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LIBRARY HOURS
Monday-Thursday: 9am-9pm
Friday & Saturday: 9am - 6pm
Sunday: 1pm - 5pm
About the Project

Ames artist Kristin M Roach’s Junk Mail Migration project was initially inspired by the question, "Where does junk mail come from?" which led to identifying the impact of deforestation on Iowa’s backyard, migratory bird populations.

Support provided by Ames Public Library Friends Foundation; the Iowa Arts Council, a division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs; and the National Endowment for the Arts.

About the Artist

Kristin M Roach (she/her) is an artist, author, and apothecary owner. Trained in painting with a history in craft & fibers (Craft Leftovers), she takes an interdisciplinary approach to her work.

Kristin uses scientific data and cast-off materials to create drawings, paintings, and immersive installations about backyard ecology. Kristin is best known for her monochromatic paintings of migratory birds on junk mail. Her art and zines are internationally exhibited and collected and her book, Mend it Better, has been published worldwide. She currently lives and works in Ames, Iowa.

Exhibits

**November 1-29**
**During Library Open Hours**

**Paintings:**
The Junk Mail Migration exhibit in the Library’s entryway will feature some of Roach’s paintings of migratory birds.

**Interactive Tapestry:**
Roach’s interactive Iowa migration mapping tapestry will be on display near the Library’s Grand Staircase. The 10 foot tall tapestry demonstrates non-resident bird migration in Iowa with interactive LED lights woven into walnut dyed wool.

Artist Reception

**Thursday, November 10**
**7pm, Grand Staircase Exhibit Space**

Artist Kristin Roach will talk about the Junk Mail Migration project and explain how she created the interactive Iowa migration mapping tapestry.
**Computer Classes**

**Tuesdays in November**  
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.

This month’s classes will focus on office software:
- November 1: Microsoft Word  
- November 8: Microsoft PowerPoint  
- November 15: Microsoft Excel  
- November 22: Free Office Software  
- November 29: Make a Greeting Card Using Microsoft Publisher (**NEW Class**)  

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**Checkmate Chess Club**

**1st and 3rd Tuesday of Each Month**  
4pm, 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.  

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**Star Wars Escape Room**

**Tuesday, November 1, or Wednesday, November 2**  
5-6:30pm, Board Room

Team up with your friends or the nearest scruffy-looking nerfherder and crack the code of our Star Wars themed escape room especially for teens. This free escape room is designed for groups of 2-4 people, and each group will get 15 minutes. Families are welcome to participate, but priority will be given to groups including teens. The same escape room will be available both days.

May the Force be with you—you’ll need it!  

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

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**Getting ready for a road trip?**

Check out a Launchpad learning tablet loaded with educational games, books, and videos for children—no internet needed!
2\textsuperscript{nd} and 4\textsuperscript{th} Tuesday of Each Month
4pm, Storytime Room

Children in grades 3-5 are invited to get creative and build with lots of LEGO\textsuperscript{®}! We'll provide the bricks while the kids provide the imagination.

All LEGO\textsuperscript{®} will remain at the Library, so bring a camera to capture a photo of your build. Please leave your own LEGO\textsuperscript{®} at home so they don't get mixed up with the Library's.

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Thursday, November 10
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 \textit{Tom & Jerry: The Movie} with an enemies and friends themed activity to follow.

\textit{Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Mainstream Living.}

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Wednesday, November 9
5-6pm, Board Room

\textit{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.

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Saturday, November 12
10am-12pm, Auditorium

The holidays can be hard when your family is politically divided. In this workshop, learn skills for handling family political differences in a constructive way, while remaining true to your values and political beliefs.

\textit{Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Braver Angels.}
Wednesday, November 16  
10am-12pm, Online via Zoom  
(or watch on screen in the Rotary Room)

**Topic:** "It’s All Inside—Digital Books for Genealogical Research"

**Speaker:** Megan Klein-Hewett, Ames Public Library

Digitized books are an abundant—and often free—resource that are available to anyone through the click of a button. Join Megan Klein-Hewett, Adult Services Manager at Ames Public Library, to learn about the wide variety of sources available online and how to make the most of them.

