

## Closed

### Library Closed Memorial Day

Ames Public Library and the Bookmobile will be closed Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day.

## Book Sale

### Mothers' Day Book Sale

May 6-8, Literary Grounds  
During Library Open Hours

Stop by Literary Grounds for great deals on gifts for moms!

## All Ages

### Coloring Book Club

Saturdays, May 7 & 21  
10am-12pm, The Studio

All ages are invited to relax and color with us. We'll provide colored pencils and sheets for a variety of skill levels.

### National Readathon Day

Saturday, May 21, 12-4pm  
See 3rd page.

### Play Games Ames

Saturday, May 28, 2-5pm, PEO Room  
See 3rd page.



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## Small Buried Things: Poetry & Music

Sunday, May 1  
2pm, Auditorium

Join us for an afternoon of poetry and music. ISU Professor Debra Marquart will read from her new poetry collection, *Small Buried Things*, and team up with musicians Anthony Stevens and Peter Manesis (a.k.a. The Bone People) to perform new songs from their upcoming album.



## If It's Rossini, It Must Be Good

Mondays, May 2, 16, & 23  
7pm, Auditorium

Wed., May 11 at 7pm, Rotary Room  
Join us for a series of lectures about composer Rossini and samplings from his operas. Whether you're familiar with operas or new to them, these events will give you a look at the life and works of one of the most beloved opera composers.  
May 2: Early Years - Innovations  
May 11: Rossini's Operas - Little Known and Well Known  
May 16: Background to *The Barber of Seville* and *La Cenerentola*  
May 23: Travels, Paris, and Retirement  
*Provided in partnership with Des Moines Metro Opera Guild Ames Chapter.*

## Behind the Science of Climate Change

Tuesday, May 3 at 7pm, Auditorium

A panel of local experts will discuss how scientists know what they know about past, present, and future climates.  
*Provided in partnership with ISU's Department of Geological and Atmospheric Sciences and the National Science Foundation.*

## Chasing Butterflies for Science

Wednesday, May 4 at 7pm, Rotary Room

Students in the DES 340 Environmental Literacy by Design course will present their site plan concepts for the Mortensen Mounds Monarch Waystation, a proposed project at the northwest corner of Ash and Mortensen.



## Ames High Bluestem Community Impact Project Showcase

Wed., May 11, 5-8:30pm, Auditorium  
Ames High School students will share the community impact projects they conducted.

## Wellness & Wellbeing

Tuesdays, May 17 - June 28

11am, PEO Room/Danfoss Room  
Register online for this series focused on how to get more out of life by increasing your understanding of health, wellness, and wellbeing.

*Provided in partnership with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.*

## APL Unplugged: Beverly Smith and John Grimm

Sunday, May 22 at 3pm, Auditorium  
Beverly Smith and John Grimm are award winning old time musicians who travel the world playing the music of the southern Appalachians. They can get you up on your feet dancing or pulling out your handkerchiefs with songs of days gone by.

## Ames Historical Society: The Carr Family & Carr's Pool Story

Tuesday, May 24 at 7pm, Auditorium  
Hear the remarkable story of Emmet and Alpha Carr, who raised over 80 foster children and—out of concern for children



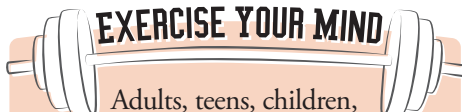
trying to swim in the hazardous Skunk River—built the first public swimming pool in Ames.

*Provided in partnership with Ames Historical Society.*

## Tracing Their Footsteps

Saturday, May 28

10am-12pm, Downtown Ames  
Take a walk downtown and explore Ames' past through its architectural history. Marked with historic plaques, each building has its own story to share with the present. Pick up a map at the Library or Tom Evans Park to begin your self-guided tour. There will be fun stops along the way as well as refreshments and a historic display in the Library's Rotary Room.  
*Provided in partnership with the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Ames, Ames Historical Society, and Main Street Cultural District.*



Adults, teens, children, and even babies are invited to join Ames Public Library's Summer Reading Program starting June 1.

## Regular Meetups

### Conversations in English

**Mondays at 11am in the Auditorium**  
Come and join other native and non-native English speakers to practice conversational English in a comfortable, relaxed setting!

### Conversations in Spanish

**Thursdays at 6:30pm, The Studio**  
Native and non-native Spanish speakers are invited to gather for some casual conversation in Spanish.

