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#### **LIBRARY HOURS**

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

Sunday: 1pm - 5pm

# **DECEMBER CLOSURES**

Ames Public Library will be closed:

- Sunday, December 24
- Monday, December 25
- Monday, January 1

The Bookmobile will be closed:

December 18-29

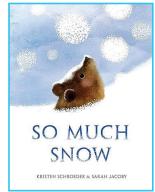


#### December 1-31, Downtown Ames

Start at Ames Public Library and find the pages of *So Much Snow* in windows along Douglas Avenue and Main Street.

As you walk, you'll see woodland animals as they navigate a snowy wonderland in this picture book written by Kristen Schroeder and beautifully illustrated by Sarah Jacoby.

The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne
Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed
in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard
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December 1, 2023, through January 31, 2024

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.



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

Come see ISU Theatre's production of *The Velveteen Rabbit*, an original adaptation by Amanda Petefish-Schrag and Ben Schrag of Margery Williams' beloved classic. Enjoy a fun performance of puppetry, original music, and a compelling story performed by ISU student actors.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Iowa State University Department of Music and Theatre.

# DEA CENTER @ Ames Public Library OPENHOUSE

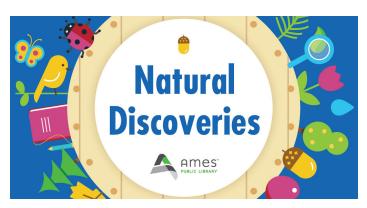
Saturday, December 2 10am-2pm, The Studio

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.

Get FREE online tutoring, test prep, and writing lab with Brainfuse *HelpNow* and your Library card.

Get started at www.AmesPL.org/databases



### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Each Month (December 3) 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.

### 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!

**Monday, December 4:** 2-8:45pm, Danfoss Room

**Tues. - Thurs., December 5-7:** 9am-8:45pm, Danfoss Room

**Fri.-Sat., December 8-9:** 9am-5:45pm, Danfoss Room

**Sunday, December 10:** 1-4:45pm, Danfoss Room

**Monday, December 11:** 2-8:45pm, Danfoss Room

**Tues.-Wed., December 12-13:** 9am-8:45pm, Danfoss Room

**Thursday, December 14:** 9am-5pm, Danfoss Room



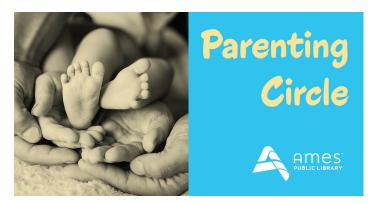


### 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of Each Month (Through December 5) 4pm, Storytime Room

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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# 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of Each Month (December 8) and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of Each Month (starting Jan. 27) 9:30-10:30am, Teen Space

Parenting babies and toddlers is full of challenges. Join this welcoming community of families as we support each other and grow together through the early years of pregnancy, postpartum, and parenthood.

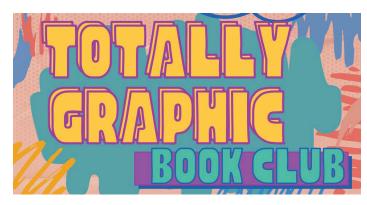
Facilitated by experienced mothers and a Certified Nurse Midwife, these monthly meetups will connect families to each other and to resources and answers about birth, postpartum, and parenthood.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Aurelia Childbirth.



### Thursdays (Through December 14) 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.



## Friday, December 8 (Last Meetup) 5pm, Dog-Eared Books Register at dogearedbooksames.com

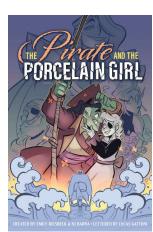
High Schoolers! Are you short on time (or attention) but want all the coziness of a book club in a bonafide bookshop? Join us each month for Capri Suns and snacks and discussions of the graphic novel we'll read each month.

Registration is required each month. After registering, pick up a free copy of the book (to keep!) from Dog-Eared Books or borrow one from the Library.

