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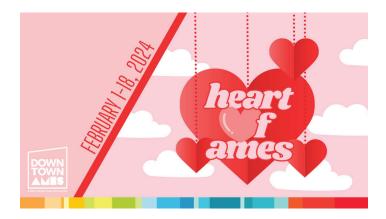
LIBRARY HOURS

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

Sunday: 1pm - 5pm

Ames Public Library and the Bookmobile will be **CLOSED**

Monday, February 19



Love is in the Air in the Heart of Ames! Celebrate love and connection with a variety of activities and specials in Downtown Ames.

Find new connections at the Library's Speed Friending event on February 3, take your child on a date to their favorite storytime, or find the deal of your dreams on gently-used books in Literary Grounds Bookstore.

Check out our Blind Date With a Book displays, too!



January 29 - February 3

Join us for a week celebrating Eric Carle!

All of our storytimes this week will feature Eric Carle's books, and Ames Public Library will be giving away one Family Pack of four tickets to see "The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show" at Stephens Auditorium during each of the following storytimes:

- Toddler Storytime January 29 and 31 at 10:30am
- Family Storytime Jan. 30 and Feb. 1 at 10:30am
- Storybook Science February 2 at 10:30am

Sensiil Studios Exhibit

February 1-29 Library Vestibule

This month's exhibit features artwork from
Sensiil Studios, Iowa's first black comic book publisher.
Sensiil Studios aspires to bring representation to the science fiction and fantasy genres.

See featured artwork by Imani Brown on the cover of this issue of Page One.



Tuesday, February 20 6pm, Storytime Room



Learn about how much power telling a story has on you and your community.

Basi Affia will share how he found power by bringing

representation to the science fiction and fantasy genres through Sensiil Studios, Iowa's first black comic book publisher.

Basi will answer questions after his presentation, and books will be available for purchase.

More information about Basi and Sensiil Studios can be found at www.sensiilstudios.com.



Thursdays 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, February 3 2-4:30pm, Auditorium

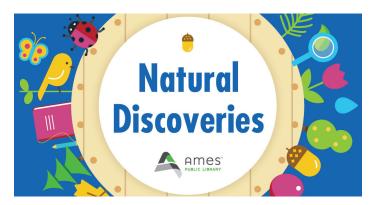
It is hard to make friends as an adult! Join us for a round of speed friend-matching and casual socializing.

There will be guided one-on-one conversations followed by time to hang out, play games, and chat. Light refreshments will be provided.

Everyone 18 or older is welcome.

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1st Sunday of Each Month (February 4) 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.



Looking for that book everyone's talking about?

Check the Quick Picks shelf! Quick Picks are extra copies of popular items that go fast and come back fast, so you have more chances at a lucky find.

How it works:

7 day checkout • No renewals • No holds • 2 Quick Pick items at a time Find out more at www.AmesPL.org



1st and 3rd Tuesday of Each Month (February 6 and 20) 4pm, Storytime Room

Come play chess! Whether you are just a beginner or already an expert, all kids in grades 1-5 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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Thursday, February 8 10am-1pm, Auditorium

Join the Mainstream Living community for a monthly movie screening and related activity!

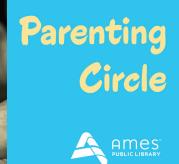
Selected movies are appropriate for adults who are neurodivergent and/or have an intellectual disability. Movies with Mainstream is open to all ages!



This month, we'll watch *Lightyear* with a space-themed activity to follow.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Mainstream Living.





2nd Friday and 4th Saturday of Each Month (February 9 and 24) 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 and parenthood.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Aurelia Childbirth.



2nd Saturday of Each Month (February 10) 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.



2nd Saturday of Each Month (February 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.



2nd and 4th Sunday of Each Month (February 11 and 25) 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 Pokéart 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!



2^{nd} Sunday of Each Month (February 11) 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.

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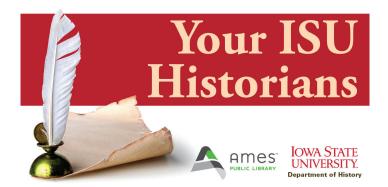


Monday, February 12 2pm, Auditorium

Children and families are invited to learn about African American history through music with a presentation by the African American Museum of Iowa.

Explore the African beats brought to the colonies during slavery, spirituals used to communicate on the plantation, the jazz of the Harlem Renaissance, and the popular music of the Civil Rights movement.

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Monday, February 12 7pm, Auditorium

Topic — "For God, Gold, and Glory: Iowans in China around the Turn of 20th Century"

Speaker — Prof. Tao Wang

The experiences of Iowans in China at the tumultuous turn of the 20th century varied widely. This talk details how a missionary couple (Charles and Eva Price), an ambassador and his wife (Edwin and Sarah Conger), and future president Herbert Hoover and First Lady Lou Henry Hoover understood and affected China, Iowa, and U.S.-China relations.

