

Wells County Public Library

# Summer Reading 2025



**May 27-July 31**

Prizes awarded throughout June and July for completing reading challenges. Registration for Summer Reading begins May 27 at the library.

Also enjoy special events for kids, teens, and adults.

Get more information at  
**[wellscolibrary.org/summer](https://wellscolibrary.org/summer)**



# Special Events for Kids and Families

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

## Weekly Activities

Stop into the library and complete a different activity each week, including Word of the Week, scavenger hunts, crafts, and more that fit the theme!

## Silly Safaris Kickoff

*Bluffton: Tuesday, June 3:*

*4:30 pm and 6:30 pm*

*All ages.* Join us at either session for a

Silly Safaris Live Animal show that will provide both facts and fun for

the entire family. There will be a variety of reptiles, mammals, birds, and bugs. Special guests from the audience will join each animal for a game that teaches about the natural world.



## Messy Art Day

*Ossian: Monday, June 9: 1-4 pm*

*Bluffton: Tuesday, June 10: 11 am-2 pm*

*Grades K-6.* Enjoy several painting stations of creative fun including tie-dye, splatter painting, bubble art, and more! Wear clothing that can get messy.

## Chalk the Block

*Bluffton: Thurs., June 12: 10 am-noon*

*Tues., July 8: 10 am-noon*

*Ossian: Wed., June 18: 10 am-2 pm*

*All ages.* Come color our block! We will have many different colors of chalk for you to unleash your inner artist.



## Colors in Nature Hike

*Monday, June 16: 10 am*

*All ages.* Join us for a guided family hike at the Ouabache State Park. Parent or guardian required.

## Block Day

*Ossian: Monday, June 23: 10 am-6 pm*

*Bluffton: Thursday, June 26: 11 am-7 pm*

*All ages.* Blocks, Blocks, Blocks! What fun new things can you build? Drop in to the library and explore our different block stations.

## Trivia Night

*Bluffton: Thurs., June 26: 6:30-7:30 pm*

*Grades 3-6.* Can you tell the Disney movie from just the font? What about from a door? Join in on the fun as we discover the different art styles that make up an animated Disney movie! If you think you've got what it takes to win, come out and play! We'll finish off the fun with an ice cream party!



## Laser Tag

*Bluffton: Friday, July 11: 6:00-7:30 pm*

*Ossian: Saturday, July 12: 12:30-2 pm*

*Grades K-6.* Bring your family and friends and join us for laser tag and games in the library after hours.

## Storytime at the 4-H Park

*Monday, July 14: 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.

## Fun with Fiber

*Ossian: Wed., July 16: 11 am-5 pm*

*Bluffton: Thursday, July 17: 11 am-5 pm*

*Grades K-6.* Drop in and learn new ways to play with fiber, make crafts, and add to a community weaving project.

## Art Rocks...and Rolls

*Bluffton & Ossian: Tues., July 22: 6-7 pm*

*Grades K-6.* Color your world with painted rocks and ping pong ball tea lights.

## Summer Reading Pool Parties

*Thursday, July 24: 6:30-8:30 pm or*

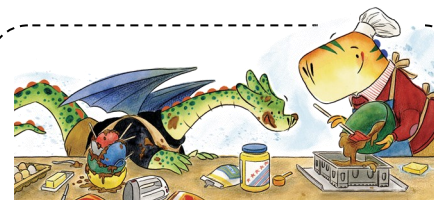
*Thursday, July 31: 10 am-noon*

*Birth-Grade 6.* Complete your summer reading and get a ticket to attend a party at the Wells Community Pool.

## LEGO Drop-In

*Ossian: Tuesday, July 29: 4-7 pm*

*Grades K-6.* Create using LEGO bricks.



## Children's Book Festival

*Bluffton: Sat., Oct. 11: 9 am-3 pm*

*All ages.* Large event featuring musician Jim Gill, author & illustrator Blythe Russo, food trucks, games, costumed characters, and more! *Schedule available at later date.*

= Registration required.