#### This month:

**The Pirate and the Porcelain Girl** by Emily
Riesbeck & NJ Barna

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





#### 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.



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of Each Month (December 9) 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.

### More Languages!

Ames Public Library has books in many languages for children and adults! Ask a librarian about our World Language Collections.





### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Each Month (December 10) 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.



### 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Each Month (Through December 10) 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!

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of Each Month (Through December 12) 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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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Each Month (December 12) 4:30pm, Auditorium

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

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

### Feeling festive?

You can stream holiday movies at home for free with your Ames Public Library card! Check out Hoopla's Countdown to Christmas for ideas.



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of Each Month (December 13) 5-6pm, Board Room

Register at AmesPL.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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### Thursday, December 14 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 Polar Express* with a winter holiday themed activity to follow.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Mainstream Living.



### December 15-January 15 Library Vestibule

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

Ames High School art students used reference photos of children from orphanages in India to create portraits so that they can send a message of kindness, respect, and encouragement. These portraits will be on display in the Library's entryway before they are delivered to the children who inspired the artwork.

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



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of Each Month (December 15) 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.



### Saturday, December 16 10:30am, Storytime Room

Join us for a magical Christmas storytime for families of all ages!



### Wednesday, December 20 10am, Storytime Room

How skilled are you at robot driving? Test your expertise with an obstacle course, check out Team Photon's new competition robot, and work to design your own LEGO robot to solve a challenge.

Team Photon is a FIRST Tech Challenge team from Ames High School and loves to share STEM and robotics with kids.



Don't miss out on Library news or special events!

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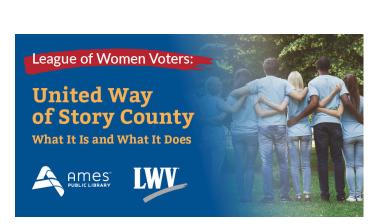
### Thursday, December 21 5-8pm, Storytime Room

Teens, come watch *The Polar Express* in celebration of winter break.

There will be hot chocolate and popcorn for all to eat. You can even build your own train car to sit in while you watch!

- 5-6pm: Time to build a train car to sit in.
- **6-8pm**: Watch *The Polar Express* and have some snacks.

Presented by Ames Public Library's Teen Advisory Group (TAG). TAG is a group of teen volunteers who meet monthly to plan library events, discuss books, and make new friends.



### Thursday, December 21 7-8:30pm, Auditorium

Andy Fish, Associate Director of Community Impact - Education, will present on the difference United Way of Story County has made in the lives of our neighbors in its seventy-year history and their progress towards the 2025 Community Impact Goals.

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



### Wednesday, December 27 — 10am-12pm Thursday, December 28 — 6-8pm Friday, December 29 — 1-3pm

Can you beat Ames Public Library's winter Escape Room? Team up and work cooperatively with your group to collect clues and solve puzzles with a Percy Jackson theme! This free escape room experience is for families or teens in groups of 2-5 individuals and will be 15 minutes for each group.

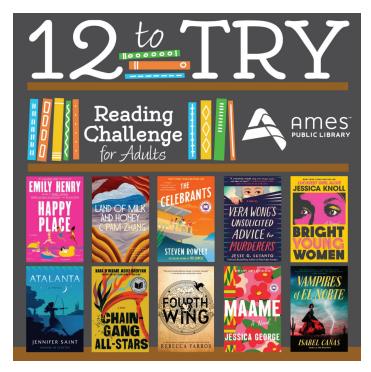
Sign up is first come, first served beginning 15 minutes before each event. The same escape room will be available all three days.



### Saturday, December 30 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 2023! We will end our program with a special sparkling juice toast and a countdown to Noon!



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.

As we wrap up 2023, we'll be sharing recommendations for books published in the past 12 months. See some on display on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, on Facebook and Instagram, and on online at www.AmesPL.org/12toTry

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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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### **Conversation Circles**

No Conversation Circles December 25 and 28.

