Winter Closures

The Bookmobile will be closed December 19-30. 
The Library will be closed Saturday & Sunday, December 24 & 25. 
The Library will be open until 5pm Saturday, December 31, and closed Sunday, January 1.

Memory Project: Ukraine

December 2-20, Library Entryway

Come see portraits created by Ames High School art students for this year’s Memory Project.

Ukrainian refugees living in Poland gathered photos of Ukrainian children ranging from ages 1-18. Ames High School art students used the photos to create portraits so that they can send a message of kindness, respect, and encouragement. These portraits will be in the Library’s entryway through December 20 and delivered to the Ukrainian children in January.

Contact Lindsay Wede at lindsay.wede@ames.k12.ia.us if you would like to learn more.

December 1 - January 31

All ages can earn a prize by reading 30 days this winter! Pick up your reading log at the Library or Bookmobile starting December 1, or sign up online at amespubliclibrary.beanstack.com.

Supported by Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

December 2-24, Downtown Ames

Enjoy a story book as you walk through Downtown Ames! Start at the Library and find the pages of Snowmen at Night in shop windows along Douglas Avenue and Main Street.

Visit www.AmesPL.org/event/snowmen-night for walking route and more information.

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.

Thursdays through December 8
4-6pm, Teen Space

Need a brain break? Teens are invited to hang out and play videogames in the Teen Space! A virtual reality system will be available to try out too.
Saturday, December 3
10:30am, Auditorium

Families are invited to the Library for a sneak peak of *The Nutcracker Ballet*, coming to Stephens Auditorium. Then participate in a challenge to design your own mousetrap to stop the evil Mouse King.

Attendees will be entered into a drawing for free tickets to the Nutcracker performances at CY Stephens Auditorium courtesy of Iowa State Center.

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, Iowa State Center Stephens Auditorium, and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.*

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**German Storytime**

Sunday, December 4
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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**STUDY SPACE**

Need somewhere quiet to get ready for tests? We reserved space just for study time. Drop in any of the following times, or ask about our regular study rooms!

- **Mon.-Tues., December 5-6:** 1-8:45pm, Rotary Room
- **Wednesday, December 7:** 1-8:45pm, Danfoss Room
- **Fri.-Sat., December 9-10:** 9am-5:45pm, Rotary Room
- **Sunday, December 11:** 1-4:45pm, Rotary Room
- **Mon.-Wed., December 12-14:** 1-8:45pm, Rotary Room
- **Thurs., December 15:** 1-5pm, Rotary Room

**Did you know...**

You can borrow books and movies in several languages from the Library! Learn more at www.AmesPL.org/languages

**Checkmate Chess Club**

Tuesday, December 6
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. *(NOTE: Checkmate Chess Club will be on break December 18 - January 8.)* Drop in and learn how to play or come and face off against a new opponent.

*Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.*
Thursday, December 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 *Soul* with a music-themed activity to follow.

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Mainstream Living.*

Thursday, December 8
7pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

"NAMI: In Our Own Voice" is an interactive presentation that provides insight into what it’s like to live with mental illness. The presentation is led by two adults living with mental health conditions and includes video and discussion.

Audiences are given a safe place to ask questions and gain understanding of an often misunderstood topic. Through dialogue, we help grow the movement to build better lives.

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).*

Saturday, December 10
11:30am, Storytime Room

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

Sunday, December 11
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 nocturnal animals.

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and the ISU Environmental Education Club.*
Tuesday, December 13
4pm, Storytime Room

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

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

(NOTE: LEGO® Builders will be on break December 18 - January 8.)

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Wednesday, December 14
10am-12pm, Online via Zoom
(or watch on screen in the Rotary Room)

Register at amespubliclibrary.org/events to receive the Zoom link by e-mail.

