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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9am-9pm Friday & Saturday: 9am - 6pm

Sunday: 1pm - 5pm

NOVEMBER CLOSURES

Ames Public Library will be closed:

- Friday & Saturday
 November 10 & 11

 Staff will be in the building for training November 10 and observing Veterans Day November 11
- Thursday & Friday
 November 23 & 24

For Thanksgiving

The Bookmobile will be closed:

Monday - Friday
 November 20-24



Thursdays (except November 23) 4-6pm, Teen Space

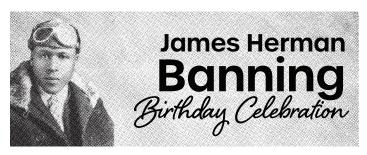
Need a brain break? Teens are invited to hang out and play videogames in the Teen Space! A virtual reality system will be available to try out too.



November 1-30, Library Vestibule

In June 2023, the City of Ames renamed its airport the James Herman Banning Ames Municipal Airport. Learn about Banning and other famous folks who called Ames home in the early days of aviation.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, Discover Ames, Ames History Museum, and Ames Branch of the NAACP.



Sunday, November 5 1pm, Auditorium

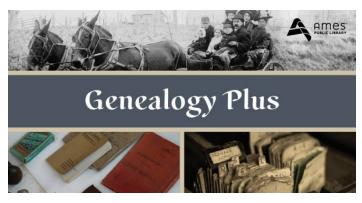
Watch a recording of *On Golden Wings: The Greatest Story Never Told*, an interactive living history play about the life of James Herman Banning. Banning was the first African American to fly across the Continental United States and the first to receive a US Department of Commerce pilot's license. Written and directed by Lousia Jaggar & Kevin Mambo, the play was performed during the 2023 Juneteenth celebration in conjunction with the renaming of the Ames Airport in honor of Banning. Participants can enjoy a piece of birthday cake with us after the video.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, Ames Branch of the NAACP, and Ames History Museum. Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

Banning is also the subject of the autumn StoryWalk® at Moore Memorial Park featuring the book *Sprouting Wings: The True Story of James Herman Banning.*

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Genealogy Sharing

Thursday, November 2 7-8:45pm, Online via Zoom

Come discuss and share your genealogy challenges, surprises, and discoveries. What resources do you use or find helpful? What do you find most challenging?

Conquering Genealogical Distractibility Syndrome

Wednesday, November 15 10am-12pm, Online via Zoom or watch on screen in the Danfoss Room

Speaker — Martha Grenzeback

How do you keep your family history research focused and organized? Does your research feel like a pinball game? Are you constantly distracted, chasing those bright shiny objects but never really accomplishing much?

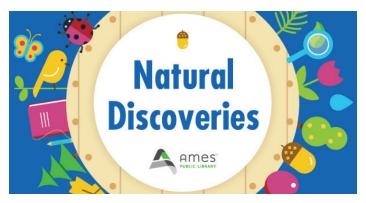
Discover some ways to establish a solid research plan, keep track of where you have been and where you are going, and bring order to your paper and digital files.

Genealogy Help

Wednesday, November 22 10am-12pm, Auditorium

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.



1st Sunday of Each Month (November 5) 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 hibernation!

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



Tuesdays in November 10am-12pm, 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.

- November 7: Microsoft Word
- November 14: Microsoft PowerPoint
- November 21: Microsoft Excel
- November 28: Free Office Software



1st and 3rd Tuesday of Each Month (November 7 and 21) 4pm, Storytime Room

Come play chess! Whether you are just a beginner or already an expert, all kids in grades 3-5 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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2nd Wednesday of Each Month (November 8) 5-6pm, Board Room

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

Hey teens, join the Library's Teen Advisory Group (TAG)!

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

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Thursday, November 9 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 *Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile* with a crocodile-themed activity to follow.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Mainstream Living.



Sunday, November 12: 2-4pm, 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 worldfamous places, instruments, food, games, and activities!

 $\label{presented} \textit{Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames-ISU YWCA.}$



2nd Sunday of Each Month (November 12) 2-4pm, Rotary Room

Teens in 6th - 12th grade are invited to escape into creative writing and connect with other teen writers. Each month attendees will be led through prompts and exercises to help develop and stretch their creative writing skills. Attendees will be given a chance to share their work and have a chance to support others.

No experience is necessary so all skill levels are encouraged to attend. If you have any questions, please reach out to info@ameswriterscollective.org.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and the Ames Writers Collective.



2nd and 4th Sunday of Each Month November 12: 2-4pm, Storytime Room November 26: 2-4pm, Auditorium

Calling all school-aged Poké-Kids! Come learn how to play the Pokémon Trading Card Game and use a Library-supplied deck to battle other players. You can bring your decks to talk and strategize with other players, but card trading will not be allowed. Don't want to play? Come to watch others, enjoy Poké-art activities, chat with other kids, and build a supportive community of friends!

Kids ages 8 and under need to bring a caregiver along to help. Caregivers: not sure what Pokémon is all about? This is a great opportunity to learn along with your kids!



