One Book One County 2022

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One Book One County

Adults and Teens: One Book One County is a community read program for Wells County held in September and October every year. The program is designed to create a countywide discussion by encouraging all residents to read the same book. This year’s title is “The Hobbit” by J.R.R. Tolkien.

The book is a great modern classic and the prelude to “The Lord of the Rings.”

About the Book: “Bilbo Baggins is a hobbit who enjoys a comfortable, unambitious life, rarely traveling any farther than his pantry or cellar. But his contentment is disturbed when the wizard Gandalf and a company of dwarves arrive on his doorstep one day to whisk him away on an adventure. They have launched a plot to raid the treasure hoard guarded by Smaug the Magnificent, a large and very dangerous dragon. Bilbo reluctantly joins their quest, unaware that on his journey to the Lonely Mountain he will encounter both a magic ring and a frightening creature known as Gollum.”

Events for this program have been made possible through donations from the Friends of the Library.

Get a digital copy

Books can be checked out from the library or get the eBook and eAudio-book on the Libby app by OverDrive, idl.overdrive.com, or the Hoopla app.

“Live Like a Hobbit” To-Go Kit

Available for pickup starting September 1st
(available while supplies last)

Bluffton and Ossian: Teens and adults can pick up a To-Go Kit with suggestions on how to live like a hobbit, along with a treat.

The Hobbit Walk

Pick up a walking log at the Information Desk or the Ossian Branch and track your walking for the month of September. If you hand in a log, you’ll be entered to win a Middle-Earth map and Chamber Bucks. As a group, we are trying to see if we can walk the entire distance that Bilbo Baggins traveled in “The Hobbit.”

Guess the Treasure

See if you can guess the number of treasures in our jars at the front desks. Grand prize will be a gift certificate for a pedicure at Bella Vita Salon in Bluffton, so you can make over your “Hobbit feet.”
Hobbit Tea & Travelogue
Bluffton: Thursday, September 15: 6:30-7:30 pm
Adults and Teens. Join us for a cup of piping hot tea, Hobbit-themed finger foods, and riddles, while enjoying a travelogue presentation from Cheryl and Betty Maloney about their trip to New Zealand (the real Middle-Earth), featuring several popular stops made famous from "The Hobbit" movies and books. Registration required. Sign up at the library, online at wellscolibrary.org, or call 260-824-1612.

Hobbit Garden: Try It Night
Bluffton: Monday, September 26: 6:30-8:00 pm
Adults and Teens. Make a Hobbit or Fairy Garden with found objects, small items, and plants. All supplies provided. Open for teens and adults. Registration required.

Movie Showings
Saturday, September 17: 11 am-1 pm
"The Hobbit" (The 1977 Animated Classic) in the Story Hour room

Tuesday, Sep. 27: 5-8 pm - "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey" Showing in the Teen Zone

Book Discussions
- Monday, October 10: 1:30 pm - Brown Bag Book Club for adults

Fort Wayne Philharmonic
Bluffton: Wednesday, October 12: 7:00-7:40 pm
All ages. Bring the entire family for a special "Stories in Music" program with musicians from the Fort Wayne Philharmonic. Each performance will be attached to a children's book or story. Music played an important role in "The Hobbit" and is a part of many other stories in the library. No registration needed, but feel free to sign up to receive an email or text reminder online at wellscolibrary.org or call 260-824-1612.

Mapmaker's Exhibit
Bluffton: October 13-November 18
J.R.R. Tolkien stated that he started with maps of his fictional Middle-Earth and developed the plots for his books from the maps. Stop by this traveling exhibit from the Indiana Historical Society called "Indiana Through the Mapmaker's Eye" to learn about four other ways people have used maps through the years: as documentation, tools, political images, and art.
Summer Reading Recap

Thank you to everyone that participated in our 2022 Summer Reading Program and a special congratulations to our children, teens, and adults that completed the program and helped us reach our community reading goals.

With your help, lots of wonderful books were read. Just how many?...

- **Infants:** 84 of our youngest library patrons completed a total of 1,574 activities.
- **Kids:** with 1,238 children ages 2-grade 6 participating, the group read for 459,707 minutes.
- **Teens:** 244 teen participants in grades 6-12 read 622,533 pages.
- **Adults:** between the 571 adults participating, there were 1,140,272 pages read!

