

# PEEL CONNECTIONS

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EVENTS AT THE



AMES PUBLIC LIBRARY

## ANIME FESTIVAL

**Saturday, December 3**  
**3pm-Midnight, FTB Auditorium**

Come to the Library for a night of anime and animated films on the big screen, including *Full Metal Alchemist*, *Nausicaa*, *Steamboy*, and more. Stop in for your favorites, or stay all night and watch 'em all. There'll be free munchies. Show times are at [www.amespubliclibrary.org/anime](http://www.amespubliclibrary.org/anime).

## TIME MACHINE MYSTERY PARTY FOR TEENS

**Saturday, December 10**  
**7pm, Farwell T. Brown Auditorium**

Hey teens, come to the Library and travel through time as a character in a live action murder mystery! Call Jerri at (515) 239-5644 to reserve your spot.

## Teen Advisory Group

**Saturday, December 10**  
**4:30pm, Founders Suite**

Help the Library pick out books, movies, and music for teens, plan events for teens (like the Time Machine Mystery Party), and design the upcoming Teen Space! Join TAG, share your ideas, and eat free pizza.

### *Palestinian Terror*

Sponsored by the Iowans for Middle East Peace and Ames Public Library

**Wednesday, December 7, 7pm, Farwell T. Brown Auditorium**

This film focuses on various aspects of Palestinian terrorism, including: Palestinian television programming for youth that indoctrinates hatred and violence, e.g. cartoons inviting children to replace their toys by weapons; a sermon in a Palestinian mosque inciting the worshipers to violence; the videotaped last words of a suicide bomber and his mother; the Palestinian Minister of Communications explains the strategy behind Palestinian violence; and the story of an Israeli peace activist killed in a terrorist attack.



### *Confronting the New World Order*

Sponsored by the local branch of the John Birch Society and Ames Public Library

**911 The Road to Tyranny: Part II**

**Monday, December 19, 7pm, Farwell T. Brown Auditorium**

Activist, analyst, author, and syndicated talk radio host Alex Jones explores the past, present, and future of government-sponsored terrorism. (2002, 72 minutes followed by discussion)



### *Other Voices / Other Views*

Sponsored by Alliance for Global Justice, Ames High Progressive Club, and Ames Public Library

**Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price**

**Wednesday, December 14, 7pm, Farwell T. Brown Auditorium and**

**Wednesday, December 28, 7pm, Farwell T. Brown Auditorium**

*Wal-Mart: The High Cost of Low Price* takes you into the real lives of workers and their families, business owners and their communities, in an extraordinary journey that will challenge the way you think, feel...and shop. (2005, 98 minutes followed by discussion)



## BOOK CLUBS

### YAK About Books

**Sunday, December 11, 2pm, Café Diem, 229 Main Street**

Do you like books? Do you like to talk? Then join Ames Public Library's book group for middle and high schoolers: YAK About Books. YAK is your chance to talk about what you're reading and get ideas for new books to try out.

### Great Books

**Sunday, December 11**  
**2pm, Community Room**

The Great Books discussion series continues with the "Great Conversations" anthology.

### Let's Talk About It

**Tuesday, December 13**  
**7pm, Farwell T. Brown Auditorium**

"Let's Talk About It" continues with the works of Saul Bellow. This month's selection is *Mr. Sammler's Planet*.

Find the perfect gift at

LITERARY  
GROUNDS  
a Friends Book Store

Located just past the circulation desk

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\*Gift Certificates

Free Gift Wrapping  
with purchase during December

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## CHRISTMAS STORYTIME

Tuesday, December 20  
9:30, 10, or 10:30am  
Davidson Storytelling Room

Celebrate the Christmas season with a special 20-minute program of stories, fingerplays, and fun for preschoolers and parents. Pre-registration is not required for this free event.



## Family Fun @ the Bookmobile

### Let's Eat - December 12-16

6:30-7pm at the following stops:

Monday @ Sawyer School

Tuesday @ Mitchell School

Wednesday @ Old Orchard Laundromat

Thursday @ Gilbert Elementary School

Friday @ University Village Laundromat

One week each month, the Bookmobile brings a special program to your neighborhood! This month, we'll see the variety of family cookbooks the library owns, learn all about food, and get some great low-cost gift-giving ideas.