2nd and 4th Tuesday of Each Month (November 14 and 28) 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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Tuesday, November 14 5pm, Danfoss Room or Online

The Library's Teen Advisory Group (TAG), in partnership with community organizations, invites the entire community to learn about youth homelessness, advocacy, and resources. Community members will have the chance to hear from youth who experienced homelessness and are now advocates for other youth.

Presented by Ames Public Library's Teen Advisory Group (TAG) in partnership with Iowa Balance of State Continuum of Care and Youth Action Board.



2nd Tuesday of Each Month (November 14) 4:30pm, Auditorium

Join fellow international residents on the second Tuesday of each month for fun activities and culture-sharing.

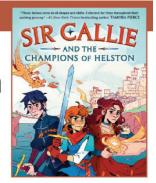
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Chats & Snacks Esme

Esme Symes-Smith

Author of the Sir Callie Series





Wednesday, November 15 6pm, Storytime Room

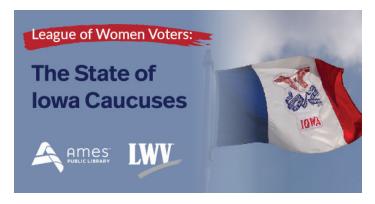
Slay gender norms and drink some dragon fruit punch at our Sir Callie celebration! Readers of all ages can step into a world of magic, knights, and dragon-themed snacks with the *Sir Callie* series author, Esme Symes-Smith.

At the event, Esme will give a quick reading, talk about the book, and answer audience questions before signing books. It's a great opportunity to get a look behind the scenes of a middle grade book series they're sure to love.

Books can be purchased online from Dog-Eared Books ahead of time and picked up at the event:

dogearedbooksames.com/ames-public-library-events. A small selection of books will also be available for purchase at the event.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Dog-Eared Books.



Thursday, November 16 7-8:30pm, Rotary Room

Come hear about the state of the race for the 2024 Iowa Caucuses.

Dave Peterson, Lucken Professor of Political Science at Iowa State University will talk about the survey data that he and his students have been collecting from Iowans.

He will discuss the positions of the candidates, how Iowans preferences have changed, and the similarities and differences between this cycle and the 2020 Democratic Caucuses.

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



3rd Friday of Each Month (November 17) 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 6^{th} - 12^{th} graders. Anime watched is considered to be rated G to PG-13.

Ames Public Library

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Thursday

NOV. 16

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. 17&18 9am-6pm FREE Admission

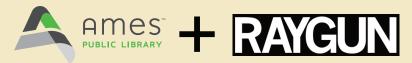




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RAYGUN and the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation are teaming up to bring you the greatest Ames Public Library shirts in the universe!

Soon, you'll be able to buy locally-printed, library-themed shirts for yourself, friends, and family with 40% of the price benefiting Ames Public Library. Now that's what we call the perfect gift!

Watch for an online store coming soon.

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 Ames Public Library's services, programs, and collections.



Personalized Picks



Looking for the perfect book for a reader on your list?

Fill out a Personalized Picks form online, and our expert librarians will curate a customized list of ideas!



Call for Artists

Central Iowa visual and performing artists are invited to apply to have their work featured on April 20, 2024, at the Black Arts Festival at Ames Public Library.

This family-friendly event will celebrate and promote greater awareness and

appreciation of the artistic and cultural contributions of Black visual and performing artists in the community.

Find more information and the application for visual and performing artists at

www.AmesPL.org/BlackArtsFestival



Call for Jurors

Are you an experienced visual or performing artist who is interested in serving as a juror for the Black Arts Festival?

Jurors will meet once in the fall and up to twice in the spring to help select both visual and performing artists. Meetings may be via zoom or in person. Jurors will receive a stipend for participation.

Please email Susan Gent at sgent@amespubliclibrary.org by November 15 to express interest in being a juror.



No Conversation Circles November 11, 20, or 23.

English: Mondays, 12:30-1:30pm Auditorium

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 or via Zoom

German: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of

Each Month, 7-8pm

Board Room or via Zoom

Russian: Saturdays, 3-4pm Board Room or via Zoom

French: Saturdays, 4-5:30pm Board Room or via Zoom

Chinese: 2nd and 4th Thursdays of Each Month, 9:30-10:30am PEO Room or via Zoom

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

Your Library card gives you **free access to ConsumerReports** online, so you can research products, from air fryers and bed sheets to e-book readers and treadmills.

Visit www.amespubliclibrary.org/databases and look for the Consumer Reports link to get started.







Saturday, November 25 Literary Grounds Bookstore

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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4th Saturday of Each Month (November 25) 11:15am-12:15pm, Teen Space

Join this inclusive and welcoming community of families that are growing. Whether you are pregnant, adopting, or just delivered, join us as we support each other and grow together.

Facilitated by Certified Nurse Midwife Megan Sloat, these monthly meetups will connect families to each other and to resources and answers about birth and parenthood.

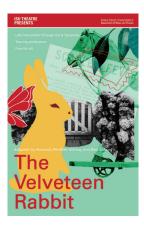
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Coming in December

The Velveteen Rabbit

Saturday, December 2 10am, repeated at 1pm Library Auditorium

Families are invited to ISU
Theatre's production of *The Velveteen Rabbit* including
puppetry, original music, and a
compelling story performed by
ISU student actors.