### Poetry Jam

**Tues., May 10, 7-8:30pm, Auditorium**  
Teens and adults are invited to watch or share up to two original poems/raps/stories under three minutes with no props.  
*Provided in partnership with ACCESS and Ames Youth Poetry Revival.*

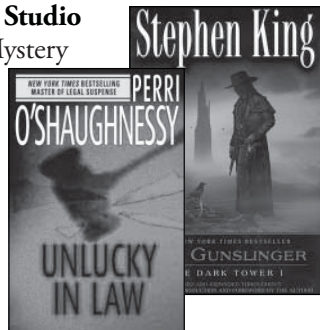
### Whist Wednesday Card Club

**Wednesday, May 18**  
**12:30-2:30pm, PEO Room**  
Come play Whist at the Library! This classic trick-taking card game has simple rules. Everyone is welcome, whether you already know how to play or not!

## Book Discussions

### Mystery Lovers Book Club

**Wednesday, May 4 at 12pm, The Studio**  
Mystery lovers are invited to the Mystery Lovers Book Club on the first Wednesday of each month to talk about books by a selected author. This month, we'll discuss books by **Perri O'Shaughnessy**. (Next month's author will be Ken Bruen.)



### Great Books

**Sunday, May 15 at 2pm, Board Room**  
The Great Books group discusses literary classics using the Great Books Foundation *Short Story Omnibus*. This month, we'll talk about "**The Wall**" by Jean-Paul Sartre. To sign up for this series, visit the Library's Adult Services Desk or call (515) 239-5646 ext. 4.

## New Meetup

### Conversations in French

**Saturdays at 4pm, The Studio**  
Native and non-native French speakers are invited to gather for some casual conversation in French.

### Crochet & Knitting Group

**Saturdays, May 14 & 28**  
**11am, The Studio**  
All ages are invited to crochet and knit at the Library. All skill levels are welcome, from beginner to expert.

### Genealogy Plus

**Wed., May 18 at 10am, Auditorium**  
This month's topic is Heritage Quest.  
*Provided in partnership with Story County Genealogical Society.*

### Inkspots

**Wed., May 18, 1:30-3pm, The Studio**  
Inkspots is a writers' group that meets monthly to discuss and gently critique members' writing. For more information, please visit the Library's Adult Services Desk or call (515) 239-5646 ext. 4.

### Big Bluestem Audubon Society: Iowa Big Year

**Thurs., May 19 at 7pm, Rotary Room**  
Paul Roisen will share photos of many birds he spotted during the 2012 Iowa "Big Year" competition.  
*Provided in partnership with Big Bluestem Audubon Society.*

### MiXed LIT: Not Quite a Western

**Tuesday, May 17**  
**7pm, The Studio**  
Join this casual book club for adults and talk about a not-quite-western. This month, we'll wrap up the spring series with *The Gunslinger* by Stephen King.

### Books at Noon

**Wednesday, May 25, 12pm, The Studio**  
Drop in to share what you've read recently—fiction or nonfiction—and hear about what everyone else is reading. Be prepared to give a brief description and your opinion about one or two books you've listened to or read.

## Classes

### Computer Basics

**Thursdays, May 5-26**  
**10am, PEO Room**  
**May 5: Microsoft Word**  
**May 12: Microsoft PowerPoint**  
**May 19: Microsoft Excel**  
**May 26: Free Office Software**

Classes are one and a half hours long with optional advanced topics afterwards. Computers are provided. You can guarantee your spot in a class by preregistering at the Library's Adult Services Desk or by calling (515) 239-5646 ext. 4.

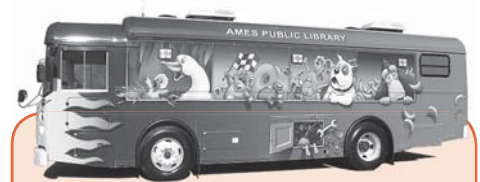


### Workforce Readiness Training

**Fridays, May 6-20, PEO Room**  
**Presentation: 10am-12pm**  
**May 6: Resume Basics**  
**May 13: Online Applications**  
**May 20: Interviewing**

### Resume Help: 1-3pm

Join us for a presentation in the morning and regroup after lunch for hands-on resume help. For more information, visit the Adult Services Desk or call (515) 239-5646 ext. 4.  
*Provided in partnership with IowaWORKS Central Iowa.*



## Bookmobile Schedule

### MONDAY

Trinity Christian Reformed Church, 5-8pm  
(3626 Ontario Street)

### TUESDAY

St. Cecilia School, 2:00-4:00pm  
(Hoover Avenue & 30th Street)  
Old Orchard Laundromat, 5:00-6:15pm  
(Mulberry Drive)  
Mitchell School, 6:45-8:00pm  
(3521 Jewel Drive)

### WEDNESDAY

Edwards School, 1:45-3:30pm  
(820 Miller Avenue)  
Fareway on Stange, 5:00-8:00pm  
(Stange & Bloomington)

Visit the Bookmobile at Ames Main Street Farmers' Market May 7 and at North Grand Farmers' Market May 14!