Topic — The Cultural Impact of the COVID Pandemic: Lessons for Genealogists

Speaker — Dr. Paul Lasley

Family stories are an essential part of genealogy research. Dr. Lasley will describe the impacts of the COVID pandemic on Iowa families and communities.

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

Immigrants and Refugees: How to Make Ames Welcoming

Thursday, December 15
7pm, Auditorium or online via League of Women Voters of Ames & Story County on Facebook Live

Join the League of Women Voters of Ames & Story County and Ames Public Library for a presentation by Diane Birt, chair of the Ames Interfaith Refugee Alliance and member of Ames Sanctuary Interfaith Partners. Ms. Birt will explain the categories of immigrants and refugees in Ames, share stories of these immigrants and refugees, and discuss the needs of asylum-seeking and undocumented immigrants and refugees in Ames. She will also talk about how you can become engaged with the organizations serving these people.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and the League of Women Voters of Ames & Story County.

Wednesday, December 14
5-6pm, Board Room

Register at amespubliclibrary.org/events or e-mail eatwell@amespubliclibrary.org

Help plan exciting Library events for teens, share what you’re reading, make new friends, and eat some food!

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Mondays through December 19
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.

Thursday, December 15
3-4:30pm, Auditorium

Families are invited to drop in to the Library to make some wonderful wintery crafts to take home!

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Friday, December 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.

Saturday, December 17
10:30am, Storytime Room

Join us for a special Christmas Storytime! Local volunteers will share stories and songs about the importance of the holiday for Christians. A craft activity will follow.

Saturday, December 31
11am-12pm, Auditorium

Families with kids of all ages are invited to come to a Noon Year’s Eve party! Drop in for crafts, a dance party, and an all around great end to 2022! We will end our program with a special sparkling juice toast and a countdown to Noon!
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 families with 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.

No Conversation Circles December 26, December 31, and January 2.

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.
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.  
*Except December 3 and 17. See special events!

STORYTIMES & MORE

Regular Family Events will be on break December 18 - January 8.

Toddlers 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  
Auditorium

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

After School Adventures  
Thursdays, December 1 & 8  
4pm, 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

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

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

January 12:
**Facing the Mountain: An Inspiring Story of Japanese American Patriots in World War II** by Daniel James Brown

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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.

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

January 8:
**Gold Diggers** by Sanjena Sathian

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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!

December 7: Read a food-themed mystery

January 4: M.C. Beaton

Thursday, December 1
10am, Auditorium

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.

December 1: **Focused** by Alyson Gerber

January 5: **Linked** by Gordon Korman
THE BOOKMOBILE

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)

The Bookmobile will be closed December 19-30. Stock up on books and movies before the break!

Are you trying to track down addresses and phone numbers?
Looking for a new job by skills, location, and industry?
Searching for business opportunities?
Researching historical market trends?

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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**4 Family Storytime**
- 4pm, Storytime Room

**5 IowaWORKS**
- 9:30am-12:30pm & 1:30-3:30pm, The Studio
- Toddler Storytime: 10:30am, Storytime Room
- Conversation Circles
- English: 12:30-1:30pm
- Danish Room
- Study Space: 1-8:45pm, Rotary Room

**6 Family Storytime**
- 10:30am, Storytime Room
- Kids Create: 11am, Youth Makerspace
- The Bridge Home: 11am-2pm, First Floor
- Study Space: 1-8:45pm, Rotary Room
- Baby Time: 1-30pm, Storytime Room
- Checkmate Chess Club: 4pm, Storytime Room
- Conversation Circles
- Spanish: 7-8:30pm Board Room or via Zoom

**7 Toddler Storytime**
- 10:30am, Storytime Room
- Baby Time: 11am, Storytime Room
- Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI): 11am-12pm, First Floor
- Mystery Lovers Book Club: 12pm, Rotary Room
- Study Space: 1-8:45pm, Danish Room
- Conversation Circles
- German: 7-8pm Board Room or via Zoom

