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AND MORE
English
Mondays, 11am-12pm, PEO Room (except April 18)

Gather for casual conversations in English. The focus of this group is to help English Language Learners gain confidence and fluency in a comfortable and fun setting. Library staff will pair native and non-native speakers and provide themes, questions, and topics for conversation.

Spanish
Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm, Board Room

Russian
Saturdays, 3-4pm, Board Room

French
Saturdays, 4-5:30pm, Board Room

Gather (in person or online) for casual conversations in different languages. Chat in your native language or get comfortable speaking in another language.

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
Supporting Youth in Foster Care

1st and 3rd Wednesday of Each Month
7-8:30pm, Location Varies

2nd and 4th Thursday of Each Month
10-11:30am, Teen Space

All mothers are invited to come together to connect, explore issues, deepen intuition, and share their parenting journeys.

We will address the needs and concerns of each mother so they can find compassionate support and inspiration.

Tuesday, April 5
7pm, Auditorium

Story County needs more foster families! Come to this special presentation to learn how you can support children and youth in foster care.

We will hear from local foster families about their experiences, learn about becoming a foster parent, and find out other ways that you can support families and youth in foster care.

Unable to attend? Sign up for a virtual orientation at iowafosterandadoption.org/start-the-process.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Four Oaks Foster & Adoptive Family Connections.

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 April 7, we’ll talk about *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang and other award winners.

Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

1st and 3rd Wednesday of Each Month
7-8:30pm, Location Varies

2nd and 4th Thursday of Each Month
10-11:30am, Teen Space

Need a brain break? Teens are invited to hang out and play videogames on our big screen Thursdays after school!
Dare to Speak, Dare to Listen: Advice for Young Women

Sunday, April 10
2pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

The Honorable Rosemarie Aquilina drew international attention when she allowed more than a hundred survivors to speak about their experiences during the Larry Nassar trial.

Join us as she offers her advice to young women on the power of speaking their truth, and to the rest of us on the power of listening.

This event is sponsored by Iowa State University’s Greenlee School of Journalism and Communication as part of its 20th annual First Amendment Days celebration. It is co-sponsored by the Ames Public Library and Iowa State University Library.

Your Rights, Your Libraries: The First Amendment and the Freedom to Read

Tuesday, April 12
7pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

Controversies about library materials are an important issue right now. Join us for a panel discussion to learn how libraries protect your freedoms, support the community, and represent diverse perspectives.

Representatives from Iowa State University Library, Ames Public Library, the Ames Community School District, and the Iowa Library Association Intellectual Freedom Committee will share how libraries choose materials and support the community.

Questions from the audience are encouraged.

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Use Your Voice, Make a Yard Sign

April 11-15, Library Lobby

All ages are invited to stop by the Library’s Lobby April 11-15 to make your own yard sign advocating for a cause you care about.

All supplies are provided!

Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.
Sunday, April 10
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.

April’s program will feature discovering animal tracks that we see outside. Come learn what markings different animals make so you can practice tracking them in your outdoor spaces.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and the ISU Environmental Education Club.

Wednesday, April 13
10am-2pm, Auditorium

Learn about job opportunities and meet with local employers at this free career fair. Bring copies of your resume and dress to impress!

• 10-10:30am: Veterans Only
• 10:30am-1pm: General Public
• 1-2pm: Scheduled One-on-One Interviews

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, Ames Chamber of Commerce, and IowaWORKS.

Thursday, April 14
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 April 14, we’ll celebrate Earth Month by watching Wall-E and making nature prints.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Mainstream Living.

Friday, April 15, 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.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, Ames Chamber of Commerce, and IowaWORKS.
Monday, April 18
7pm, via Zoom

Topic: Gone Ancient Greek Girl
Speaker: David Hollander

Along with more famous works of literature like Homer’s *Iliad* and Plato’s *Republic*, several Greek novels survive from antiquity. Once dismissed as a kind of early pulp fiction, these novels are actually rather sophisticated and indeed quite remarkable.

Their plots often resemble that of *The Princess Bride* in that pirates, kidnapping, and true love tend to feature prominently. Works such as Achilles Tatius’ *Leucippe and Clitophon* and Heliodorus’ *Aithiopika* also provide historians with valuable insight into the lives of women and slaves in the Roman Empire.

David Hollander is a Professor of History at Iowa State University.

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Iowa State University Department of History.*
Wednesday, April 20
10am-12pm, via Zoom
Register online to receive Zoom Link

**Topic:** Ames Public Library Resources & Effective Genealogical Searching

**Speaker:** Megan Klein-Hewett

Libraries are full of free resources that can help answer questions and fill holes in your genealogical research. Adult Services Manager, Megan Klein-Hewett, will share resources available at Ames Public Library, as well as other favorite free resources. She will also share methods for effective searching using these tools.

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and the Story County Genealogical Society.*

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Saturday, April 23
2pm, Auditorium or via Zoom
Register by calling (800) 351-4664

Join Iowa and Ames Senior Health Insurance Information Program (SHIIP) and Ames Public Library for a free presentation for people turning 65 about the basics of Medicare. We will discuss Medicare Parts A & B benefits, Prescription Drug benefits (Part D), Medicare Advantage plans, and Medicare supplement insurance. Participants will also learn how to identify Medicare fraud, errors, and abuse.