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



2nd and 4th Tuesday of Each Month (February 13 and 27) 4pm, Storytime Room

Children in grades 1-5 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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2nd Wednesday of Each Month (February 14) 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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Did you know you can learn to speak another language for FREE with your local Library? Check out Mango or Little Pim and soon you'll be speaking in Spanish, Mandarin, or even Pirate.

Visit www.amespubliclibrary.org/databases to get started.







Got Homework?

Ames Public Library has free tools for school, including online tutoring through Brainfuse, kidfriendly research tools through Britannica Library, and more! Visit AmesPL.org and go to our family page to get started!



3rd Friday of Each Month (February 16) 4-6pm, Teen Space

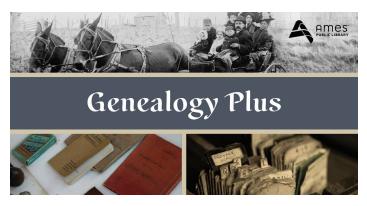
Join our monthly meetup to watch some anime, talk about your favorite manga, or create your own art and manga. Open to 6th-12th graders. Anime watched is considered to be rated G to PG-13.



Saturday, Feb. 17 from 10am-12pm Auditorium & Storytime Room

Need support as a new parent and don't know who to ask?

Come meet professionals and community partners to find resources and help for questions about pregnancy, birth, postpartum, and health for you and your child(ren). This drop-in event will feature chiropractors, midwives, lactation specialists and more!



Using FamilySearch.org for Research

Wednesday, February 21 10am-12pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

Speaker — Jim and Annette Anderegg

The FamilySearch.org is a fantastic genealogical website and it is freely available without charge. Learn how to use the tools available for effective research.

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



Thursday, February 22 7-8:30pm, Auditorium

Melody Stone MA, LMHC Trauma trained clinical therapist, will discuss how working collaboratively to both dismantle the root causes driving the commercial sex industry and to create a restorative model than can bring healing to the victims as well as many perpetrators.

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

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Saturday, February 24 2-4pm, Auditorium

All ages are invited to a Chinese Traditional Culture Festival. This free event is open to the public and will celebrate Chinese culture through crafts, games, and food.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames Chinese Language Academy.



Tuesday, February 27 7pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

Register at ameshistory.org to receive the Zoom link by e-mail.

Topic — A History of the Earliest Churches in Ames

Speaker — Kathy Svec, Museum volunteer

The early history of church congregations in Ames is rich and varied and indicates a strong need for spiritual fulfillment and community on the part of pioneer settlers. Even though those congregations subscribed to different religious philosophies, there were many common challenges and triumphs as churches grew and expanded.

The talk covers 10 churches that were established between the early 1850s and 1916, some of which still exist today.

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150 YEARS of Willa Cather





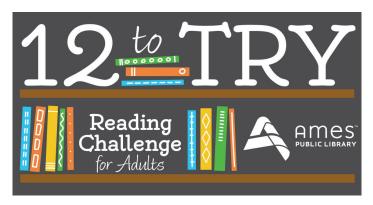


Wednesday, February 28 7pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

Join us for an evening of readings to celebrate 150 years of Willa Cather, one of the most significant and treasured American writers of the 20th century. Cather crystallized the spirit of the American West with a singular voice in her body of poems, essays, short stories, and the critically acclaimed novels *One of Ours, O Pioneers!*, *The Song of the Lark*, and *My Ántonia*.

In partnership with the Ames Writers Collective and the National Willa Cather Center, readers will be reacquainted with—and new readers will be introduced to—Cather's body of work. There will be birthday goodies as well as a book drawing. (Willa Cather's birthday was December 7th.)

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, National Willa Cather Center, and Ames Writers Collective.



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 nonfiction books written by Black authors. See some on display on the 2nd floor, on Facebook and Instagram, and online at www.AmesPL.org/12toTry

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Thursday, February 29 7-8:30pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

Join the Outdoor Alliance of Story County for a presentation on the birds of Ada Hayden Heritage Park.

Presenter Wolfgang "Wolf" Oesterreich has recorded 283 avian species at the park, and will share photos of most.

Wolf is Vice President of the Friends of Ada Hayden Heritage Park and rides his trike there every day possible, recording all avian, mammalian, amphibian, reptilian, Lepidoptera, and Odonate species that he encounters.

He also photographs six sites on the same day (or nearly) each month so that one can see how the habitat changes with the season and across the years.

