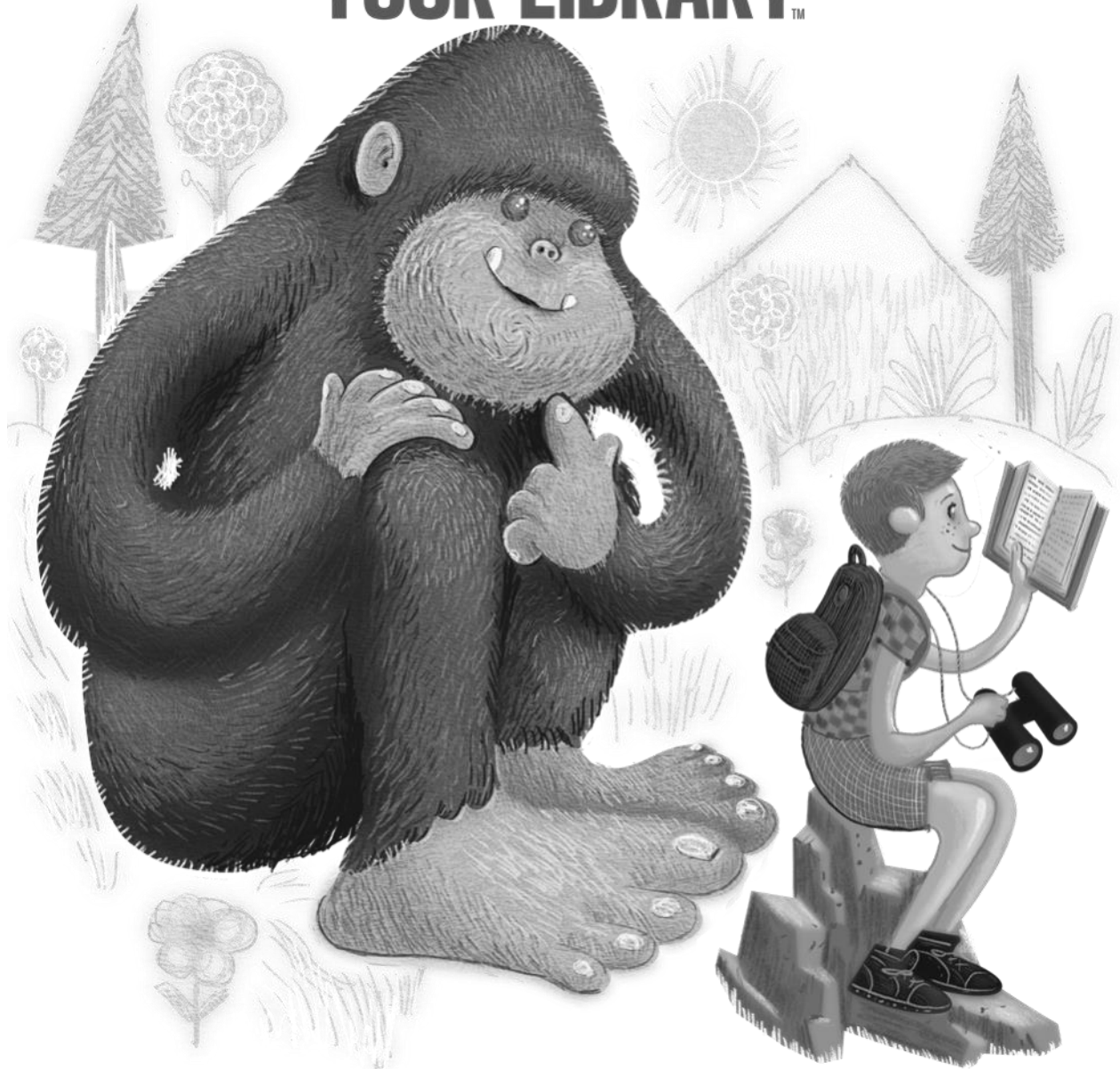


ADVENTURE — BEGINS AT — YOUR LIBRARY™



Wells County Public Library
Summer Reading 2024
May 28-July 31

Prizes awarded throughout June and July for completing reading challenges.
Registration for Summer Reading begins May 28 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.

“AB-READ-CADABRA” Magic Show Kickoff

Bluffton: Tuesday, June 4: 4 and 6 pm
All ages. Enjoy Jim Barron’s fast paced and family-friendly magic show. Everyone will be laughing out loud one minute and gasping at astounding illusions the next. *No registration needed.*



Backyard Journaling

Ossian: Monday, June 10: 1 or 3 pm
Grades K-5. Make observation journals and explore the library’s backyard for the first journal entry. *Snacks will be provided. Registration required.*

Laser Tag at the Library

Bluffton: Friday, June 14: 6 pm
Grades K-6. Bring your family and friends and join us for laser tag and games in the library after hours. *Registration required.*

Let’s Go Camping!