Great job everyone! That’s a lot of books! As a reward the children that finished the program got to attend a special pool party and all other age groups enjoyed parties of their own. Make sure to check out all the Summer Reading Program sponsors and finishers in the newsletter insert.

Board Games @ the Library

Board Games are now available for checkout from the library. Limit of 1 with a 7-day loan. You can place the board games on hold if the one you want is checked out and renewals are allowed.

Most Read Books

Fiction:
- “Sparring Partners” by John Grisham
- “The Hotel Nantucket” by Elin Hilderbrand
- “Suspects” by Danielle Steel
- “The Last Thing He Told Me” by Laura Dave
- “The Best is Yet to Come” by Debbie Macomber
- “22 Seconds” by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro
- “The 6:20 Man” by David Baldacci
- “The Wish” by Nicholas Sparks
- “Winter in Paradise” by Elin Hilderbrand
- “The Windsor Knot” by Sj Bennett

Non-fiction:
- “Where the Light Fell” by Philip Yancey
- “Wanda E. Brunstetter’s Amish Friends Healthy Options Cookbook”
- “Wanda E. Brunstetter’s Amish Friends 4 Seasons Cookbook”
- “The Truth about the O.J. Simpson Trial: By the Architect of the Defense” by F. Lee Bailey
- “Take It Outside: A Guide to Designing Beautiful Spaces Just Beyond Your Door”
- “The Star Wars Cookbook: BB-Ate: Awaken to the Force of Breakfast and Lunch”

Fall Book Sale

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

**Hours:**
- October 25: 5-8 pm (Friends only preview). Memberships are available at the door.
- October 26-29: open during library hours

Sponsored by The Friends of the Library.
New Movies

Each month find the new movie releases on our website in the “Library News & Staff Recommendations” section (wellscolibrary.org). Here are new releases that will be available to checkout at the library in August.

August 2:
- When We Were Apollo

August 9:
- Men (R)
- Sonic the Hedgehog 2 (PG)

August 23:
- Mr. Malcolm’s List (PG)

August 30:
- 1883: A Yellowstone Origin Story (TV-MA)

Check out movies on Hoopla at hoopladigital.com or via the Hoopla app for free with your library card!

Saturday Morning Movie Under the Stars

Bluffton: Third Saturday of each month at 11 am
Sep. 17  “The Hobbit” - 1977 animation (NR)
Oct. 15  “The Ghost and Mr. Chicken” (G)
Nov. 19  “Encanto” (PG)
Dec. 17  “Prancer” (NR)

Program Cancellation Info

If the following school districts are closed due to inclement weather, all in-person teen and children’s events will be cancelled. If the school has a delay, then programming will proceed as normal.

Main Library (Bluffton): Bluffton-Harrison School District
Ossian Branch: Northern Wells Community Schools

Tech & Genealogy Help Sessions

Intro to the Computer & Internet
Bluffton: Tuesday, Oct. 18, Tuesday, Oct. 25, and Thursday, Oct. 27 from 6-8 pm
Adults. This three-part, beginning-level computer class will cover everything from how to turn on the computer, using the mouse and keyboard, working with Windows, and basic computer terminology. You will also learn about using the Internet search engine Google, exploring the library’s website, and lots of Internet searching tips and tricks. No computer experience needed. You will use the library’s computers during class, so no need to bring your own. *Registration required.*

Computer and iPad Clubs
Bluffton: Sep. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, and Dec. 13
Meets the second Tuesday of the month.
Computer Club: 1-2 pm & iPad Club: 2-3 pm
Adults. Bring your computer or tablet-related questions for help or just listen for assistance on a different topic each month. All skill levels welcome.

Genealogy: Online Resources
Bluffton: Monday, November 7: 6:00-7:30 pm
Learn about online resources available for WCPL card holders and resources that are open to all. So, if you enjoy doing research on your computer at home or are just curious, this program is for you.
- CANCELLED (visit the Indiana Room for help)
Events for Adults

Special & Monthly Events

All events are free. Register at the library, online at wellscolibrary.org, or call 260-824-1612.

