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LIBRARY HOURS

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

Sunday: 1pm - 5pm

Ames Public Library will be **CLOSED** Sunday, March 31

Northcrest Photo Exhibit

March 1-30, Library Vestibule

Come see photos taken by Northcrest Community residents as part of a photo contest.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Northcrest Community.

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









Collections page to book your adventure!







Saturday, March 2 10am-1pm, Auditorium

Get help planning summer events for your kids!

Drop in to the Summer Camp Fair to learn about summer camps, programs, and activities available in Ames and the surrounding area for summer 2024.

Exhibitors will share information about what types of programs are offered, dates, times, cost, etc.

Come ask questions and gather information to help find the best summer opportunities for you and your children.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and The Community Academy.

Natural Discoveries

1st Sunday of Each Month (March 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.

This month's event will be about "Migration March," when many birds begin migrating back to Iowa for the warmer summer months.

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



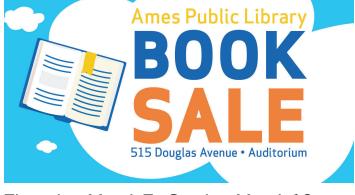
Checkmate Chess Club

1st and 3rd Tuesday of Each Month (March 5 & 19) 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.

Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.



Thursday, March 7 - Sunday, March 10

Get great deals on thousands of used books, movies, and more! See flyer for details.

Fiber Arts Meetup

2nd Saturday of Each Month (March 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.

Teen Videogames

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.



Parenting Circle

2nd Friday and 4th Saturday of Each Month (March 8 and 23) 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.

وقت القصة العربية Arabic Storytime

2nd Saturday of Each Month (March 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.

Swift Youth Writers Group

2nd Sunday of Each Month (March 10) 2-4pm, PEO 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.



Find authoritative research on health issues, from diseases to treatments, with **Gale Health and Wellness**.

Use it for **free** with your Ames Public Library card at:

www.AmesPL.org/databases

Pokémon Club

2^{nd} and 4^{th} Sunday of Each Month (March 10 & 24) 2-4pm, Location Varies

Calling all school-aged Poké-Kids! Come learn how to play the Pokémon Trading Card Game and use a Librarysupplied 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!

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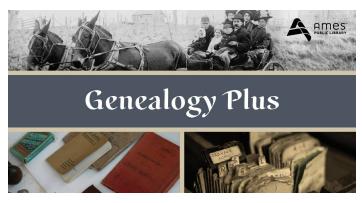


Monday, March 11 3:30pm, Danfoss Room

Teens are invited to a free workshop about effectively writing a resume.

Whether you're creating your first resume or polishing up an old one, this workshop will help you get started on summer job applications!

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and YSS.



Special: Allied with the Allies

Monday, March 11 6:30-7:45pm, Online via Zoom or watch on screen in the Rotary Room

Presenter: Debra Dudek

Examine the abundant resources, service files, and information for service men and women who served in Canadian, UK, Australian, and French forces during World War I. The lecture will also examine Red Cross records and resources in the US and abroad.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and the Story County Genealogical Society. Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.



Tuesday, March 12 10:30am-12pm, Auditorium

Calling all Bluey fans! Come to the Library's spring break celebration of our favorite Aussie pup.

Drop in between 10:30am and 12pm to explore with crafts, creative play, and activities inspired by Bluey and her family.

There will even be a special visit from Bluey from 11 to 11:45am!

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TAG: Teen Advisory Group

2nd Wednesday of Each Month (March 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, March 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 *DC League of Super-Pets* with a cat and dog-themed activity to follow.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Mainstream Living.



Health, Wellness, & Nutrition

Your Ames Public Library card gets you free access to ConsumerLab.com for health product reviews, recalls and warnings, vitamin and mineral intake calculator, and more.



Thursday, March 14 7-8pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

Local mental health professionals will talk about mental health issues that affect children. They'll share information about local resources and programs along with tips for finding service providers that fit your family's needs.

Teen Anime Club

3rd Friday of Each Month (March 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 6th-12th graders. Anime watched is considered to be rated G to PG-13.