# 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 9. Registration begins May 19 at 9 am.

## BLUFFTON STORY SESSIONS:

### Wee Read:

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



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

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

### Family Storytime:

*Ages 1-5 (with adult)*  
Thursdays at 10:00 am

*Bluffton and Ossian will not have story sessions the week of July 1-4.*

## OSSIAN STORY SESSIONS:

### Wee Read:

*Ages Birth-30 months (with adult)*  
Fridays 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)*

# Special Events for Teens

Teen events made possible by the Wells County Foundation.

## Journaling To-Go Kit

*Bluffton and Ossian: June 2-7*

*Grades 6-12.* Sign up for Summer Reading, then pick up a journaling kit to help you discover a new creative outlet this summer! *No registration required. While supplies last.*

## Teen Color Party

*Bluffton: Thursday, June 12: 6-7 pm*

*Grades 6-12.* Prepare to party with color! Enjoy color-themed snacks and activities and then compete in a team scavenger hunt through the library. Who knows? Maybe you will be the one to win the prize. *Registration required.* ☑

## Bad Art Night

*Bluffton: Monday, June 16: 6-7 pm*

*Grades 6-12.* Picasso, Monet, Rembrandt—all masters of their craft. That's not us. Come flex your artistic ability (or lack thereof) with us! Submit your Bad Art project at the end of the night for exhibition in the Teen Zone. *No registration required. While supplies last.*



## The Vanishing Van Gogh

*Bluffton: Monday, June 23: 3-4 pm*

*Grades 6-12.* You've been invited to a Curator Preview Exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum of Art! Except the event is derailed when its main painting goes missing. The Met has asked you for help—can you find the vanishing Van Gogh before it's gone forever?

*Registration required.* ☑

## Teen Fan-demonium!

*Bluffton: Sat., July 5: 9 am-1:30 pm*

*Grades 6-12.* Pop culture colors our lives whether it's through books, comics, movies, or gaming. Join us for a Saturday celebration of our favorite hobbies & collections! We'll have movies playing, Switch & VR gaming stations, tabletop games going, and more. Bring your own card, comic, or merch collection to show off or trade with others! *No registration required.*

## Nerf Night @ the Y

*Bluffton: Monday, July 7: 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 6:15pm and you will need to be picked up no later than 7:45pm. 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 5th.* ☑

## Flowers & Shadows

*Bluffton: Friday, July 25: 2-3 pm*

*Grades 6-12.* Try your hand at flower-arranging and take home your creation! If you're feeling even more artsy, make a shadow watercolor painting of your bouquet to go with it. *No registration required. While supplies last.*

## Teen Summer Reading Party

*Bluffton: Friday, Aug. 1: 6:00-7:30 pm*

*Grades 6-12.* Teens who have completed the Summer Reading Program (reading 500 pages or more) will enjoy a party just for you! We will have a night of pizza, door prizes, and games ranging from the Nintendo Switch to our giant yard games. Maybe even some hide-and-seek or Vampires After Dark. *We want to make sure that we will have enough food and supplies, so registration is required by July 31. Teens need to be picked up no later than 7:45 pm.* ☑

# Special Events for Adults

## To-Go Kits

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

- *June 1: Scratch Art Bookmarks*
- *July 1: Tie Dye*

## Bingo with Jason

*Bluffton: Monday, June 2: 3:00-4:30 pm*

*Monday, July 7: 3:00-4:30 pm*

*Adults.* Join us for a lively game of Bingo with Jason. *Registration required.* ☑

## Nature Color Walk

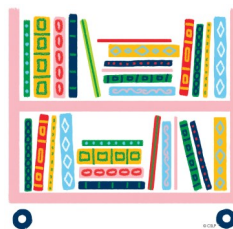
*Tuesday, June 17: 6-7 pm*

*All ages.* Meet at Acres Along the Wabash trail (182 S.E. SR 116, Bluffton, IN) for a guided hike with ACRES Land Trust board member, Jordan Marshall. Observe the colors of nature in this preserve that is one of the largest forested areas within the county and learn more what ACRES does to preserve our natural spaces. It will be a 1-mile easy-to-moderate hike. *Registration required.* ☑

## Summer Book Sale

*Bluffton: Tuesday, June 24: 5-8 pm* —

Friends only Pre-view Sale. Memberships may be purchased there. June 25-28: open during library hours