## THE BOOKMOBILE



## Bookmobile Schedule

### MONDAY

Edwards School, 1:30 - 4:00pm  
Sawyer School, 4:30 - 8:30pm

### TUESDAY

Mitchell School, 6:00 - 8:00pm

### WEDNESDAY

Old Orchard Laundromat, 5:30 - 8:00pm

### THURSDAY

Gilbert Elementary School, 3:30 - 7:30pm

### FRIDAY

St. Cecilia School, 1:30 - 4:00pm  
University Village Laundromat, 4:30 - 8:30pm

The Bookmobile will be closed  
December 21- January 3.

### Baby Talk

Through December 16:

Tuesdays and Wednesdays  
11am, Davidson Storytelling Room

This 15-minute program for the pre-walker (newborn to around a year old) and adult features various emergent reading skills, music, nursery rhymes, reading aloud, and more.

### Toddler Time

Through December 16

Mon: 9:30, 10, or 10:30am

Tues-Wed: 9:30, 10, 10:30am, 1pm

Thurs: 9:30, 10, 10:30am, 6:30pm

Davidson Storytelling Room

Fri: 9:30am, FTB Auditorium

In this program for the walker to 3 year old child and an adult, Youth Services staff share ways to use action rhymes, songs, and books with young children.



### Preschool Storytime

Animals and More

Through December 16

Mondays and Thursdays: 11am

Tuesdays and Wednesdays: 1:30pm

Davidson Storytelling Room

Fridays: 10 or 10:45am

Farwell T. Brown Auditorium

This 30-minute program for children ages 3-6 includes stories, activities, and songs. Parents are welcome to attend with their child but are not required.

### Winter Reading Program

Begins Monday, December 26

## Family Night @ the Library

Every Thursday, enjoy a night of fun for the whole family at Ames Public Library. All ages are welcome!



### Tie With Me @ the Library

December 1, 7pm, FTB Auditorium

Clifford will join us to play with ties and help you make your own tie to wear home!

### Book BINGO @ the Library

December 8, 7pm, FTB Auditorium

Celebrate BINGO month with a game of Book BINGO for the whole family.

For more information about Library programs for families and children, call (515) 239-5644.

### Art Around the World

Wednesday, December 7

2:30-3:30pm, FTB Auditorium

First, second, and third graders are invited to enjoy a snack, listen to stories from Mexico, and decorate Mexican tin ornaments. Please pre-register at the Youth Desk or by calling (515) 239-5644.

### Parent-Child Craft Storytime

Thursday, December 8

11:00-11:45am or 1:30-2:15pm

Farwell T. Brown Auditorium

Parents and children ages 3-6 are invited to a storytime and related craft activity on the theme of "I Love Snow." Parents may browse the Library before returning to help with the craft activity.

### Chattin' With Cathy

Wednesday, December 14

2:30-3:30pm, Community Room

First, second, and third graders, come chat about books, enjoy snacks, and participate in fun activities. The books and activities will be on the theme of pirates throughout the fall. Please pre-register at the Youth Services Desk or by calling (515) 239-5644.

### Saturday Storybreak

Saturday, December 17

10:30-10:50 or 11:30-11:50am

Davidson Storytelling Room

This 20-minute program of songs, stories, and fingerplays on the theme of "Clothes, Clothes, Clothes" is planned for parents and children ages 2-5.



### Movie Night @ the Library: Polar Express

December 15, 6:30pm, FTB Auditorium  
(2004, 99 minutes, Rated G)

### Holiday BINGO @ the Library

December 22, 7pm, FTB Auditorium

Enjoy holiday stories, crafts, and BINGO and get your picture taken with Santa!

### Bring in the New Year @ the Library

December 29, 7pm, FTB Auditorium

Celebrate the New Year and make your very own New Year Resolution.

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## HOMESCHOOL PROGRAM

**Wednesday, December 14  
1pm, Computer Lab**

Homeschoolers are invited to a program about using the Library for teaching and learning. This month, you'll get some hands-on training using EBSCO Host, an electronic resource for searching magazine articles.

## PROJECT SMYLES

Over the next few months, you will be hearing a lot about Smyles the library dog and a new project at Ames Public Library. Read on for a sneak peak at Project Smyles!

### What is Project Smyles?

Project Smyles is a pilot project of outreach to children in daycare centers, in-home daycare settings, preschool programs, pre-kindergarten programs, kindergarten programs, and their care providers, teachers, and parents in Ames Public Library's service area (Ames, Gilbert, and rural Story County).