3rd Tuesday of Each Month (March 19) 5pm, Auditorium

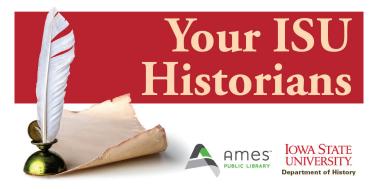
Join fellow international residents on the third Tuesday of each month for fun activities and culture-sharing.



Saturday, March 16 2pm, Auditorium

All ages are welcome to attend Des Moines Metro Opera's free performance at the Library of *Beauty and the Beast*, the classic story of a prince cursed to spend his days as a hideous monster until he vows to regain his humanity by earning a young woman's love.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and the Ames Chapter of the Des Moines Metro Opera Guild. Supported in part through local option tax funds provided by the City of Ames through the Commission on the Arts and by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.



Wednesday, March 19 7pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

Topic: Imperial Entrepreneurs: Exploiting the Roman Empire for Private Profit

While everyone knows the Romans were good at looting and pillaging, they were also adept at subtler means of wealth extraction.

This talk will focus on the Roman businessmen (and occasionally women) who operated in the provinces and sometimes even beyond the borders of the empire.

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



Wednesdays, March 20 - May 22 10-10:45am, Board Room

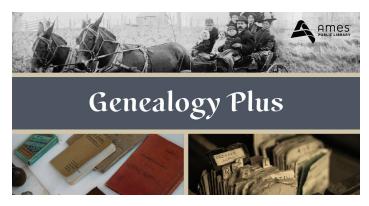
Register at https://bit.ly/SmallTalkAmes

Make a difference in your baby's life through talk and interaction! If your baby is between 2 and 30 months, sign up for Small Talk and learn how to make your baby's brain stronger and get them ready for school success.

Small Talk is a supportive group environment with lively and insightful discussion topics. We'll have healthy snacks and a new book for your baby every week. Childcare is available, too!

Registration is required.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, Raising Readers in Story County, and United Way of Story County.



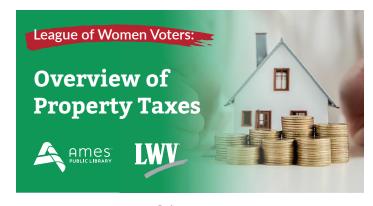
Wednesday, March 20 10am-12pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

Topic — Free and Useful Sites for Genealogy Research

Speaker — Dick Cooper

Learn about some websites that can enhance your genealogy research...without breaking your budget!

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



Thursday, March 21 7-8:30pm, Rotary Room

Lucy Martin, Story County Auditor, will provide a synopsis of how property taxes are calculated, applied, collected, and apportioned.

She will also share information on the budget cycle/ timeline, various financing options for taxing entities, and recent legislative changes.

There will be a Q & A session following the presentation.

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

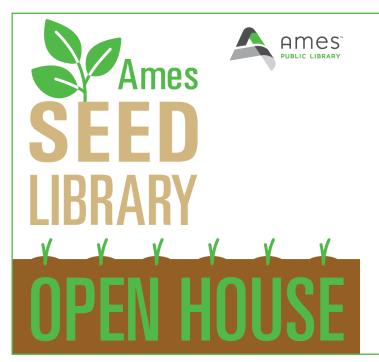


Friday, March 22 10:30-11:30am, Auditorium

Kids, put on your dancing shoes and come to the Library for a fun concert that gets brains and bodies firing on all pistons!

Macaroni Soup with Miss Carole is back with sneakily educational ACTIVE MUSIC that's developmentally appropriate for children 8 and younger – and their families!

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Saturday, March 23 10am-12pm, Adult Services Desk (2nd Floor)

Celebrate the opening of the Ames Seed Library!

The Ames Seed Library is a community resource that offers free vegetable, flower, fruit, and herb seeds in order to empower people to grow their own food and build relationships through gardening.

Drop in to learn about the Ames Seed Library, browse the selection available, and take home seeds. If you have seeds at home that you're not using, please bring them along to donate to the Ames Seed Library!