## National Readathon Day

Saturday, May 21, 12-4pm, Library

Join readers across America participating in a marathon reading session at the same time! All ages are welcome.

## Storytimes (through May 14 unless otherwise noted)

### Baby Time

Tuesdays at 1:30pm

Wednesdays at 11:05am

Thursdays at 6pm

Storytime Room

Bring your prewalker for books, songs, baby sign language, and more.

### Toddler Time

Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays at 10am

Tuesdays at 1pm

Storytime Room

Join Dewey Bear and library staff for 20-25 minutes of music, books, and interactive early literacy activities.

### Family Storytime

Wednesdays at 10:30am

Storytime Room

Children of all ages are invited to this interactive program to build listening, language, and literacy skills.

## Events for Teens

### Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

Thurs., May 5, 5:30pm, Teen Space

Sat., May 21, 11am-1pm, PEO Room

Help plan library events for teens, share what you're reading, and make new friends.

### Teen Strategy Game Association

Sat., May 7, 1-4pm, Danfoss Room

Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to a club for board gamers. We'll have a variety of strategy games, including favorites like *Settlers of Catan* and *Dominion*.

### Teen Writers' Workshop

Sun., May 8, 2-4pm, Board Room

6th-12th graders are invited to join author David Zimmerman for writing exercises to finesse their creative writing skills.

### Teen Movie Monday

Mon., May 9:

*The 5<sup>th</sup> Wave*

Mon., May 23: *The Fault in Our Stars*

at 4pm, Teen Space  
Hang out and watch a new movie.



### Family Craft Storytime

Thursdays and Fridays at 10:30am

Storytime Room

Come to the Library for an interactive storytime and related craft activity for children of all ages.

### Milk & Book-ies

Thursdays at 6:30pm, Storytime Room

Stop in for 30+ minutes of fun that includes milk and cookies.

### La Hora del Cuento (Spanish Storytime)

Sat., May 14 & 28, 10am, Storytime Rm.

Native Spanish speakers will share stories and activities in Spanish.

### Chinese Storytime

Sat., May 21, 11:15am, Storytime Room

Come to the Library for a free storytime presented in Chinese!

### Teen Craft Tuesday

Tuesdays, May 10 & 24

6:30pm, Teen Space

Come craft with us! You don't have to be an artistic genius to make this Pinterest-worthy stuff.

### Teen Roleplaying Game Association

Sat., May 14, 1-5pm, Rotary Room

Teens in grades 6 through 12 are invited to join this group dedicated to a wide exploration of games, including *Dungeons and Dragons*, *Star Wars*, *Magic*, and more.

### Gigantic Game Night for Teens

Saturday, May 14 at 6:30pm

Teens, take over the Library for night of huge games including Wii and Wii U on our big screens, giant Jenga, board games, and karaoke.

## Summer is Coming...

Get in the game this summer and earn prizes. There will be lots of special events, including a visit from famous author Matt de la Peña, human foosball, and more!

## Parents & Parents-To-Be

### The Mothering Circle

Thurs., May 5 & 19, 10am, Teen Space

New mothers and their babies, up to age 1, are invited to come share support, guidance, inspiration, and their own parenting journeys.

### Best Start Breastfeeding Class & Next Step Pumping Class

Monday, May 9, Rotary Room

Breastfeeding: 6-7:30pm

Pumping: 7:45-8:45pm

Join us for a free two-part prenatal class on breastfeeding and pumping presented by the Ames Loving Support Breastfeeding Peer Counselors. RSVP online for one or both parts. Support persons are encouraged to attend.

### Mama Milk Meetup

Mon., May 16, 9:30-11am, Teen Space

All nursing moms and moms-to-be are invited to a breastfeeding café hosted by the Ames Loving Support Breastfeeding Peer Counselors. Children are welcome!

## And More

### Social Studies for Homeschool

Wed., May 4, 10am-12pm, Auditorium

Cooperatively Homeschooling in Ames is teaming up with the Ames Public Library to present a monthly social studies event. This month's topic will be *Why Did We Need Independence?*

### Saturday Family Fun

Saturdays at 10:30am, Storytime Room

May 7: Play with Me

May 14: Read with Me

### Tween Roleplaying Club

Sat., May 14, 1-3pm, Rotary Room

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to play *Dungeons and Dragons*, *Star Wars*, *Magic*, and more.

### Puppets & Stories in the Stacks

Sunday, May 15, 2-4pm, Auditorium

Enjoy puppet shows, make puppets, and learn to give puppet shows!

*Provided with funding assistance from Ames Convention and Visitors Bureau and Ames Community Arts Council.*

### Play Games Ames

Saturday, May 28, 2-5pm, PEO Room

All ages are welcome to play, chat, or just to see what we're all about. Experienced board gamers will be on hand to teach you how to play a variety of games.



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



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