New Year's Closures

The Library will be open until 5pm Saturday, December 31, and closed Sunday, January 1.
Community Supply Drive

January 2-31 • Drop off in the Library Lobby

Join Ames Public Library in a community supply drive to support ACCESS. In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day and inspired by Dr. King’s acts of service, we encourage all who are able to bring donations to the Library lobby throughout the month of January. Needed items include new and unopened:

- Bath towels, wash rags, kitchen towels
- Shampoo and conditioner for all hair types
- Toilet paper and paper towels

ACCESS is a local domestic and sexual abuse and housing support center for women in crisis. For more information about the organization, visit their website at www.assaultcarecenter.org.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and ACCESS.
The Collective Mending Sessions (2018-present) is a socially engaged project by Iowa-based artist Catherine Reinhart. The artist facilitates workshops where participants repair an abandoned quilt, together.

### Collective Mending Exhibit

**Dec. 22 - Jan. 16, Library Entryway**

This exhibit will feature quilts that were mended during Collective Mending sessions and donated by the participants along with photographs of the sessions.

### Collective Mending Session

**Saturday, January 7**  
9am-12pm, Auditorium

Drop in to this workshop and learn basic mending and textile care while chatting with the artist. The question driving the Collective Mending Sessions is, “How do we mend our communities?”

### About the Artist

Catherine Reinhart is an artist living and creating in Ames, Iowa. She received her BFA in Integrated Studio Arts - Printmaking and Fiber from Iowa State University and completed her MFA in Textiles from the University of Kansas.

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The local Mirage Dance Troupe will present a New Year’s Hafla (“hahf-la”), an informal dance performance closing with an open group dance. They will perform a mixture of traditional and modern (fusion) dances and educate the audience about the beauty of one of the oldest surviving forms of dance.

The dancers will perform for 60-80 minutes followed by a short intermission, a movement lesson for interested folks, and an optional group dance. Additional educational resources and light refreshments will be provided.

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and the Mirage Middle Eastern Dance Troupe.*

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**2nd and 4th Tuesday of Each Month**  
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.

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**Movies with MAINSTREAM**

**Thursday, January 12**
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 *The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge on the Run* with an "under the sea" themed activity to follow.

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

**Thursday, January 12**
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.

**READY FOR AN ADVENTURE?**

Explore Iowa attractions for free with an Adventure Pass!

You can use your Ames Public Library card to check out a family pass to local museums and more, including:

- Blank Park Zoo
- Reiman Gardens
- Des Moines Children’s Museum
- Science Center of Iowa
- African American Museum of Iowa,
- and more!

Visit www.AmesPL.org and go to the Special Collections page to book your adventure!
Saturday, January 14
10-4pm, Library Auditorium

Drop in to a free Repair Café at the Library! Volunteers will help repair broken items to give them a longer life cycle. There is no charge for repairs at the Repair Café.

If they’re unable to repair your item, or parts are required, they’ll help you find a local repair shop that can help. (If you have replacement parts, you can bring them with your broken item.) Repair volunteers can also teach basic maintenance.

What can you bring for repairs?

• Audio/Visual: Radios, amps, receivers, TVs
• Lighting: Holiday lights, lamps, holiday decorations
• Clothing: Sewing, mending, alterations
• Computers & laptops
• Home & Kitchen Appliances: Small appliances, microwaves
• Jewelry & Accessories: Jewelry, watches, bags
• Knives to be sharpened
• Musical instruments

The Repair Café aims to reduce waste, share tools and resources, and help build self-reliance skills in our community.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please e-mail AmesRepairCafe@gmail.com.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and City of Ames Resource Recovery.

Saturday, January 14
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.

Monday, January 16
Social at 6pm • Presentation at 6:30pm
Ames City Hall  or via Facebook Live or YouTube

The annual Ames/Story County Community MLK Day Celebration will be a hybrid in-person and online event. Join us in the Community Center for a social from 6 to 6:30pm featuring birthday cake and Ames High School Jazz Band I.

The main program will be held in the City Auditorium at 6:30pm with keynote speaker Anita Rollins, an announcement of the MLK Day Essay Contest winners, and musical selections.

For more information, visit bit.ly/AmesMLKDay

**Checkmate Chess Club**

**Tuesday, January 17**  
**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 not be held on Tuesday, January 3.)* Drop in and learn how to play or come and face off against a new opponent.

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**Genealogy Plus**

**Wednesday, January 18**  
**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 — Preserving Iowa’s Food Traditions through the Iowa Community Cookbook Collection**

**Speaker — Diana Shonrock**

ISU’s Community Cookbook collection contains about 5,000 pre-1975 archival cookbooks from Iowa organizations, individual families, and historic figures. This presentation will introduce the collection and discuss its historic value and impact on today.

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

**Teen Anime Club**

**Friday, January 20, 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.

**German Storytime**

**Sunday, January 22, 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.

**Teen Maker Challenge**

**Tuesday, January 24, 4-6pm, Teen Space**

Drop in and try out some of your STEAM skills during our monthly Maker Challenge. Open to 6th-12th graders.
**Children’s Book Sale**

January 25-31 • In Front of the Auditorium

Shop in Ames Public Library’s Lobby for great deals on gently-used books for children of all ages (while supplies last).

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.*

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**Get on Boards!**

Thursday, January 26
7pm, Auditorium

Interested in making a difference in your community? Consider joining an Ames or Story County board or commission!

In this panel presentation, hear from city and county board/commission members about why they chose to join, what their groups do, and how to get involved yourself.

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**International Friendship Fair**

Saturday, January 28
10am-12pm, Auditorium

This year’s free International Friendship Fair offers a unique opportunity for community members and ISU international students to dispel stereotypes and gain a better intercultural understanding of one another.

International volunteers will share their cultures in a fun and educational atmosphere through informal presentations, pictures, native attire, historical and world-famous places, instruments, food, games, and activities!

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames-ISU YWCA.*

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**Calling All AUTHORS!**

Ames Public Library is hosting an **Author Fair** March 25. The event will feature presentations on the art of writing and getting your book published, and you’ll also have the opportunity to sign and sell your books.

Registration will open in late January, so keep an eye out!
Sunday, January 29
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.

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

Mondays (except January 2 and 16)
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.

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 Wednesdays of Each Month, 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.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Conversation Circles January 2.
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.

Thursdays at 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.

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
Auditorium

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

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

February 9: **Empire of Pain:**
The Secret History of the Sackler Dynasty
by Patrick Radden Keefe

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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!

January 4: M.C. Beaton

February 1: Any mystery by a Black author

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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.

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

February 11: **Future Feeling**
by Joss Lake

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Thursday, January 5
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.

January 5: **Linked**
by Gordon Korman

February 2: **One Crazy Summer**
by Rita Williams-Garcia
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.

The Bridge Home

1st & 3rd Wednesday, 1st Floor Study Rooms
2nd & 4th Wednesday, 2nd Floor Study Rooms
11am-12pm

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!

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✓ Pick up our monthly Page One newsletter at the Library or on the Bookmobile.

COMING SOON!

MFA Home Voices Festival
Friday, February 3
1-4:30pm, Auditorium

You’re invited to celebrate the accomplishments of alumni of Iowa State University’s Creative Writing and Environment Masters of Fine Arts program in Creative Writing and Environment, including readings and a panel discussion. Light refreshments will be served.
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)

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

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