We will begin by offering these sites a visit from the Bookmobile. Each visit will feature a tour of the Bookmobile and information about the Library, a storytime, a visit from Smyles the library dog, and a packet of information for parents about developing early literacy skills. Each child will also be given a free copy of the upcoming book about Smyles, written by our own Kay Mamer!

### Why Smyles?

Smyles the dog is the Ames Public Library's mascot. You'll see Smyles all around, on the side of the Bookmobile, visiting Storytimes and community events, and all over the Library.



Keep an eye out for new Smyles stuff for sale, including: a pop-up book bin, a Smyles plush toy, and a new book all about Smyles and Ames Public Library's Bookmobile!

## GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

- From Daniel J. and Ann M. Murray in memory of Lisa Carney
- From Jeannette R. Olson in honor of Elaine Kushkowski's ninth birthday
- From the Story County Master Gardener Association: *Ortho Complete Guide to Orchids*, *Ortho Complete Guide to Landscaping*, *All About Lawns*, *Big Book of Kids' Crafts*
- From author Ellen O'Grady: *Outside the Ark: An Artist's Journey in Occupied Palestine*
- From Teri Martin for Project Smyles



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We still have several open shifts in the Literary Grounds café and used book store. Duties include cashiering, beverage preparation, and light cleaning. If you are interested in this or any other volunteer opportunity, please contact Sarah at (515) 239-5663 or [sbohlke@amespubliclibrary.org](mailto:sbohlke@amespubliclibrary.org).



## DEAR FRIENDS

The Friends of the Ames Public Library fall used book sale was a great success. We received over \$10,000 gross, and had a record attendance of over 1,300. Thanks to Nancy and Bert Schroeder, who worked so hard to make everything go smoothly, and the legion of volunteers who set-up, staffed, and cleaned up the sale.

The Friends Board met on November 7<sup>th</sup>. They discussed the book sale and came up with good ideas to make it even better.

Library Board liaison Melody Warnick talked about progress on the director search and asked for Friends representation during the interview process. (Wayne Beal agreed to attend the interview sessions.) The Library Board is bringing in three candidates for interviews and hope to make an offer by the end of the year.

Library Board member Dave Ferree gave a brief building acquisition update. The Library Board is currently awaiting an inspection report in order to continue negotiations with the owner. Literacy Changes Lives, the Story County Adult Literacy Program, received a \$1,500 donation from the Wal-Mart Community Works fund for materials and teacher training.

The Friends Board approved a funding request for \$3,000 to keep up with the continuing demand for popular materials. This will help us manage the long hold lists for bestsellers. The Friends also approved renewing their lease from the Library for use of the space in Literary Grounds.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!



See you at the Library.  
Dawn Hayslett, Editor



Ames Monday-Thursday 9 am - 9 pm  
 Public Friday 9 am - 6 pm  
 Library Saturday 9 am - 6 pm  
 Hours Sunday 1 pm - 5 pm



# DECEMBER 2005

"The man who doesn't read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them."  
 - Mark Twain

