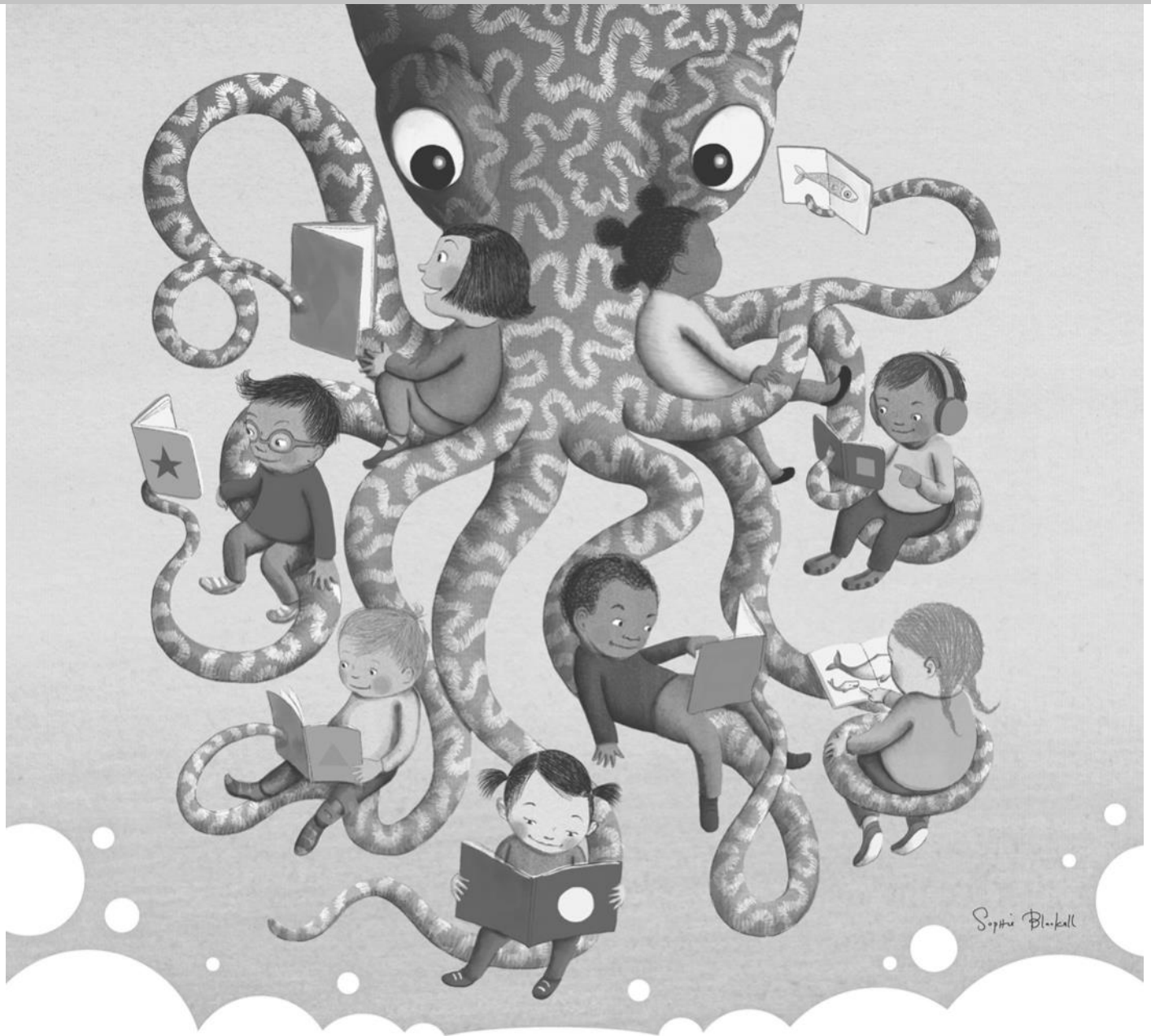


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Wells County Public Library
Summer Reading 2022
May 31-July 30

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



Special Events for Kids and Families

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 18: "The Little Mermaid"
- July 16: "LEGO DC Comics Super Heroes: Aquaman—Rage of Atlantis"

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
All ages. 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.