IDEA Center Open House

Saturday, December 2, 10am-2pm

Come explore the Library's new IDEA Center! This space includes equipment to digitize old photos and slides, VHS videos, and cassette tape recordings. You will also find software like the Adobe Creative Suite and Final Cut Pro for all your editing needs.

Fiber Arts Meetup

Saturday, December 9 10am-12pm, Rotary Room

Crafters of all ages are invited to join fellow fiber arts enthusiasts and work on their projects. Knit, crochet, embroidery, or any other fiber craft is welcome! Please bring your own materials.

IditaRead Challenge

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.

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STORYTIMES & MORE

No Regular Family Events November 10, 11, 23, and 24.

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.



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 (Storytime Room on Nov. 17)

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



@ the Ice Arena

1st Friday of Each Month (Starting Nov. 3) 10am, Ames/ISU Ice Arena

Join Library staff at the ice arena on the first Friday of each month for a free storytime!

After the storytime, the ice arena will offer skating and children's activities on the ice for a small fee.

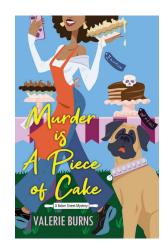
MYSTERY LOVERS Book Group

1st Wednesday of Each Month 12pm, Rotary Room

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

November 1: V.M. Burns

December 6: Andrea Camilleri



028: REAL READS Book Group

2nd Thursday of Each Month 7pm, Board Room or via Zoom

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

November 9:

Tree Thieves:

Crime and Survival in North America's Woods by Lyndsie Bourgon

December 14:

Winter Pasture:

One Woman's Journey with China's Kazakh Herders by Li Juan CRIME AND SURVIVA
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BOOKTOK Book Talk

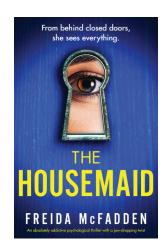
1st Friday of Each Month 3pm, PEO Room or via Zoom

Book lovers unite!

Come talk about the latest books trending on TikTok from a variety of genres, and meet some fellow bibliophiles along the way.

November 3: **The Housemaid** by Freida McFadden

December 1: **Twisted Love** by Ana Huang



VIEW FROM THE MARGINS Book Group

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.

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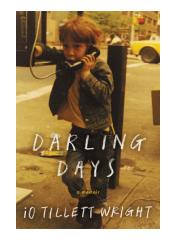
Darling Days: A Memoir

by iO Tillett Wright

December 10:

Passing

by Nella Larsen



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1st and 3rd Wednesdays of Each Month: 1-3pm, 2nd Floor Study Room

Staff from ACCESS will be available in the Library to provide services that enhance safety and empower survivors of domestic abuse or sexual assault. If you are dealing with sexual harassment, domestic abuse (emotional or physical), or sexual abuse, we will hold a confidential space where you can get emotional support and tips for safety planning.

We are also available to help with reporting to law enforcement, Civil No-Contact Orders, and more.



Thursdays, 11am-1pm 2nd Floor Study Room

Staff from Community and Family Resources will be available in the Library to provide information about addiction, substance abuse treatment, problem gambling treatment, and mental health therapy.

They can also provide assistance in getting started in any of these services including filling out some of the preappointment forms.



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

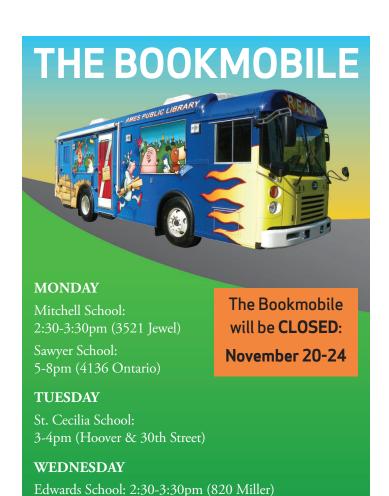
Staff from The Bridge Home will be available in the Library to assist individuals and families on the verge of—or experiencing—homelessness with apartment searching, appointment scheduling, job applications, and more.

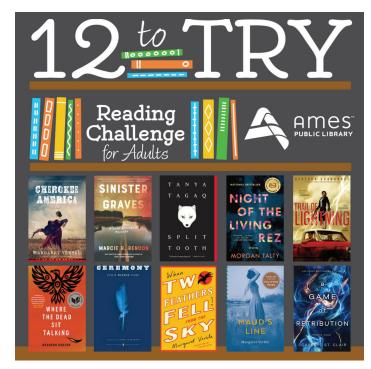
Staff members will also be available to connect community members who are experiencing homelessness with vital services.



Mondays, 9:30am-12:30pm & 1:30-3:30pm Rotary Room

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.





Shake up your shelf with the "12 to Try" Reading Challenge for adults! You'll get a free prize just for reading a book from each of 12 categories listed.

This month, we're sharing recommendations for fiction by Indigenous authors. See some on display on the Library's 2nd floor, on Facebook and Instagram, and online at www.AmesPL.org/12toTry

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

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