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WINTER READING CHALLENGE

AND MORE!

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LIBRARY HOURS
Monday-Thursday: 9am-9pm
Friday & Saturday: 9am - 6pm
Sunday: 1pm - 5pm
Thursdays, 3:30-6pm, Teen Space

Need a brain break? Teens are invited to hang out and play videogames on our big screen Thursdays after school!

Virtual Reality Day
December 2, 3:30-6pm, Auditorium

Join us for a very special Teen Videogames in the Auditorium. ISU WiSE students will bring their VR system for you to try!

Ames Public Library is partnering with The Bridge Home to provide easy access to critical services. Staff from The Bridge Home will be available in the Library to assist individuals and families on the verge of—or experiencing—homelessness with apartment searching, appointment scheduling, job applications, and more.

Staff members will also be available to connect community members who are experiencing homelessness with vital services.

You can find The Bridge Home at Ames Public Library:
- Tuesdays, 11am-2pm on the first floor
- Thursdays, 4-7pm on the second floor
- Fridays, 11am-2pm on the second floor

1st Thursday of Each Month
10am, Auditorium

Join us for a monthly book discussion just for families that are homeschooling or learning remotely!

Each month, we will focus on a different genre of books. Families are invited to read the book of the month (together or independently), then come to the Library for a discussion and related activities.

This event and books are geared for school-age kids or middle grade reading level, but all ages are welcome to attend.

On December 2, we will talk about *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello’s Library* by Chris Grabenstein and the mystery genre.
TAG
TEEN ADVISORY GROUP

Saturday, Dec. 4 2:30pm, Teen Space

Wednesday, Dec. 15 6:30pm, Teen Space

Help plan exciting Library events for teens, share what you’re reading, and make new friends.

For more information, e-mail eatwell@amespubliclibrary.org

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AUTHOR EVENT
in conversation with
DENISE WILLIAMS

Monday, December 6 at 7pm
In the Auditorium or via Zoom

Local author Denise Williams, author of LibraryReads picks How to Fail at Flirting and The Fastest Way to Fall, will join us for a conversation about romance novels, her writing process, and life as a published author.

After growing up a military brat around the world and across the country, Denise now lives in Iowa with her husband, son, and two ornery shih-tzus who think they own the house.

Copies of her books will be available for sale during the event (courtesy of Dog-Eared Books), and a book signing will follow.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Dog-Eared Books.

Cover Letter and Resume Workshop

Tuesday, December 7 7pm, Danfoss Room or via Zoom

How do I format a resume? How do I make my cover letter stand out?

With help from Iowa State University’s Writing and Media Center, this workshop will prepare you for your job search with examples and strategies to improve your application documents.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Iowa State University Writing and Media Center.

STUDY SPACE

Need somewhere quiet to get ready for finals? We reserved space just for study time.

Drop in any of the following times, or ask about our regular study rooms!

December 6-10:
1-8:45pm, Rotary Room

Saturday, December 11:
9am-5:45pm, Rotary Room

December 13-14:
1-8:45pm, Rotary Room

Wednesday, December 15:
1-8:45pm, Danfoss Room
Friday, December 10, 4pm, Teen Space

Join our monthly meetup to watch some anime, talk about your favorite manga, or create your own art and manga. This free event is open to 6th-12th graders. Anime watched is considered to be rated G to PG-13.

Saturday, Dec. 11
2pm, Auditorium

This is not a quiet movie experience! Come ready to shout, dance, and participate along with the movie.

On December 11, we’ll watch Elf.

The Ames-Story County MLK Day Celebration Committee is hosting its 2nd Annual Essay Writing Contest to commemorate the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

All Ames and Story County area high school students are invited and encouraged to watch a reading of a "Letter from Birmingham City Jail." Contestants are challenged to explain the significance of a specific quote from this text and its relevance to the United States today. Entries are due December 17, 2021.

For more information, visit bit.ly/AmesMLKDay

Presented in partnership with Ames Chamber of Commerce; Ames Human Relations Commission; Ames Police Department; Ames Public Library; Ames Water Plant; Body of Christ Church (BCC); City of Ames; Hasting, Gartin, & Boettiger, LLP; Iowa State University Library; Rotary Club of Ames; Wayne & Edna Clinton Family; and YWCA Ames-ISU.

We’re bringing back take-home activity kits for just two weeks!

Stop by the Library December 20-26 for a winter-themed craft kit and December 27-January 2 for a Super Puffs animal challenge (while supplies last).