Room will be set up for social distancing. Masks are encouraged.

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**TAG**

**TEEN ADVISORY GROUP**

Wednesday, April 20
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 or join us in the Teen Space.

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Tuesday, April 26
4-6pm, Teen Space

Drop in and try out some of your STEAM skills during our monthly Maker Challenge. Open to 6th-12th graders.

This month, we’ll celebrate National Poetry Month by making blackout poetry.
**Thursday, April 28**

**5-8pm, Downtown Ames**

Music Walk is a free family-friendly event showcasing downtown businesses on Main Street as well as local musicians. Downtown businesses will feature musicians performing on the sidewalk and within stores.

Stop by the Library and enjoy some live music during this event! You’ll also be able to find great deals on CD’s and other music-related items for sale in the Literary Grounds Bookstore.

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Downtown Ames.*

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**Tuesday, April 26**

**7pm, Danfoss Room or via Zoom**

Register at amespubliclibrary.org/events

Ever want to learn how to inject more humor into your writing? Have you ever read *McSweeney’s Internet Tendency* and thought, "I could do that!"

This workshop will give an introduction to the types of humor writing, as well as an introductory lesson on several forms of short-form humor to get your creative juices flowing.

This session will be taught in person and online by the Assistant Director of the Writing and Media Center at Iowa State University, Rachel Mans McKenny, whose humor has been published in *McSweeney’s* and several other outlets.

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

**Wednesday, April 27**

**7pm, Rotary Room**

Parents and caregivers are invited to an engaging presentation to learn about the warning signs of mental health conditions and what steps to take if you or a loved one are showing symptoms of a mental illness.

NAMI Ending the Silence presentations include a lead presenter who shares an informative presentation and a young adult with a mental health condition who shares their journey of recovery. Audience members can ask questions and gain understanding of an often-misunderstood topic. Through dialogue, we can help grow the movement to end stigma.

This presentation is for parents, caregivers, and families with young adults. Watch for an upcoming NAMI Ending the Silence event for teens in May!

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Iowa.*
Genealogy Help Session

Wednesday, April 27
10am-12pm, Danfoss Room

Run into a brick wall? Not sure where to start researching your roots? Stop by this monthly meetup of local genealogists to get help with research, software and writing your family story.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and the Story County Genealogical Society.

Birds, Bees, & Pollinators

Thursday, April 28
6pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

Join us for EcoChats, a programming series focused on sustainability practices in Ames and Story County.

This month, Jessica Butters of Prairie Rivers of Iowa will talk about supporting our hibernating and emerging pollinators in spring, and Bruce Ehresman of Iowa DNR’s Wildlife Diversity Program will talk about bird-friendly communities.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, the City of Ames, Prairie Rivers of Iowa, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

Annual Lecture Series

Wednesday, April 27
7pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

Topic: A Ride on the Dinkey

Speaker: Kathy Svec assisted by Dennis Wendell, Museum volunteer with emeritus staff member

The Dinkey was the small-scale train that carried passengers, mail, freight and building materials between downtown Ames and Iowa Agricultural College for sixteen years, 1891-1907, a period of rapid growth by both entities.

The lecture will provide some background and a scenic tour of what a passenger might have seen out of the windows on their journey – AND – how the Dinkey relates to the upcoming Museum expansion and a planned permanent exhibit.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames History Museum. Program funded by Humanities Iowa, a private, non-profit state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Iowa Insect Pageant

Saturday, April 30
10:30am-12pm, Auditorium

Bees and butterflies and beetles, oh my! Flying, swimming, crawling, and climbing, insects are all around us. Come learn more about ISU’s Iowa Insect Pageant – a unique interdisciplinary, multiform, insect extravaganza, where our smallest Iowa neighbors are made large through puppetry, music, and movement.

During this event you’ll get to hear from project leaders about how the puppets and music were created, see some for yourself, and have a chance to make your very own Iowa Insect puppet.

After the program, we invite you to bring your puppets to the 2pm performance of the Iowa Insect Pageant at Bandshell Park for an insect puppet parade!

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, Iowa State University Department of Music and Theatre, and Iowa State University Department of Entomology.
**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

April 14:  
**The Falcon Thief:** A True Tale of Adventure, Treachery and the Hunt for the Perfect Bird by Joshua Hammer

May 12:  
**Minor Feelings:** An Asian American Reckoning by Cathy Park Hong

Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation and Northcrest Community.

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**Great Books 1**

Sunday, April 10, 2-4pm  
(*Note date change)  
In the Rotary Room or via Zoom  
REGISTRATION FULL

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**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, 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.

April 10:  
**Of Women & Salt** by Gabriella Garcia

May 8:  
**Crying in H Mart** by Michelle Zauner

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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.

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**Mystery Lovers Book Club**

1st Wednesday of Each Month  
12pm, Rotary Room

Mystery readers, come talk about books by a selected author or on a theme!