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

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**Saturday, November 12**

10am, Moore Memorial Park

Celebrate the opening of Ames’ first permanent StoryWalk with Ames Public Library! We’ll have a ribbon cutting and refreshments, then we’ll explore the StoryWalk together. Stops along the path display the pages of the featured pictured book, so you can read the entire book on your walk through the park.

The Bookmobile will be at the park with plenty of books for all ages to check out.

_The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson._

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**Sunday, November 13**

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.

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**Sunday, November 13**

2pm, 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.

This month’s event will be all about how seeds travel.

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and the ISU Environmental Education Club.*
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BOOK SALE
515 Douglas Avenue • Auditorium

Thursday
NOV. 17
5:30-8:30pm
$2 Admission
Free admission and early entry starting at 5pm for current donors to the APLFF at the $20 level and above.

Fri. & Sat.
NOV. 18 & 19
9am-6pm
FREE Admission

Sunday
NOV. 20
12-5pm
$1 Admission
Everything FREE!
(Auditorium Only)

Presented by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation. Proceeds are used to enhance Ames Public Library’s collections, programs, and services.
Wednesday, November 23
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.

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Friday, November 18
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.

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Saturday, November 26, Literary Grounds

Stop by Literary Grounds in the Library’s Lobby for Small Business Saturday deals on gently used books and more! Enjoy $1 off everything in the bookstore (except book bundles and items marked $1).

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Tuesday, November 22
4-6pm, Teen Space

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

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Mondays, 9:30am-12:30pm & 1:30-3:30pm, The Studio

Ames Public Library is partnering with Iowa WORKS to provide easy access to critical services in our community. Come by to speak with an Iowa WORKS Career Planner for individualized, one-on-one career services. Career Planners can assist with resumes, mock interviews, filing for unemployment, and more.
**Ames Public Library**

**Wednesdays, 11am-12pm**
**1st Floor Study Rooms**

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!

**Tuesdays, 11am-2pm, 1st Floor Study Room**
**Thursdays, 4-7pm, 2nd Floor Study Room**
**Fridays, 11am-2pm, 2nd Floor Study Room**

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.

**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**: 2nd and 4th Wednesday of Each Month, 7-8pm

**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.
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 with toddlers are invited for a storytime filled with music, stories, and fun!

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

Preschool-age children and their grown-ups are invited to enjoy stories, songs, and movement activities while building early literacy skills.

No Events November 11, 24, or 25

STORYTIMES & MORE

Kids Create
Tuesdays, 11am-12pm
Youth Makerspace

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

STORYBOOK SCIENCE
Fridays, 10:30am
Location Varies

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

After School Adventures

Thursdays at 4pm, Location Varies

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

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

November 10:
*The Daughters of Kobani: A Story of Rebellion Courage, and Justice* by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon

December 8:
*About Time: A History of Civilization in Twelve Clocks* by David Rooney

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View from the Margins

2nd Sunday of Each Month
2-4pm, Board Room or via Zoom

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.

November 13:
*Sag Harbor* by Colson Whitehead

December 11:
*Haben: The Deafblind Woman Who Conquered Harvard Law* by Haben Girma

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Mystery Lovers Book Club

1st Wednesday of Each Month at 12pm, Rotary Room

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

November 2: Linda Fairstein • December 7: Read a food-themed mystery

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Homeschool Book Club

Thursday, November 10 at 10am, Rotary Room

Join Library staff for a monthly book discussion just for families that are homeschooling or learning remotely! This year, we have selected a diverse collection of books that mirror our world, with a special focus on stories about historically excluded identities and groups of people.

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.

November 10: *In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse*
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Visit [www.amespubliclibrary.org/databases](http://www.amespubliclibrary.org/databases) and look for the Consumer Reports link to get started.

**LITERARY GROUNDS**

**Bookstore**

Shop for gently-used books, board games, and more for all ages at Literary Grounds, located near the Library’s lobby. Gift cards are available too!

Proceeds from Literary Grounds are used to enhance the Ames Public Library’s services, programs, and collections.

Looking for the perfect book for a reader on your list? Fill out a Personalized Picks, and our expert librarians will curate a customized list of ideas!