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Santa Claus is coming to the Library!</b></p> <p>Come to Family Night @ the Library Thursday, December 22 at 7pm for holiday stories, crafts, and BINGO and a special visit from Santa!</p>				<p><b>1</b>  <b>Toddler Time</b>            9:30, 10, 10:30am, 6:30pm, Story Room  <b>Preschool Storytime</b>            11am, Story Room  <b>Family Night @ the Library</b>            7pm, Auditorium</p>	<p><b>2</b>  <b>Toddler Time</b>            9:30am, Auditorium  <b>Preschool Storytime</b>            10 or 10:45am Auditorium</p>	<p><b>3</b>            Library Open 9am-6pm  <b>Anime Festival</b>            3pm-Midnight Auditorium  <b>Bookmobile at Gilbert Downtown Holiday Party</b>            10am-Noon</p>
<p><b>4</b>            Library Open 1-5pm</p>	<p><b>5</b>  <b>Toddler Time</b>            9:30, 10, 10:30am Story Room  <b>Preschool Storytime</b>            11am, Story Room  <b>Friends Board</b>            7pm, Board Room</p>	<p><b>6</b>  <b>Toddler Time</b>            9:30, 10, 10:30am, 1pm, Story Room  <b>Baby Talk</b>            11am, Story Room  <b>Preschool Storytime</b>            1:30pm, Story Room</p>	<p><b>7</b>  <b>Toddler Time</b>            9:30, 10, 10:30am, 1pm, Story Room  <b>Baby Talk</b>            11am, Story Room  <b>Preschool Storytime</b>            1:30pm, Story Room  <b>Art Around the World</b>            2:30pm, Auditorium  <b>Reel Connections</b>            7pm, Auditorium</p>	<p><b>8</b>  <b>Toddler Time</b>            See Above  <b>Preschool Storytime</b>            11am, Story Room  <b>Parent-Child Craft Storytime</b>            11am or 1:30pm Auditorium  <b>Family Night @ the Library</b>            7pm, Auditorium</p>	<p><b>9</b>  <b>Toddler Time</b>            See Above  <b>Preschool Storytime</b>            10 or 10:45am Auditorium</p>	<p><b>10</b>            Library Open 9am-6pm  <b>TAG, 4:30pm</b>            Founders Suite  <b>Time Machine Mystery Party</b>            7pm, Auditorium</p>
<p><b>11</b>            Library Open 1-5pm  <b>YAK About Books</b>            2pm, Café Diem  <b>Great Books</b>            2pm, Community Room</p>	<p><b>12</b>  <b>Toddler Time</b>            See Above  <b>Preschool Storytime</b>            11am, Story Room  <b>Family Fun @ the Bookmobile</b>            6:30pm, Sawyer</p>	<p><b>13</b>  <b>Toddler Time</b>            See Above  <b>Baby Talk</b>            11am, Story Room  <b>Preschool Storytime</b>            1:30pm, Story Room  <b>Family Fun @ the Bookmobile</b>            6:30pm, Mitchell  <b>Let's Talk About It</b>            7pm, Auditorium</p>	<p><b>14</b>  <b>Toddler Time</b>            See Above  <b>Baby Talk</b>            11am, Story Room  <b>Homeschool Program</b>            1pm, Computer Lab  <b>Preschool Storytime</b>            1:30pm, Story Room  <b>Chattin' With Cathy</b>            2:30pm, Community Room  <b>Family Fun @ the Bookmobile</b>            6:30pm, Old Orchard  <b>Reel Connections</b>            Other Voices/Views            7pm, Auditorium</p>	<p><b>15</b>  <b>Toddler Time</b>            See Above  <b>Preschool Storytime</b>            11am, Story Room  <b>Movie Night @ the Library</b>            6:30pm, Auditorium  <b>Family Fun @ the Bookmobile</b>            6:30pm, Gilbert Elementary School  <b>Board of Trustees</b>            7pm, Board Room</p>	<p><b>16</b>  <b>Toddler Time</b>            See Above  <b>Preschool Storytime</b>            10 or 10:45am Auditorium  <b>Family Fun @ the Bookmobile</b>            6:30pm, University Village Laundromat</p>	<p><b>17</b>            Library Open 9am-6pm  <b>Saturday Storybreak</b>            10:30 or 11:30am Story Room</p>
<p><b>18</b>            Library Open 1-5pm</p>	<p><b>19</b>  <b>Reel Connections</b>            Confronting the New World Order            7pm, Auditorium</p>	<p><b>20</b>  <b>Christmas Storytime</b>            9:30, 10, 10:30am, Story Room</p>	<p><b>21</b>  <b>Books @ Noon</b>            Founders Suite  <b>Inkspots, 1:30pm</b>            Community Room  <b>Bookmobile Closed through January 3</b></p>	<p><b>22</b>  <b>Toddler Time</b>            6:30pm, Story Room  <b>Family Night @ the Library</b>            7pm, Auditorium</p>	<p><b>23</b>  <b>Toddler Time</b>            9:30am, Auditorium  <b>Preschool Storytime</b>            10 or 10:45am Auditorium</p>	<p><b>24</b>            CLOSED for Christmas Eve</p>
<p><b>25</b>            CLOSED for Christmas Day</p>	<p><b>26</b>  <b>Winter Reading Program Begins</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b>  <b>Reel Connections</b>            Other Voices/Views            7pm, Auditorium</p>	<p><b>29</b>  <b>Toddler Time</b>            6:30pm, Story Room  <b>Family Night @ the Library</b>            7pm, Auditorium</p>	<p><b>30</b>  <b>Toddler Time</b>            9:30am, Auditorium  <b>Preschool Storytime</b>            10 or 10:45am Auditorium</p>	<p><b>31</b>            Library Closes at 5pm for New Year's Eve</p>

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