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Summer Camp Fair

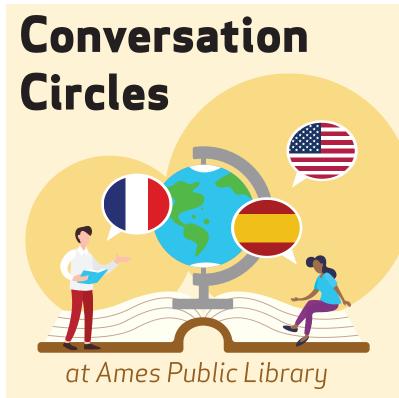
Saturday, March 2 10am-1pm, Auditorium

Genealogy Plus Special: Allied with the Allies

Monday, March 11 6:30-7:45pm, Rotary Room or via Zoom

Des Moines Metro Opera Children's Performance: Beauty and the Beast

Saturday, March 16 2pm, Auditorium



English: Mondays (except February 19) 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 **Russian**: Saturdays, 3-4pm **French:** Saturdays, 4-5:30pm Board 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.

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Thursday

MAR. 7

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.

MAR. 8 & 9

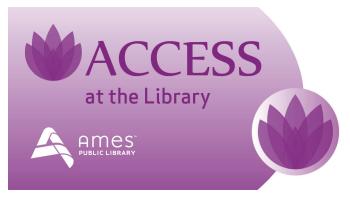
9am-6pm
FREE Admission





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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.



Wednesdays 9:30am-12:30pm & 1:30-3:30pm, PEO 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

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 (except Feb. 19) 10:30am, Storytime Room

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

Family Storytime

Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays (except Feb. 17)
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

1st Friday of Each Month (February 2) 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

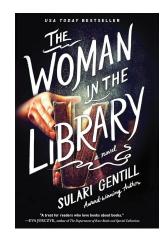
MYSTERY LOVERS Book Group

1st Wednesday of Each Month 12pm, Danfoss Room

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

February 7: Sulari Gentill

March 6: Kathy Reichs



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.

February 8:

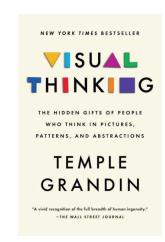
Visual Thinking:

The Hidden Gifts of People Who Think in Pictures, Patterns, and Abstractions by Temple Grandin

March 14:

Half American:

The Epic Story of African Americans Fighting World War II At Home and Abroad by Matthew F. Delmont



VIEW FROM THE MARGINS Book Group

2nd Sunday of Each Month 2-3:30pm, Board Room or via Zoom

Check out this book group for fresh insights and lively discussion about topics relating to society, identity, and culture.

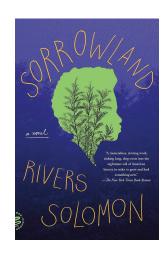
Book selections include fiction and non-fiction from a

wide variety of perspectives and marginalized identities.

February 11: **Sorrowland** by Rivers Solomon

March 10: **Winter in the Blood** by James Welch

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BOOKTOK Book Talk

3rd Monday of Each Month * 6pm, Rotary 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.

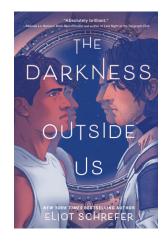
*Feb. 26 (special date):

The Darkness Outside Us

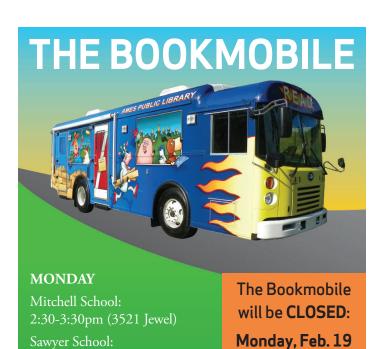
by Eliot Schrefer

March 18:

Local Woman Missing by Mary Kubica



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TUESDAY

St. Cecilia School: 3-4pm (Hoover & 30th Street)

WEDNESDAY

5-8pm (4136 Ontario)

Edwards School: 2:30-3:30pm (820 Miller)

Fareway on Stange: 5-8pm (Stange & Bloomington)

THURSDAY

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

Thank You for Loving Your Library!

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

"What we begin, others who come after will complete. The good is like the building of cathedrals...only those who lay foundation stones hear bells ringing in unraised steeples." ~Dr. George Hamilton Combs

Thank you for your enthusiastic response to our annual holiday mailing! Our end of year appeal is a vital part of our fundraising efforts each year and you have responded so generously. Your support today will cause positive reverberations long into our future.

Speaking of supporting the Library, have you checked out our great RAYGUN t-shirts? The Library gets a percent of every sale through the Library's online store; So when you buy one you not only get to wear your library pride, you're helping us continue to enhance and grow Ames Public Library's services to this community.

Join us in celebrating Black History Month in February. The 2024 theme is "African Americans and the Arts" spanning the many impacts Black Americans have had on visual arts, music, cultural movements, and more. Also in February, include the Library among your stops during Downtown Ames' "Heart of Ames" celebration.

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Board Room or via Zoom