April 6: Margaret Maron

May 4: Any mystery by a woman of color

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STORYTIMES & MORE

No regular youth events April 5 & 7

Baby Time
Tuesdays at 1:30pm  
Wednesdays at 11am  
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.

Babies and caregivers are welcome to stay and play after the event!

Toddler Storytime
Wednesdays
10:30am, Storytime Room

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

Family Storytime
Tuesdays and Saturdays
10:30am, Storytime Room

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

Tuesdays
11am-12pm  
Youth Makerspace

Drop in and enjoy this process-focused craft or activity meant for children and their grown-ups.

Fridays
10:30am  
Auditorium

Families are invited to get hands-on with a fun science activity for all ages!

Wednesdays
3:45-4:30pm  
Storytime Room

Kids in kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to be Wild on Wednesdays at the Ames Public Library. Enjoy a snack, crafts or science experiments, and more!
MONDAY
Mitchell School:
2:45-3:45pm (3521 Jewel)
Sawyer School:
5-8pm (4136 Ontario)

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

WEDNESDAY
Edwards School:
2:45-3:45pm (820 Miller)
Fareway on Stange: 5-8pm (Stange & Bloomington)

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

WE’RE BACK!
Visit the Bookmobile near Mitchell and Edwards School at our new times!

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### Library Events April 2022

**Library Giving Day**

Your library has always been here. And it always will be.

**Great Books 2**
1:30-3:30pm, Rotary Room or via Zoom

**Conversation Circles**
English: 11am-12pm, PEO Room

**No Youth Events**
The Bridge Home 11am-2pm, First Floor
Supporting Youth in Foster Care
7pm, Auditorium

**Conversation Circles**
Spanish: 7-8:30pm, Board Room or via Zoom

**Toddler Storytime**
10:30am, Storytime Room
Baby Time
11am, Storytime Room
Mystery Lovers Book Club
12pm, Rotary Room
Wild on Wednesdays 3:45-4:30pm
Storytime Room
Mothering Circle
7pm, Teen Space

**No Baby Time or Teen Videogames**
Homeschool Book Club 10am, Auditorium
The Bridge Home 4-7pm, Second Floor
Battle of the Books (6th Grade) 4-8pm, Library

**Library Closed**

**Library Event Key**
- **Colors:** All Ages/Mix
- **Symbols:** Registration Required
- **Teen Event**
- **Adult Event**

### National Library Week April 3-9, 2022

**Youth Event:** Make a Yard Sign
April 11-15, Lobby

**Conversation Circles**
English: 11am-12pm, PEO Room

**Family Storytime**
10:30am, Storytime Room
Kids Create
11am-12pm, Youth Makerspace
The Bridge Home 11am-2pm, First Floor
Baby Time
1:30pm, Storytime Room
Conversation Circles
Spanish: 7-8:30pm, Board Room or via Zoom
Your Rights, Your Libraries
7pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

**County Career Fair**
10-10:30am: Veterans, 10-10:30am: General Public,
7-9pm: Scheduled One-on-One Interviews, Auditorium
Teen Storytime
10:30am, Storytime Room
Baby Time
11am, Storytime Room
Wild on Wednesdays 3:45-4:30pm
Storytime Room
Mothering Circle
7pm, Teen Space

**Mothering Circle**
10:30am, Storytime Room
Movies with Mainstream
11am-1pm, Auditorium
Teen Videogames
3-30pm, Teen Space
The Bridge Home 4-7pm, Second Floor
Baby Time
6-9pm, Storytime Room
O2B: Real Reads
7pm, Board Room or via Zoom

**Teen Videogames**
3:30-6pm, Teen Space
The Bridge Home 4-7pm, Second Floor
Baby Time
6:30pm, Storytime Room
Library Board of Trustees Meeting
7pm, Rotary Room

**Genealogy Plus**
10am-12pm, Auditorium or via Zoom
Teen Storytime
10:30am, Storytime Room
Baby Time
11am, Storytime Room
Wild on Wednesdays 3:45-4:30pm
Teen Advisory Group
6:30pm, Teen Space
Mothering Circle
7pm, Storytime Room

**Genealogy Help Session**
10am-12pm, Danfoss Room
Teen Storytime
10:30am, Storytime Room
Baby Time
11am, Storytime Room
Books @ Noon
12pm, Rotary Room or via Zoom
Wild on Wednesdays 3:45-4:30pm
Storytime Room
Ending the Silence
7pm, Rotary Room
A Ride on the Donkey
7pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

**Mothering Circle**
10am, Teen Space
Teen Videogames
3:30-6pm, Teen Space
The Bridge Home 4-7pm, Second Floor
Music Walk
5-8pm, Downtown Ames
EcoChats: Birds, Bees, & Pollinators
6pm, Auditorium or via Zoom
Baby Time
6:30pm, Storytime Room

If you are a person with a disability who requires special assistance, please call (515) 239-5646 in advance of a program.

Ames Public Library connects you to the world of ideas through diverse and inclusive resources and programs. We welcome program proposals via our website at bit.ly/APLprogram.