The Library & Bookmobile will be CLOSED Monday, September 5 for Labor Day.

September 1-30, Downtown Ames

Ames Public Library is one of several Downtown Ames locations hosting artwork for Out, an art exhibit created by the Octagon Center for the Arts featuring local LGBTQIA+ artists. Visit the Library’s Entryway to see one of the featured works of art and find out where to see the others.

Out is sponsored by the Octagon Center for the Arts, the Center for LGBTQIA+ Student Success, Margaret Sloss Center for Women and Gender Equity, Wheatfield Cooperative, London Underground, Amy and Jason Popillion, The Women’s and Gender Studies Program at Iowa State University, Tara Fisher and Dave Svoboda, and Dawn Budd.

Computer Classes

Tuesdays in September
1:30-3:30pm, PEO Room

Learn the computer skills you’re interested in! Computers are provided for all classes. You can guarantee your spot in a specific class by preregistering at the Library’s Adult Services Desk or by calling (515) 239-5646 extension 4.

Our September series focuses on computer basics:
• September 6: Intro to Computers
• September 13: Intro to Web Browsers
• September 20: Intro to Computer Files
• September 27: Intro to E-mail

Watch for classes about Microsoft Office in November!

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

Let your imagination sing at the library.

Movies with MAINSTREAM

Thursday, September 8
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!

This month, we’ll watch Clifford the Big Red Dog with a dog-themed activity to follow.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Mainstream Living.
Sunday, September 11
4pm, Storytime Room

German Storytime is a chance for children and families to immerse themselves in stories, songs and all things fun about German culture. Come learn and engage in this bilingual storytime experience.

Wednesday, September 14
5-6pm, Board Room

Register at amespubliclibrary.org/events

Help plan exciting Library events for teens, share what you’re reading, make new friends, and eat some food! To register e-mail Ethan, our Young Adult Librarian, at eatwell@amespubliclibrary.org or fill out a TAG application on our website.

Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

Thursdays starting September 15
4-6pm, Teen Space

Need a brain break? Teens are invited to hang out, stay cool, and play videogames on our big screen!

Friday, September 16
4-6pm, Teen Space

Join our monthly meetup to watch some anime, talk about your favorite manga, or create your own art and manga.

Open to 6th-12th graders. Anime watched is considered to be rated G to PG-13.

This Banned Books Week…

READ A BANNED BOOK!

National Voter Registration Day

Tuesday, September 20
11:30am-4:30pm, Library Lobby

Register to vote at Ames Public Library! Representatives from the non-partisan League of Women Voters will be available to register voters from 11:30am-4:30pm in the Library’s lobby. Come prepared with an Iowa driver’s license number, Iowa non-operator ID number, or Social Security number, if you have one.

Saturday, September 17
10:30am, Storytime Room

Get ready for Talk Like a Pirate Day with a special family storytime all about pirates!

Author Charlotte Gunnufson will read her book, *Prince and Pirate*, a tale of two little fish with big personalities. Then we’ll learn some pirate lingo and enjoy pirate crafts and activities.

Tuesday, September 20
4-6pm, Teen Space

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

*Checkmate Chess Club*

1st and 3rd Tuesday of Each Month
Starting September 20
4-5pm, Storytime Room

Come play chess! Whether you are just a beginner or already an expert, all kids in grades 4-6 are welcome to come have fun after school on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Drop in and learn how to play or come and face off against a new opponent.

Tools for School

free online tutoring, research, read-alongs, & more at www.AmesPL.org/databases
Thursday, September 22
7pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

Between 1943 and 1946 tens of thousands of German prisoners of war were detained in Iowa at two main camps, one in Algona and one in Clarinda. These prisoners of war provided valuable labor that helped Iowa farmers meet their War Food Administration goals.

In January 1945 the success of the farm labor program at Camp Clarinda seemed to be in jeopardy, when local residents learned that the German POWs were leaving to be replaced by Japanese prisoners captured in the South Pacific. Only two prisoner of war camps in the United States housed the fewer than 6,000 Japanese soldiers taken captive during the war: Fort McCoy, Wisconsin and Camp Clarinda, Iowa.

This presentation by Chad Timm will focus on the experiences of Japanese POWs at Camp Clarinda between January 1945 and January 1946, highlighting the role the Japanese played in alleviating local labor shortages.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and the Ames History Museum.