Calming Coloring @ Ossian
Ossian: Tuesdays from 1-3 pm
Adults. Stress-busting afternoon featuring adult coloring in a restful setting with soft music and the soothing scent of lavender. Drop-in program.

Try It Nights
Bluffton: Mondays that are listed from 6:30-7:30 pm
Aug. 29 Polymer Clay
Sep. 26 Fairy/Hobbit Gardens
Oct. 24 Velvet Pumpkins
Nov. 28 Geode Painting
Dec. 12 Stamped and Embossed Gift Tags

Adults and Teens. Try out a different craft or project each month. All supplies provided. Registration required.

Cook, Talk, Taste
Bluffton: Sep. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, and Dec. 13
Meets the second Tuesday of the month from 6-7 pm
Adults. Enjoy the tastiest club at the library. Each month will be a different hostess or theme. Registration appreciated.

Theater Thursday
Bluffton: Third Thursday of the month at 10 am
Sep. 15 “Cruella” (PG-13)
Oct. 20 “Ghost Busters: Afterlife” (PG-13)
Nov. 17 “Show Me The Father” (PG)
Dec. 15 “News of the World” (PG-13)

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

One Book One County
Bluffton and Ossian: September-October
See pages 2-3 for the events for adults for this program. Checkout the book at the library or borrow a digital copy.

Dungeons and Dragons
Bluffton: Sep. 7, Oct. 5 & 19, Nov. 2 & 16, Dec. 7 & 21
Meets the first and third Wednesdays from 5:30-7:45 pm
Ages 17 and up. Don’t know how to play? We can teach you! Just bring yourself and your imagination. Snacks and all supplies provided. Registration required.

Indiana Room Open House
Bluffton: Thursday, Sep. 8: 6:00-7:30 pm
Are you interested in genealogy or Indiana history? Stop by the Indiana Room’s Open House to learn more about the books, newspapers, family histories, obituaries, and more that are available in the Indiana Room and on the library’s website. Treats will also be available.

“Chicken Soup for the Soul” Author Talk: William Clark
Bluffton: Tuesday, Oct. 4: 11 am – 1 pm
Adults. William Clark will be talking about his new book “Smoky Mountain Rising” and his story published in the new Chicken Soup for the Soul book, “Miracles and the Unexplained,” as well as, a few of his other titles featuring Indiana settings and stories about his cat featured in other Chicken Soup for the Soup books. Clark is a descendant of one of the first Wells County residents, Joshua Albers, and will also cover a bit about how his ancestry has shaped some of his stories. Registration appreciated.
Tales of All Hallows’ Eve
Bluffton: Thursday, Oct. 20: 6:30-7:30 pm
Adults and teens. Members of the Speed City Chapter of the International Sisters in Crime organization will be at the library talking about their anthology “Trick or Treats: Tales of All Hallows’ Eve.” This special Halloween-themed talk will feature readings by the authors and what inspired their writing about all the terrible places to visit on the spookiest night of the year, including crumbling mansions, haunted houses, and ancient cemeteries. Registration appreciated.

Mocktails & Munchies
Bluffton: Thursday, November 10: 6:00-7:00 pm
Adults. Learn the recipes for a variety of mocktails and concoct them together during this fun-filled evening. You’ll also get to enjoy a few munchies. Registration required.

Bingo with Jason
Bluffton: Oct. 17, Nov. 21, and Dec. 19
Meets the third Monday from 6:00-7:30 pm (except Sep.)
Adults. Come and enjoy a lively game of Bingo with everyone’s favorite librarian named Jason. Registration required.

Parlor City Christmas
Bluffton: Saturday, December 10
All ages. You don’t want to miss this event in downtown Bluffton, which will include a Goodie Walk, carriage rides, trolley rides, wood sculptures, musical entertainment, and more. Fun for the whole family.