Ossian: Monday, June 17: 1 or 3 pm
Grades K-5. Sit by the “campfire,” read stories, enjoy snacks, and sing camp songs together. *Registration required.*

Block Play Day

Bluffton: Wed., June 19: 10 am-7 pm
All ages of kids. Enjoy several block stations for various ages. *Drop-in event.*



Adventures in Camping

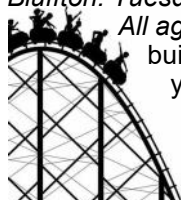
Bluffton: Thurs., June 27: 6:00-7:30 pm
Grades K-6. Bring your 2nd favorite stuffed animal for stories and s’mores under the stars. They will then stay at the library for “Stuffed Animal Sleep Away Camp.” Animals can be picked back up on Monday morning. Follow along on social media to see what they are up to while they’re away. *Registration required.*

We’re Going on a Hike at Archbold Wilson Park

Thursday, June 27: 6:30-7:30 pm
Grades K-5. Meet at Archbold Wilson Park pavilion with a parent or guardian. We will read our StoryWalk® and make observations about local nature. *Snacks will be provided. Registration required.*

Rollercoaster Fun

Bluffton: Tuesday, July 2: 10 am-7 pm
All ages of kids. Drop in and build the tallest rollercoaster you can and participate in various rollercoaster-themed activities. *No registration needed.*



Family Adventure at Ouabache State Park

Monday, July 8: 10:30 am
All ages. Meet at Ouabache State Park for a hike and an adventure together as a family. *Registration required.*

Aargh, Spider!

Ossian: Monday, July 8: 1 or 3 pm
Grades K-5. Have a not-so-creepy time with an activity, craft, story, and treats all with a spider theme. *Snacks will be provided. Registration required.*

Bird Watch Quest

Ossian: Monday, July 15: 1 or 3 pm
Grades K-5. Learn how to identify the local birds in our backyard, make homemade birdfeeders, and enjoy snacks. *Registration required.*

Storytime at the 4-H Park

Monday, July 15: 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.*

Library Olympic Games

Bluffton: Thursday, July 18: 10 am-7 pm
All ages of kids. Drop in and compete in Olympic-themed library games. *No registration needed.*



Adventure Rocks!

Ossian: Monday, July 22: 1 or 3 pm
Grades K-5. Explore the wonder of rocks and break open geodes together! *Snacks will be provided. Registration required.*

Summer Reading Pool Parties

Thursday, July 25: 6:30-8:30 pm or Thursday, 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.

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 10. Registration begins May 20 at 9 am.

BLUFFTON STORY SESSIONS:

Wee Read:
Ages Birth-24 Months (with adult)
Tuesdays at 9:30 am



Toddler Time:

Ages 2-3 (with adult). Tuesdays at 10:30 am, Wednesdays at 9:45 am, or Thursdays at 9:45 am

Story Hour:

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 1-5.

OSSIAN STORY SESSIONS:

Wee Read:

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

Storytime:

Ages 2 ½ -5 (with adult)
Tuesdays at 10:30 am

StoryWalks® available at
Pickett’s Run Park (Bluffton)
& Archbold Wilson Park (Ossian)



Events for Teens



Grade levels are for students who have **recently completed** those grades.

Teen events made possible by the Wells County Foundation.

Hometown Tourist To-Go Kit

Bluffton and Ossian: June 3-8

Grades 6-12. Sign up for Summer Reading, then pick up a kit that will help you find adventures close to home this summer! Each kit will have info about spots around the county worth visiting and games to complete for a small chocolate prize. *No registration needed.*

Teen Perfect

Bluffton: Tuesday, June 11: 6:30-7:30 pm

Grades 6-12. If you've ever watched Dude Perfect and thought "I could probably do that," now's your chance to find out. Try your hand at trick shots like the Longboard Triple Flip or the No-Looker Pringles Pyramid Shot. Test your skills and endurance in games like All-Sports Bowling Battle and Oreo Roulette! *Registration recommended.*



Long Live the Queen

Bluffton: Monday, June 17: 6:30-7:30 pm

Grades 6-12. Queen Elizabeth I's spies have intercepted correspondence, overheard snippets of conversation, and all the intel leads to one thing—assassination! It is your job to decode the messages, decipher the conversations to figure out when it will happen, who's responsible and why. Work together to stop the assassination and save the Queen. *Registration required.*

Night at the Museum Interactive Movie

Bluffton: Thursday, June 27: 6-8 pm

Grades 6-12. Join us in the Teen Zone for an interactive showing of the "Night at the Museum" movie! Act alongside the characters, be loud, and enjoy themed snacks. "Night at the Museum" is rated PG. *Registration required to reserve a kit with props and snacks.*

Teen DIY Pizza

Bluffton: Tuesday, July 2: 6-7 pm

Grades 6-12. From rising dough to homemade sauce, learn how to make a pizza from scratch! Along with cheese, let us know some of your favorite toppings so you can personalize your pizza. *Registration required to make sure there are enough supplies for everyone.*