2nd Sunday of Each Month
2-2:30pm, Storytime Room

Join ISU’s Environmental Education Club for storytime, a craft, and fun activities based on a different ecological theme each month. Children of any age can come explore and learn more about our environment.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and the ISU Environmental Education Club.
**ALL AGES**

**Winter Reading**

**2022 Challenge**

December 15, 2021 to February 15, 2022

All ages can earn a prize by reading 30 days this winter! Pick up your reading log at the Library or Bookmobile, or sign up at amespubliclibrary.beanstack.com.

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**Movies with MAINSTREAM**

**Thursday, December 16**

10am-1pm, Auditorium

Join the Mainstream Living community for a monthly movie screening and related activity!

Selected movies are appropriate for adults who are neurodivergent and/or have an intellectual disability. Movies with Mainstream is open to all ages!

**On December 16,** we’ll watch *Frozen.*

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Mainstream Living.

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**Christmas Storytime Special**

**Wednesday, December 22**

10:30am, Auditorium

Come to the Library for a special storytime for families featuring Christmas stories!

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**NOON Year's Eve PARTY**

**Friday, December 31**

11am-12:15pm, Auditorium

Families and children of all ages are invited to the Library to celebrate the start of 2022 with a NOON Year's Eve Party! Drop in and join us for a craft and a dance party, followed by a countdown to Noon. Then we'll share a kid-friendly a toast!

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Find **HOLIDAY MOVIES** to watch at home in our DVD section and on our free streaming services!
028: Real Reads

2nd Thursday of Each Month
7pm, Board Room or via Zoom
Register at amespubliclibrary.org/events

028 focuses on recently published, popular nonfiction on a variety of topics.

December 9:
**The Next Great Migration: The Beauty and Terror of Life on the Move**
by Sonia Shah

January 13:
**Why Fish Don’t Exist: A Story of Loss, Love, and the Hidden Order of Life**
by Lulu Miller

Great Books 1

3rd Sunday of Each Month, 2-4pm
In the Board Room or via Zoom
Registration Full

Great Books 2

1st Sunday of Each Month, 1:30-3:30pm
In the Rotary Room or via Zoom
Call (515) 239-5646 ext. 4 to register

Come discuss classic short stories and essays recommended by the Great Books Foundation.

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View from the Margins

2nd Sunday of Each Month, 2-4pm
In the Board Room or via Zoom
Register at amespubliclibrary.org/events

Check out this book discussion group exploring social and cultural topics through the lens of fiction and nonfiction.

The goal is to encourage deep reflection and nuanced discussion about how the topics’ impacts manifest and resonate in modern society.

December 12:
**Conditional Citizens**
by Laila Lalami

January 9:
**Homegoing**
by Yaa Gyasi

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Books @ Noon

4th Wednesday of Each Month
12pm, Rotary Room or via Zoom

Share what you’ve read recently—fiction or nonfiction—and hear about what everyone else is reading.

Mystery Lovers Book Club

1st Wednesday of Each Month
12pm, Rotary Room

Share your thoughts about books by a selected author!

December 1: Robert B. Parker
(with Ace Atkins’ Spenser series)

January 5: Robert Dugoni
Family Storytime
Tuesdays and Saturdays
10:30am, Auditorium

Children of all ages and their grown-ups are invited to this socially-distanced storytime to build listening, language, and literacy skills.

Baby Time
Tuesdays at 1:30pm, Wednesdays at 11am, and Thursdays at 6:30pm, Storytime Room

Bring your pre-walker to the Library for stories, songs, and baby sign language. Join with other caregivers and older siblings for 20 minutes of socially-distanced fun and learning. Feel free to bring a stuffed animal or doll for the older sibling to learn along with you.

There will also be a Baby Time Saturday, December 11, at 10am.

Storytime with Ben
Wednesdays
10:30am, Auditorium

Families are invited for a storytime filled with music, stories, and fun!

Weekly Storytimes & More continue through December 18, 2021. Watch for the winter schedule beginning January 10!
**The Bookmobile**

is coming to a neighborhood near you.

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**MONDAY**
Sawyer School
5-8pm (4136 Ontario)

**TUESDAY**
St. Cecilia School
3-4pm (Hoover & 30th Street)

**WEDNESDAY**
Fareway on Stange
5-8pm (Stange & Bloomington)

**THURSDAY**
ISU Campus
11am-1pm (Near Parks Library)

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Your Ames Public Library card gives you **free access to Reference Solutions** (formerly RefUSA), a powerful online resource for job seekers, small business owners, entrepreneurs.

Residential listings are also useful for sending out **holiday letters** or **wedding invitations** and tracking down long-lost friends and neighbors.

Visit www.AmesPL.org/databases and log in using your library card number to get started.

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