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Wednesday, September 21
10am-12pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

Register at amespubliclibrary.org/events

Topic: Underground Railroad in Iowa
Speaker: Allie Shambaugh-Miller

Iowa and the Midwest are often left out of narratives about the Underground Railroad, yet the state played a central role in the fight against slavery.

In this presentation, you will learn about the flight of enslaved African Americans from Missouri and other slave states into abolitionist towns in southern Iowa. From here, many freedom seekers traveled north to free states and Canada, although some settled in Iowa cities such as Des Moines for their entire lives.

The stories of freedom seekers and conductors buried in Woodland Cemetery in Des Moines will further exemplify the role of central Iowa in the Underground Railroad.

Participate in person or online. Please register online or call (515) 239-5646 ext. 4 to learn more.

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

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Ames Public Library’s
BLACK BOOK NOOK

Looking for excellent books and films featuring Black voices and stories? Check our Black Book Nook!

The Black Book Nook collection fosters education and community engagement with Black history, thought, literature, and culture. This collection was created in partnership with the Iowa State University Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion | Office of Equal Opportunity.

Visit our Special Collections web page to browse the Black Book Nook.
Skills for Bridging the Divide
Saturday, October 15
10am-12:30pm, Auditorium

In our current polarized political environment, many people avoid or dread political conversations with friends or family members whose politics differ from their own. They worry, rightly so, that any attempts at political discussions will devolve into arguments and acrimony, and result in hurt feelings or anger.

Braver Angels Skills for Bridging the Divide Workshops teach skills for having respectful conversations that clarify differences, search for common ground, and affirm the importance of the relationship. They also give participants a safe environment to practice those skills.

Watch for a Families and Politics Workshop coming November 12.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Braver Angels.
**Conversation Circles**

at Ames Public Library

**English**

**Mondays**, 12:30-1:30pm, Danfoss Room

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

**German**: Wednesdays, 7-8pm

**Russian**: Saturdays, 3-4pm

**French**: Saturdays, 4-5:30pm

Board Room or Zoom

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

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Ames Public Library is partnering with Lutheran Service in Iowa (LSI) to provide families with easy access to critical services in our community.

Staff from LSI will be available in the Library to assist individuals and families with free parent education, resources, and support.

A certified LSI Parent Educator can help you learn what to expect in your child’s growth and development from pregnancy to birth to age five, so you can give them a great start to a bright future!

Ames Public Library is partnering with The Bridge Home to provide easy access to critical services in our community.

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.

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**Empowering Individuals. Strengthening Families. Building Communities.**

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**Conversation Circles**

at Ames Public Library
STORYTIMES & MORE

STARTING SEPTEMBER 11

Baby Time
Tuesdays at 1:30pm
Wednesdays at 11am
Thursdays at 6pm
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 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

Mondays and Wednesdays
10:30am, Storytime Room

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

Family Storytime

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

Children of all ages and their grown-ups are invited to enjoy stories, songs, and movement activities while building early literacy skills.

After School Adventures

Thursdays starting September 22 at 3:30pm, Auditorium

Kids in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to the Library for a wide variety of fun activities after school on Thursdays! Our activities could include art, science, games, and more! We will also provide a small snack.
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

September 8: How the Word is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America by Clint Smith

October 13: The Lady From the Black Lagoon: Hollywood Monsters and the Lost Legacy of Milicent Patrick by Mallory O'Meara

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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.

September 11: Surviving the White Gaze by Rebecca Carroll

October 9: We Cast a Shadow by Maurice Carlos Ruffin

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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!

September 7: Camilla Lackberg
October 5: Walter Mosley

Great Books 1
Sunday, September 18
2-4pm, Board Room or via Zoom
REGISTRATION FULL

Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.
**THE BOOKMOBILE**

Visit the Bookmobile at any of its weekly stops and check out books, movies, and more for all ages!

**MONDAY**
Mitchell School: 2:30-3:30pm (3521 Jewel)
Sawyer School: 5-8pm (4136 Ontario)

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

**WEDNESDAY**
Edwards School: 2:30-3:30pm (820 Miller)
Fareway on Stange: 5-8pm (Stange & Bloomington)

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

NoveList Plus is free with your Ames Public Library card, and it makes finding a new book as simple as 1-2-3.

1. Go to AmesPL.org/databases and log in to NoveList Plus using your Library card number.
2. Check the "Recommended Reads Lists" or search by genre, age level, and more.
3. Choose a book and request it from the Library. *Happy reading!*

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