### **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

**German**: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of Each Month, 7-8pm

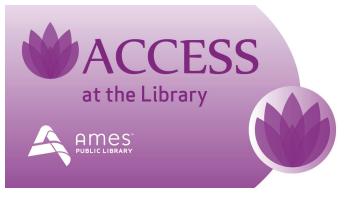
Russian: Saturdays, 3-4pm

French: Saturdays, 4-5:30pm

Board Room or via Zoom

**Chinese**: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays 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.



#### 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of Each Month: 1-3pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Study Room Thursdays: 4-7pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Study Room Fridays: 11am-2pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **STORYTIMES & MORE**

No Regular Family Events December 17 - January 7.

### **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

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



### @ the Ice Arena

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of Each Month (December 1) 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.

### BOOK GROUPS BOOK GROUPS

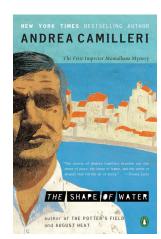
### MYSTERY LOVERS Book Group

### 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of Each Month 12pm, Rotary Room

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

December 6: Andrea Camilleri

January 3: Mystery by an Iowa Author



### 028: REAL READS Book Group

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of Each Month 7pm, Board Room or via Zoom

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

#### December 14:

#### Winter Pasture:

One Woman's Journey with China's Kazakh Herders by Li Juan

### January 11:

#### The Facemaker:

A Visionary Surgeon's Battle to Mend the Disfigured Soldiers of World War I by Lindsey Fitzharris



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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.

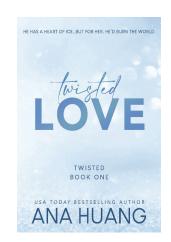
December 1: **Twisted Love** 

by Ana Huang

January 5:

Before I Let You Go

by Kennedy Ryan



### VIEW FROM THE MARGINS Book Group

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 10: **Passing** by Nella Larsen

January 14:

Easy Beauty: A Memoir

by Chloe Cooper Jones

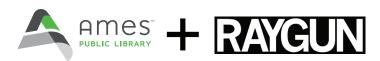






# Gift Ideas for Book Lovers





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

You can 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!

Check it out at bit.ly/RaygunAPL









### **LITERARY GROUNDS**

### Bookstore

Shop for gently-used books, puzzles, and more for all ages at Literary Grounds, located near the Library's lobby.

Literary Grounds also sells gift cards for those hard-to-shop-for friends and family!



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

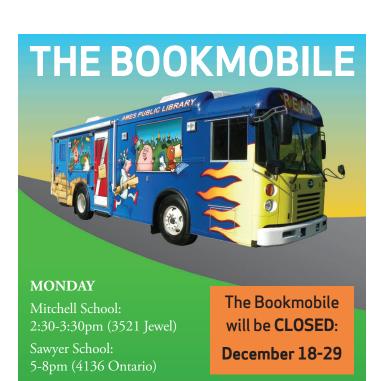
### Looking for the perfect book for a reader on your gift list?

Check out our 2023 Gift Guides, available at the Library's service desks and on our website.

You can also try out our Personalized Picks service, where our expert librarians curate a customized list of ideas based on the types of books you like.

Find our Gift Guides and Personalized Picks online form at www.AmesPL.org/books-movies-more/recommendations





#### **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 Giving Season

by Cassie Benning Luze, Development Director Ames Public Library Friends Foundation

It's the most wonderful time of the year....when your mail and in-box might be filling up with end of year charitable gift requests. And that might include a letter from the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation. I hope that one makes its way to the top of your pile.

You will see the impact your gifts make for everyone who comes into the library or benefits from any of our robust outreach programs. Children, teens, adults, seniors—there is no one in our community who can't be a part of the Ames Public Library family. Your gifts are part of what makes our ideas a reality.

For those who qualify, don't forget the option of utilizing your IRA for gifting. The IRA Charitable Rollover provision lets you to maximize giving while enjoying significant tax benefits. If you are 70½ or older and have an IRA you can make a tax-free gift that will provide crucial support to the library. Even though the age to take required mandatory distributions from your IRA has changed, the rollover gift option still remains for those 70½. It's easy—just contact your IRA administrator to make a direct transfer to the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

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