fair. Join us near the playground beside the log cabin. No registration needed. Drop-in event.

**Summer Reading Pool Parties**
Thursday, July 28: 6:30-8:30 pm or Tuesday, August 2: 10:00 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.

★ SAVE THE DATE ★
**Back to School Night**
**Ossian and Bluffton:**
- **Thursday, Sept. 8: 6:00-7:30 pm**
Grades K-6. Enjoy a scavenger hunt, get a treat, and learn about library services. Drop-in event.

**Children’s Programs**
Join us for school-age programs from October-April, including Book Clubs, Kids’ Club, JL Crew, Crafty Kids, and LEGO Club. View the Library Event Calendar at wellscolibrary.org for dates.

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**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 13. Registration begins May 23 at 9 am.

**BLUFFTON STORY SESSIONS:**
**Wee Read:**
- June 17-July 22
  - Ages Birth-24 Months (with adult)
  - Fridays at 10 am

**Toddler Time:**
- June 15-July 21
  - Ages 2-3 (with adult)
  - Wednesdays at 9:45 am or Thursdays at 9:45 am

**Story Hour:**
- June 15-July 21
  - Ages 4-6
  - Wednesdays at 10:30 am or Thursdays at 10:30 am

**Family Story Time:**
- June 14-July 19
  - Ages Birth-6 (with adult)
  - Tuesdays at 10 am

Bluffton will not have story sessions the week of June 27-July 1.

**OSSIAN STORY SESSIONS:**
**Wee Read:**
- June 16-July 21
  - Ages Birth-30 months (with adult)
  - Thursdays at 10:30 am

**Storytime:**
- June 14-July 19
  - Ages 2½-5 (with adult)
  - Tuesdays at 10:30 am

Ossian will not have story sessions the week of July 4-8.

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).
### Teen Events

**River Clean-Up**

**Bluffton: Monday, June 27:** 5:30-6:30 pm

**Teens (ages 12+) and Adults.** The library is partnering with the Bluffton Parks Department and the Upper Wabash River Basin Commission to host a River Clean-Up. Meet at the Wabash Pavilion behind Hardee’s at 5:30 pm for an introductory presentation. Afterwards, you’ll be turned loose to pick up litter along the River Greenway. Teen patrons, sign in and out with library staff for proof of an hour’s participation and you’ll receive an extra ticket into the Summer Reading prize drawing. **Registration required.**

**Oceans’ 11 Teen Escape Room**

**Bluffton: Thursday, July 7:** 6:00-7:30 pm

**Grades 6-12.** Master thief Danny Ocean needs your help in pulling off the greatest casino heist in Las Vegas history. But you know what they say about even the best laid plans... **Registration required to guarantee enough supplies for all participants.**

**Nerf Night @ the Y**

**Bluffton: Wed., July 13:** 6:30-7:30 pm

**Grades 6-12.** This program will take place at the Taylor-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 standard 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 is REQUIRED by July 12.**

**Oceans Trivia Night**

**Bluffton: Friday, August 5:** 6:00-7:30 pm

**Grades 6-12.** Put your knowledge to the test! Teams will compete to earn the most points by correctly answering questions about oceans, marine animals, pirates, and other related categories. **Registration required.**

**To-Go Kits**

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

- **June 1:** Oceans of Puzzles
- **July 1:** DIY Cleaning Products

**Ocean Virtual Reality**

**Bluffton:** Use the Oculus Quest during library hours, depending on availability. Get details at the Information Desk.

**Resin Ocean Art**

**Bluffton:** Monday, June 13: 6:30-8:00 pm

**Adults.** Create a one-of-a-kind art piece that’s surprisingly easy to complete by stirring paint and resin together and pouring on top of a wood canvas. All supplies provided. **Registration required.**

**Summer Book Sale**

**Bluffton:** June 21-25

Friends only preview (Tuesday, June 21: 5-8 pm). Memberships available there. June 22-25: open during library hours

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**Pirates of the Caribbean Interactive Movie**

**Bluffton:** Tuesday, June 21: 5:00-7:30 pm

**Grades 6-12.** Feel like a pirate yourself during this interactive showing of “Pirates of the Caribbean: Curse of the Black Pearl!” (rated PG-13). **Registration required to guarantee enough prop kits.**

**Adult Events and To-Go Kits**

**Historical Homes Walking Tour**

**Bluffton:** Saturday, July 23: 10 am, 1 pm & 3 pm

**Adults.** Guided walking tour to view the outside of several homes along S. Main Street. Tours led by the Wells County Historical Society. **Registration required.**

**Bingo with Jason**

**Bluffton:** Wednesday, June 29: 6-7 pm

**Adults.** Join us for a lively game of Bingo with Oceans of Possibilities of winning some fun prizes. **Registration required.**

**Bermuda Triangle Escape Room**

**Bluffton:** Wednesday, July 13

**Adults.** Grab a team of up to five people and visit our version of the mysterious Bermuda Triangle. Will you disappear or be able to escape by solving puzzles, riddles, and clues? **Register for a specific one-hour time slot between 10 am-7 pm.**

**Recycled T-Shirt: Try It Night**

**Bluffton:** Monday, July 25: 6:30-8:00 pm

**Adults and Teens.** Bring an old t-shirt that we will upcycle into a bag that you can use to carry your library books, groceries, or other items. **Registration required.**

**Adult Summer Reading Party**

**Bluffton:** Wednesday, Aug. 3: 5:30-7 pm

Complete your reading log and you can attend the Adult Summer Reading Party.

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August 1 August 2 Pool Party (need ticket to enter) 10 am-noon August 3 August 4 August 5

Registration for summer story sessions and June and July special events starts May 23.

Location Abbreviations:
- BL = Bluffton (Main Library)
- OSS = Ossian Branch

**KIDS’ PROGRAM SPONSORS:**
- American Legion Auxiliary
- Bluffton Lions
- Bluffton Psi Iota Xi
- Bluffton Rotary
- 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