To-Go Kits
Pick up these kits that contain supplies for a fun craft or activity at the Information Desk or the Ossian Branch.
- Sep. 1 Live Like a Hobbit (in conjunction with the One Book One County program)
- Oct. 1 Pumpkin Bead Key Chain
- Nov. 1 Thank You Cards
- Dec. 1 Flannel Coasters

Book Discussions

Brown Bag Book Club
Bluffton: Second Monday of each month at 1:30 pm
- Sep. 12 “The Library Book” by Susan Orlean
- Oct. 10 “The Hobbit” by J.R.R. Tolkien
- Nov. 14 “Salt House” by Hala Alyan
- Dec. 12 “An Indiana Christmas” by Bryan Furuness

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.
- Sep. 8 “The Wright Brothers” by David McCullough
- Nov. 10 “Underground Railroad” by Colson Whitehead
- Dec. 8 “The Christmas Wedding” by James Patterson

BookChat (online)
Join us on Instagram (wellscountypubliclibrary) on the last Thursday of the month at 4 pm for a Live Virtual BookChat with Rachel and Stephanie that’s appropriate for both teens and adults.
- Sep. 29 “Brown Girl Dreaming” by Jacqueline Woodson
- Oct. 27 “The Hobbit” by J.R.R. Tolkien
- Nov. 17 “Still Life” by Louise Penny
- Dec. 29 “The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe” by C.S. Lewis
One Book One County

September-October

This community read program for Wells County is designed to create a countywide discussion by encouraging all residents to read the same book.

This year’s title is “The Hobbit” by J.R.R. Tolkien, and is appropriate for older kids. The 5th and 6th Grade Book Club will be reading it for October.

Special Events & Activities

Children’s Book Clubs

Grades 1-2 - Bluffton: Oct. 4, Nov. 1, and Dec. 6
Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm

Grades 3-4 - Bluffton: Oct. 11, Nov. 8, and Dec. 13
Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm

Grades 5-6 - Bluffton: Oct. 13, Nov. 11, and Dec. 8
Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm

Books available for pick-up when you register. Registration required.

Kids’ Club

Bluffton: Oct. 18, Nov. 15, and Dec. 20
Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm

JL Kitchen Crew

Bluffton: Oct. 18, Nov. 15, and Dec. 20
Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm
Grades 4-6. Join us as we mix the basic techniques of food preparation and service, stir together some healthy recipes, and concoct lots of fun! Registration required.

Tail Waggin’ Tutor & Therapy Dogs

Does your child need practice reading?
- Read to Oria - 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month from 3:30-4:30 pm
- Read to Luna - 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month from 10 am-noon
**Ossian Branch Programs**

**LEGO Drop-in @ Ossian**
Ossian: Sep. 27, Oct. 25, and Nov. 29  
Meets the last Tuesday of the month from 4:00-7:00 pm  
Grades K-6. Create LEGO masterpieces, using blocks provided by the library.  
Drop-in event.  
No registration needed.

**Crafty Kids @ Ossian**
Meets the 2nd Monday of the month from 3:30-5:30 pm  
School-age kids. Drop-in for a different craft each month.  
Drop-in event. No registration needed.

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**1,000 Books Before Kindergarten**

The 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program at the library was started in 2011 as a way to help parents prepare their children for one of life's big milestones: kindergarten. Myriad research projects have proven over and over that children get ready to read years before their formal education. The most effective way to get your child ready to learn is to read to them.

Children that participate in the program will track their reading in a binder or via an app. Prizes are awarded after reading each 100 books on the way to 1,000 books read. Stop by the Children's Room at the Main Library (Bluffton) or the Ossian Branch to get more info or visit wellscolibrary.org/1000-books-kindergarten.

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**Story Sessions**

Join us each week for stories, fingerplays, and activities. Must be registered to attend all story sessions.  
Registration starts Sep. 12 at the library and online at wellscolibrary.org. Sessions start the week of Oct. 3.

**BLUFFTON STORY SESSIONS:**

**Wee Read:** Ages Birth-24 Months (with adult)  
Fridays at 10:00 am

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

**Story Hour:** Ages 4-6  
Wednesdays or Thursdays at 10:30 am

**Family Story Time:** Ages Birth-6 (with adult). Tuesdays at 10:00 am

**OSSIAN STORY SESSIONS:**

**Wee Read:** Ages Birth-30 months (with adult)  
Thursdays at 10:30 am

**Storytime:** Ages 2 1/2 - pre-K (with adult)  
Tuesdays at 10:30 am

Stop by our StoryWalks® at Pickett’s Run Park in Bluffton or Archbold Wilson Park in Ossian.  
Also, join our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program to help prepare your younger children for school and life-long learning.
Special Events

All events are free. Register at the library, online at wellscolibrary.org, or call 260-824-1612.