## Diamond Art Coasters

*Bluffton: Mon., June 23: 6:30-7:30 pm*

*Adults & Teens.* Try this colorful art technique where you stick diamond jewels onto a pattern to look like a mosaic. *Registration required.* ☑

## Trivia Night @ The Parlor City Brewing Company

*Sunday, July 13: 5:00-6:30 pm*

*Adults (21+).* Grab a team of up to four & test your knowledge on multiple subjects. *Registration required.* ☑



## Color Your World with Flowers

*Bluffton: Mon., July 28: 6:30-7:30 pm*

*Adults.* A flower bar will be set up where you can pick out flowers and get tips on arranging them in a small vase. *All supplies provided. Registration required.* ☑

## Adult Summer Reading Party

*Bluffton: Wednesday, Aug. 6: 5:30-7 pm*

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

## Historical Walking Tour

*Thursday, Aug. 21: 4 pm and 6 pm*

*Adults.* Guided walking tour of Bluffton led by the Wells County Historical Society. Meeting location will be sent to those registered. *Registration required.* ☑





# Kids and Families Calendar • June 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<i>May 27</i> <b>2025 Summer Reading sign up begins</b>	<i>May 28</i>	<i>May 29</i>	<i>May 30</i>
2	3 <b>Silly Safaris Kickoff</b> BL 4:30 pm or 6:30 pm	4	5	6
9 <b>First day to pick up 1st prize!</b>  <b>Messy Art Day</b> OSS 1:00-4:00 pm	10 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30 Storytime: OSS 10:30  <b>Messy Art Day</b> BL 11:00 am-2:00 pm	11 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30	12 Family Storytime: BL 10:00  <b>Chalk the Block</b> BL 10:00 am-Noon	13 Wee Read: BL 10:00 Wee Read: OSS 10:30
16 <b>Colors in Nature Hike</b> OSP 10:00 am	17 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30 Storytime: OSS 10:30	18 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30  <b>Chalk the Block</b> OSS 10:00 am-2:00 pm	19 Family Storytime: BL 10:00	20 Wee Read: BL 10:00 Wee Read: OSS 10:30
23 <b>First day to pick up 2nd prize!</b>  <b>Block Day</b> OSS 10:00 am-6:00 pm	24 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30 Storytime: OSS 10:30	25 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30	26 Family Storytime: BL 10:00  <b>Block Day</b> BL 11:00 am-7:00 pm <b>Trivia Night</b> BL 6:30-7:30 pm	27 Wee Read: BL 10:00 Wee Read: OSS 10:30

## Color Our World • July 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<i>June 30</i>	1	2	3	4 <b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b> <i>for Independence Day</i>
7 <b>First day to pick up 3rd prize!</b>	8 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30 Storytime: OSS 10:30  <b>Chalk the Block</b> BL 10:00 am-Noon	9 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30	10 Family Storytime: BL 10:00	11 Wee Read: BL 10:00 Wee Read: OSS 10:30 <b>Laser Tag</b> BL 6:00-7:30 pm  July 12 <b>Laser Tag</b> OSS 12:30-2:00 pm
14 <b>Storytime at the 4-H Park</b> 4:00-5:00 pm	15 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30 Storytime: OSS 10:30	16 Toddler Time: BL 9:45 Story Hour: BL 10:30  <b>Fun with Fiber</b> OSS 11:00 am-5:00 pm	17 Family Storytime: BL 10:00  <b>Fun with Fiber</b> OSS 11:00 am-5:00 pm	18 Wee Read: BL 10:00 Wee Read: OSS 10:30
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28	29  <b>LEGO Drop-In</b> OSS 4:00-7:00 pm	30	31 <b>Last day to log books</b>  <b>Pool Party</b> (need ticket to enter) 10 am-noon	<i>August 1</i> <b>Last day to pick up prizes</b>

Registration for story sessions and June and July special events starts May 19.

Location Abbreviations :  
BL = Bluffton  
(Main Library)  
OSS = Ossian Branch  
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 Neuenschwander Youth Fund
- Wells County Foundation
- Wes Knox & Sons Roofing Company



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