This is a collaborative project between Ames Public Library, Iowa State University Extension Master Gardener Program, Mustard Seed Community Farm, and Ames Repair Café. Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.



Saturday, March 23 10am-12pm, Auditorium

New to growing plants from seed? Drop in between 10am and noon to join experts from Mustard Seed Community Farm and Master Gardeners to get hands-on experience starting seeds.

Select seeds of your choice from the Seed Library, then drop by the Auditorium for guidance on what to do next. All supplies will be provided.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, ISU Extension Master Gardener Program, and Mustard Seed Community Farm. Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.



Saturday, March 23 11am-2:30pm, PEO Room

Register at AmesPL.org/events

Looking to level up your gardening game? Join local experts for a hands-on apple tree grafting workshop. After a presentation explaining the grafting process, participants will get experience grafting trees. Participants will leave with 2-3 tree grafts. All supplies will be provided.

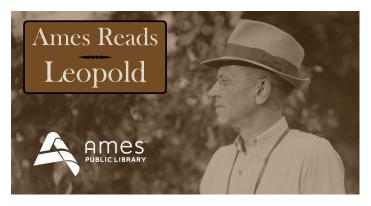
Registration is required and limited to 15 participants.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, Helen Gunderson, Iowa State University Department of Horticulture. Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

Looking for gardening inspiration?

Flip through gardening magazines at the Library or online in Libby/Overdrive to get ideas for your 2024 garden! The Library also has a large selection of books on gardening available to check out.





Saturday, March 23 1:30-4pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

Join your friends and neighbors at this year's "Ames Reads Leopold" event and hear the thought-provoking words of Iowa's own Aldo Leopold, widely acknowledged as the father of wildlife conservation and a strong advocate for a "Land Ethic" in America.

Leopold's *A Sand County Almanac* was first published in 1949 and is celebrating its 75th Anniversary. These essays continue to be as poignant today as then.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library. Creative Writing & Environment at ISU, Friends of Ada Hayden Heritage Park, ISU Bioethics Program, Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture, Office of Sustainability/Live Green! Initiative, Outdoor Alliance of Story County, Prairie Rivers of Iowa, Story County Conservation, and The Sustainable Agriculture Student Association (SASA) ISU.

LEGO® Builders

Tuesday, March 26 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

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Wednesday, March 27 7pm, Auditorium

Topic — Iowa's Ethnic Heritage, or "Who Do You Think We Are?"

Speaker — John Liepa, Prof. Emeritus/History & Political Science, Des Moines Area Community College

Enjoy the unfolding and changing adventure of Iowa's immigration history. Beginning with the Ioway, one of 17 distinctive indigenous tribal groups, we'll trace chronologically who we are as Iowans.



From Spanish explorers and French trappers, traders and priests; to the dominant English, Germans and Irish; to Scandinavians, Dutch and Czechs, we'll explore why

these groups chose to leave their homelands and how they eventually ended up in Iowa. African-Americans, Eastern Europeans and Hispanics have different stories to share along with other "newer" Iowans.

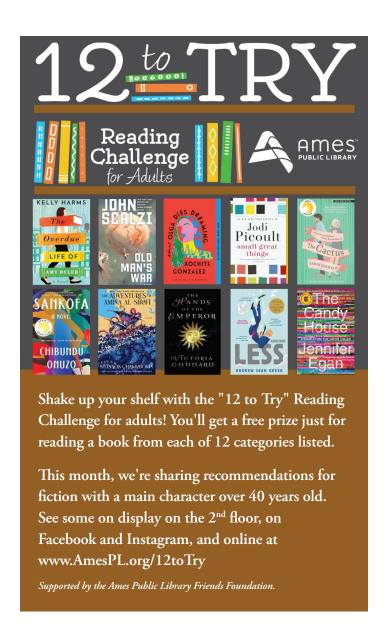
This lecture is personal and interactive, and we'll work together to discover who we are and who we are becoming as Iowans.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames History Museum. Program funded by Humanities Iowa, a private, non-profit state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities and the State Historical Society of Iowa.



Tired of tiny text?

Check out books from the Library's **Large Print** collection for larger font sizes! Be sure to ask a librarian about reading **e-books** with larger text, too.