Teen Gaming Club
Bluffton: Sep. 12, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, and Dec. 5
Meets the first Monday of the month from 6-7 pm
Grades 6-12. Each month will feature a different game with themed activities or challenges. Bring your own device or play the library’s provided console on the big screen!
- September: Minecraft
- October: Marvel Ultimate Alliance 3
- November: Tony Hawk Pro Skater
- December: Smash Bros

Teen Advisory Board (TAB)
Bluffton: Aug. 31, Sep. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 30 and Dec. 28
Meets the last Wednesday of the month from 6:00-6:45 pm
Grades 6-12. Do you wish you had a say in Teen Programming at the Library? Do you need volunteer credit? Join the Teen Advisory Board. You don't need to sign up, just show up for the meetings. We usually meet in the Small Meeting Room on the first floor. Snacks are always provided. We hope to see you there!

Teen Book Club
Bluffton: Oct. 13, Nov. 10, and Dec. 8
Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month from 6:30-7:30 pm
Grades 6-12. Discuss the selected book for the month and enjoy snacks and activities.
- October: “The Hobbit” by J.R.R. Tolkien
- November: “Heist Society” by Ally Carter
- “On the Horizon” by Lois Lowry

“The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey” Showing
Bluffton: Tuesday, September 27: 5:00-8:00 pm
Grades 6-12. Pack your handkerchief and grab your cloak, we’re going on an adventure! Join us for a showing of the first live-action Hobbit movie and some themed snacks. Drop-in event; no registration needed.

Teen Halloween Party
Bluffton: Monday, Oct. 31: 6:30-7:30 pm
Grades 6-12. Party with us on Halloween night! Enjoy themed snacks and activities, and just feel that spooky feeling. Come in costume, if you dare. Registration requested.

Design Challenge
Bluffton: Tuesday, November 15: 6:30-7:30 pm
Grades 6-12. Have you ever created your own comic? Spent too long on a character customization screen? Thumbed through a fashion sims app? Then this competition is for you! Each challenge will push your imagination to the max as you design a look and costume to fit the theme. Registration requested.
**Parlor City Christmas**

*Bluffton: Saturday, December 10*

All ages. You don’t want to miss this event in downtown Bluffton, which will include a Goodie Walk, carriage rides, trolley rides, wood sculptures, musical entertainment, and more. Fun for the whole family. Events will be at the library and throughout downtown Bluffton.

**Christmas Cookies**

*Bluffton: Thursday, December 15: 6:00-7:00 pm*

Grades 6-12. Get into that Christmas spirit by decorating some cookies! Show off your creations, then either eat them yourself or package them up to take home and share. *Registration required to guarantee food for all participants.*

**Try It Nights**

*Bluffton: Mondays that are listed from 6:30-7:30 pm*

- Aug. 29: Polymer Clay
- Sep. 26: Fairy/Hobbit Gardens
- Oct. 24: Velvet Pumpkins
- Nov. 28: Geode Painting
- Dec. 12: Stamped and Embossed Gift Tags

*Teens and Adults.* Try out a different craft or project each month. All supplies provided. *Registration required.*

**TeenTivities**

Find new activities to complete each month on the tables in the Teen Zone at the Main Library or enjoy a board game or video game. You might learn a new hobby or just enjoy something to pass the time.

**BookChat (online)**

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- Nov. 17: “Still Life” by Louise Penny
- Dec. 29: “The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe” by CS Lewis

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*Register for Teen Events*
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:
Labor Day:
Saturday, Sept. 3 and Monday, Sept. 5 (closed)

In-Service and Street Fair Closure:
Main Library (Bluffton): Sept. 19 (close at 5 pm)
and Sept. 20-24 (closed)
Ossian Branch: Sept. 21-22 (closed)

Thanksgiving:
Wednesday, Nov. 23 (close at 5 pm)
Thurs., Nov. 24 and Friday, Nov. 25 (closed)

Christmas: Dec. 23-26 (closed)
New Year’s: Jan. 2, 2023

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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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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