**8 Movies with Mainstream: Soul**
- 10am, Storytime Room
- Family Storytime: 11am-12pm, First Floor
- After School Adventures: 4pm, Auditorium
- Teen Videogames: 4-6pm, Teen Space
- The Bridge Home: 4-7pm, Second Floor
- Baby Time: 6pm, Storytime Room

**9 Study Space**
- 9am-5:45pm, Rotary Room
- Study Space: 1-8:45pm, Rotary Room
- Conversation Circles
- German: 7-8pm Board Room or via Zoom
- NamIn Our Own Voice: 7pm, Auditorium

**10 Study Space**
- 9am-5:45pm, Rotary Room
- Study Space: 1-8:45pm, Rotary Room
- Conversation Circles
- Russian: 7-8pm
- French: 4-5:30pm Board Room or via Zoom

**11 Study Space**
- 1-4:45pm, Danish Room
- Natural Discoveries: 2pm, Storytime Room
- View from the Margins: 5-4pm, Board Room or via Zoom

**12 IowaWORKS**
- 9:30am-12:30pm & 1:30-3:30pm, The Studio
- Toddler Storytime: 10:30am, Storytime Room
- Conversation Circles
- English: 12:30-1:30pm
- Danish Room
- Study Space: 1-8:45pm, Rotary Room

**13 Family Storytime, Kids Create, Baby Time**
- See Above
- The Bridge Home: 11am-2pm, First Floor
- Study Space: 1-8:45pm, Rotary Room
- LEGO® Builders: 4pm, Storytime Room
- Conversation Circles
- Spanish: 7-8:30pm Board Room or via Zoom

**14 Genealogy Plus**
- 10am-12pm, Online via Zoom (or watch in Rotary Room)
- Toddler Storytime, Baby Time: 11am-12pm, First Floor
- Study Space: 1-8:45pm, Rotary Room
- Teen Advisory Group: 5-6pm, Board Room
- Conversation Circles
- German: 7-8pm Board Room or via Zoom

**15 Family Storytime, Baby Time**
- See Above
- Study Space: 1-8:45pm, Rotary Room
- Winter Crafternoon: 3-4:30pm, Auditorium
- The Bridge Home: 4-7pm, Second Floor
- Immigrants and Refugees: How to Make Ames Welcoming: 7pm, Auditorium
- Library Board of Trustees Meeting: 7pm, Board Room

**16 Storybook Science**
- 10:30am, Auditorium
- The Bridge Home: 11am-2pm, Second Floor
- Teen Anime Club: 4-6pm, Teen Space

**17 Christmas Storytime Special**
- 10:30am, Storytime Room
- Conversation Circles
- Russian: 7-8pm
- French: 4-5:30pm Board Room or via Zoom

**18 Bookmobile Closed Dec. 19 - 30**
- IowaWORKS: 9:30am-12:30pm & 1:30-3:30pm, The Studio

**19 The Bridge Home**
- 11am-2pm, First Floor
- Conversation Circles
- Spanish: 7-8:30pm Board Room or via Zoom

**20 Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI)**
- 11:12-1pm, First Floor
- Conversation Circles
- German: 7:30pm Board Room or via Zoom

**21 The Bridge Home**
- 4-7pm, Second Floor

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**26 The Bridge Home**
- 11am-2pm, Second Floor
- Conversation Circles
- Spanish: 7-8:30pm Board Room or via Zoom

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- 4-7pm, Second Floor

**29 The Bridge Home**
- 11am-2pm, Second Floor

**30 The Bridge Home**
- 4-7pm, Second Floor

**31 Noon Year’s Eve Party**
- 11am-12pm, Auditorium
- Library Closes at 5pm

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**Join the WINTER READING CHALLENGE for all ages!**

**Read 30 days • Win a prize**

Sign up starting December 1 at the Library or Bookmobile, online at amespubliclibrary.beanstack.com, or on the Beanstack app.

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