Teen Nerf Night @ the Y

Monday, July 8: 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. Feel free to bring your own standard Nerf gun or use one of ours. *Registration required by July 6.*

Teen Dungeons & Dragons

Bluffton: Thursday, July 25 or

Friday, July 26: 2-5 pm

Grades 6-12. One of Neverwinter's magic bookshops has been attacked, and it's up to you to save it! But can you survive all the mayhem that's been unleashed? This D&D one-shot adventure is geared towards beginners. Pre-made characters, dice, and worksheets will be provided. *Registration required.*

Teen Summer Reading Party

Bluffton: Friday, August 2: 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, door prizes, and games ranging from the Nintendo Switch, giant yard games, Hide-n-Seek, or Vampires After Dark. *Registration required by Aug. 1. Teens need to be picked up by 7:45 pm.*

Events for Adults/All ages

To-Go Kits

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

- *June 1: Boba Tea*
- *July 1: Spice Adventure*

Bingo with Jason

Bluffton: Monday, June 3: 3:00-4:30 pm

Monday, July 1: 3:00-4:30 pm

Adults. Join us for a lively game of Bingo with everyone's favorite librarian named Jason. *Registration required.*

Chalk Adventures

Bluffton: Tuesday, June 11: 10 am-noon

Tuesday, July 9: 10 am-noon

All ages. Draw and create in chalk on the sidewalk outside. *No registration needed.*

Armchair Travel Adventures

Bluffton: Adventure to Thailand -

Tuesday, June 18: 6:30-8:00 pm

Bluffton: Adventure to Peru -

Wednesday, July 10: 1:00-2:30 pm

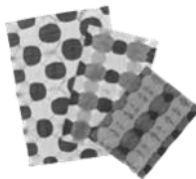
Adults. Travel along with us to Thailand

and Peru, without leaving the library. Each event will feature desserts/light refreshments and activities from each country, along with a travel video of the location. *Registration required.*

Adventures in Color: Try It Night

Bluffton: Monday, June 24: 6:30-7:30 pm

Adults and Teens. Learn the art of Orizomegami which is a Japanese paper-dyeing technique using folded paper and dyes. Turn these into cards, bookmarks, and artwork. *Registration required.*



Summer Book Sale

Bluffton: Tuesday,

June 25: 5-8 pm —

Friends only Preview Sale. Memberships may be purchased there.

June 26-29: open during library hours



Historical Homes Walking Tour

Thursday, July 18: 4 pm and 6 pm

Adults. Guided walking tour to view the outside of several homes in downtown Bluffton. Tours led by the Wells County Historical Society. *Registration required.*

Trivia Night

@ The Parlor City Brewing Company

Sunday, July 21: 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.*

Eiffel Tower Seurat Painting

Bluffton: Monday, July 29: 6:30-7:30 pm

Adults & teens. In honor of the Olympics in Paris, make an easy George Seurat-inspired painting of the Eiffel Tower using Q-tips and paint. *Registration required.*

Adult Summer Reading Party

Bluffton: Wednesday, Aug. 7: 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).

Kids and Families Calendar • June 2024

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3	4 Jim Barron Magic Show Kickoff BL 4:00 pm or 6:00 pm	5	6	7
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24 First day to pick up 2nd prize!	25 Wee Read: BL 9:30 Toddler Time: BL 10:30 Storytime: OSS 10:30	26 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30	27 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30 Wee Read: OSS 10:30 Adventures in Camping BL 6:00 pm We're Going on a Hike AWP 6:30 pm	28

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2 Rollercoaster Fun BL 10:00 am-7:00 pm	3	4 LIBRARY CLOSED <i>for Independence Day</i>	5
8 First day to pick up 3rd prize! Family Adventure OSP 10:30 am Aargh, Spider! OSS 1 pm or 3 pm	9 Wee Read: BL 9:30 Toddler Time: BL 10:30 Storytime: OSS 10:30	10 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30	11 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30 Wee Read: OSS 10:30	12
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29	30	31 Last day to log books	August 1 Pool Party (need ticket to enter) 10 am-noon	August 2 Last day to pick up prizes

Registration for June and July special events starts May 20.

Location Abbreviations :
BL = Bluffton (Main Library)
OSS = Ossian Branch
AWP = Archbold Wilson Park (Ossian)
OSP = Oubache State Park (Bluffton)



KIDS' PROGRAM SPONSORS:

- American Legion Auxiliary
- Bluffton Lions Club
- Bluffton Psi Iota Xi (Alpha Eta Chapter)
- Bluffton Rotary Club
- Elks
- Fort Wayne TinCaps
- Friends of the Library
- Optimist Club
- Ossian Psi Iota Xi (Gamma Zeta Chapter)
- Peyton's Northern
- Sons of the American Legion
- Sigma Phi Gamma
- Taco Bell
- Tri Kappa Sorority
- Virginia Gene Neuschwander Youth Fund
- Wells County Foundation