Solar Eclipse 2024! information session

Tuesday, April 2, at 6:30pm

Landlord Issues & Tenant Rights

Saturday, April 13, at 2pm

Black Arts Festival

Saturday, April 20

Ames Repair Cafe

Saturday, April 27

Conversation Circles

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.

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Spanish: Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm

German: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays

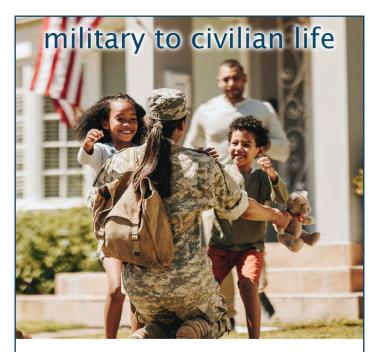
of Each Month, 7-8pm

Russian: Saturdays, 3-4pm

French: Saturdays, 4-5:30pm

Board Room or 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.



Get free assistance transitioning from military to civilian life and so much more with Brainfuse VetNow. Use it free with your Ames public Library card!





1^{st} and 3^{rd} Wednesdays of Each Month: 1-3pm, 2^{nd} 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.

STORYTIMES & MORE

No regular Family Events will March 11-17.

Baby Time

Tuesdays at 1:30pm Wednesdays at 11am Thursdays at 6pm (canceled March 28) 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^{st} Friday of Each Month (March 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.

MYSTERY LOVERS Book Group

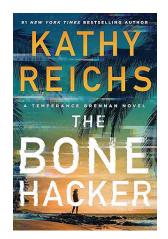
1st Wednesday of Each Month 12pm, Danfoss Room

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

March 6: Kathy Reichs

April 3:

Any author whose first book was published within the last 5 years



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.

March 14:

Half American:

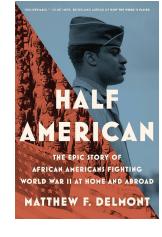
The Epic Story of African Americans Fighting World War II At Home and Abroad by Matthew F. Delmont

April 11:

The Family Outing:

A Memoir

by Jessi Hempel



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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.

March 10:

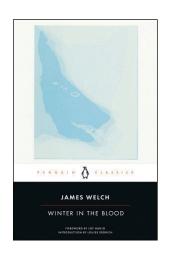
Winter in the Blood by James Welch

April 14:

My Government Means to Kill Me

by Rasheed Newson

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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

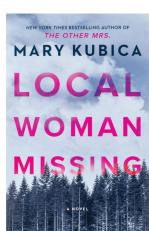
trending on TikTok from a variety of genres, and meet some fellow bibliophiles along the way.

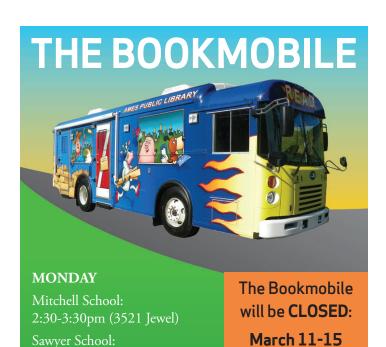
March 18:

Local Woman Missing by Mary Kubica

April 15:

The Song of Achilles by Madeline Miller





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)

A Legacy of Giving

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

Our donors and volunteers make a significant impact on the depth and breadth of what the Library can offer to our community. Your support today helps us do and be more for the people we serve.

Everyone makes their mark on the world in a variety of ways—through a profession, volunteering and activism, or parenthood. How can we continue to make our mark after we are gone? One of the most impactful ways to continue supporting initiatives that have been important to you is through an estate gift.

By including the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation in your future giving plans you can leave a lasting legacy in our community. And while giving through your estate is a smart financial choice, it is also how many of us can make the largest impact on the organizations that are important to us. Here are some simple ways to make a planned gift:

- include APLFF among the beneficiaries of retirement assets
- name APLFF as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy
- include a bequest to APLFF in your will

If you are considering including APLFF in your future plans—or if you have already made that important decision—we are eternally grateful.

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9am-6pm
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