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 2 ½-5 (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)

Teen Events

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

Great Lakes Shipwreck Treasure Hunt

Bluffton: Monday-Friday, June 6-10 (all day, during library hours)
Grades 6-12. X marks the spot! After signing up for Summer Reading, stop by the Teen Zone desk to pick up a treasure map and follow the map's trail to clues that will lead you to a prize at the end.

Sweet Sushi

Bluffton: Friday, June 17: 3:00-5:00 pm
Grades 6-12. One of the world's most well-known foods involving seafood is sushi. But have you ever tried recreating sushi with fruit, candy, and other sweet treats? Come try your hand at making sweet sushi and see if your plate can look as good as the real thing!
Registration required.

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.*

River Clean-Up

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 recommended.*

Ocean's 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 Caylor-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: Monday, July 25: 6:30-7:30 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.

Teen Summer Reading Party

Bluffton: Friday, August 5: 6:00-7:30 pm
Grades 6-12. For all the teens who have completed the Summer Reading Program (reading 500 pages or more), come enjoy a party just for you! We will have a night of pizza, snacks, and games ranging from the Nintendo Switch to our giant yard games. Maybe even some hide-and-seek or Capture the Flag. *We want to make sure that we will have enough food and supplies, so registration is required by Friday, July 29. Teens need to be picked up no later than 7:45.*

Adult Events and To-Go Kits

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

River Clean-Up

Monday, June 27: 5:30-6:30 pm
Adults and Teens (ages 12+). Meet at the Wabash Pavilion behind Hardee's at 5:30 pm for an introductory presentation from the Upper Wabash River Basin Commission and then as a group we will pick up litter along the River Greenway.
Registration recommended.

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.*

Historical Homes Walking Tour

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.*

Trivia Night

@ The Parlor City Brewing Company
Sunday, July 24: 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.*

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.

Kids and Families Calendar • June 2022

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	May 31 2022 Summer Reading sign up begins	1	2	3
6	7 Interactive Bubbles Kickoff BL 6:30-7:30 pm	8	9	10
13 First day to pick up 1st prize! Exploring the Beach OSS 3:00-4:00 pm	14 Family Story Time: BL 10:00 Storytime: OSS 10:30 Exploring the Beach BL 1:30-2:30 pm	15 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30	16 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30 Wee Read: OSS 10:30	17 Wee Read: BL 10:00
20 Whale To-Go Kit Pick up starts at BL and OSS	21 Family Story Time: BL 10:00 Storytime: OSS 10:30	22 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30 Whale Mobile (register for time slot) BL 4:00-6:00 pm	23 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30 Wee Read: OSS 10:30	24 Wee Read: BL 10:00
27 First day to pick up 2nd prize! Survive the Island OSS 3:00-4:00 pm	28 Storytime: OSS 10:30 Survive the Island BL 1:30-2:30 pm	29	30 Wee Read: OSS 10:30	

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 Neuschwander Youth Fund
- Wells County Foundation

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4 LIBRARY CLOSED for Independence Day	5 Aquarium Livestreams BL & OSS 11:30-7:30 Family Story Time: BL 10:00	6 Aquarium Livestreams BL & OSS 11:30-7:30 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30	7 Aquarium Livestreams BL & OSS 11:30-7:30 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30	8 Aquarium Livestreams BL & OSS 11:30-7:30 Wee Read: BL 10:00
11 First day to pick up 3rd prize! A Pirate's Life for Me OSS 3:00-4:00 pm	12 Family Story Time: BL 10:00 Storytime: OSS 10:30 A Pirate's Life for Me BL 1:30-2:30 pm	13 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30	14 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30 Wee Read: OSS 10:30	15 Wee Read: BL 10:00
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25	26	27	28 Pool Party (need ticket to enter) 6:30-8:30 pm	29 30 Last day to log books
August 1	August 2 Pool Party (need ticket to enter) 10 am-noon	August 3	August 4	August 5



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Your Go-To Spot...

August 6
Last day to pick up prizes