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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9am-9pm
Friday & Saturday: 9am - 6pm
Sunday: 1pm - 5pm

Through the Lens: Magic Lantern Exhibit

May 1-31, Vestibule

Since the 1600s, magic lanterns have been captivating audiences. Come to a special exhibit at Ames Public Library to learn about this early type of image projector and see fascinating photographs of magic lanterns and slides.

Images in this exhibit come from the Brinton Entertaining Company Papers, housed at

University of Iowa Libraries' Special Collections and Archives.

Learn more about magic lantern shows and entertainers—like the Brintons—at a Magic Lantern Show on May 29. See more information on page 12.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, Ames History Museum, and University of Iowa Libraries' Special Collections and Archives.

Teen Videogames

Thursdays (Through May 8)
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, May 3
10am-12pm, Outside the Library
at 5th Street and Douglas Avenue

Families are welcome to join volunteer artists from the Ames High Art Club and Bird Friendly Iowa as we paint and decorate the Library's outdoor windows. The goal of this event is to raise awareness about hazards faced by migratory birds and what we can do to protect them.

Presented in Partnership with Ames Public Library and Bird Friendly Iowa.



Saturday, May 3, or Sunday, May 4
1-3pm, Danfoss Room

Iowa State University Department of Music and Theatre's annual Student Fringe Festival allows students to flex their theater muscles in a celebration of innovation and creativity. Come to Ames Public Library to see free performances of two projects:

What are Best Friends For? by Teddy White

This contemporary ten-minute play is a snapshot of a heartfelt coming out experience between two friends.

The Death of Station Axis by Quinn Young

In this staged reading of an original one-act play, a last group of survivors flee Earth in a dystopian future.

Visit the ISU Department of Music and Theatre's website for more Student Fringe Festival events in Ames.

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

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-Thursday, May 5-8:
9am-8:45pm, Danfoss Room

Friday-Saturday, May 9-10:
9am-5:45pm, Danfoss Room

Sunday, May 11:
1-4:45pm, Danfoss Room

Monday-Wednesday, May 12-14:
9am-8:45pm, Danfoss Room

Thursday, May 15:
9am-5pm, Danfoss Room



YSS TEEN WORKSHOP: Mental Health Awareness



Monday, May 5
3-4pm, Teen Space

May is National Mental Health Month! During this workshop, teens will learn steps to take to support and maintain their mental health through self-care and stress management. Fun activities will be provided!

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and YSS.

Kids Chess Club

1st and 3rd Tuesday of Each Month
(Through May 6)
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. Drop in and learn how to play, or make new friends with other chess lovers.

Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.



Wednesdays, May 7-28
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.

- May 7: Intro. to Computers
- May 14: Intro. to Web Browsers
- May 21: Intro. to Computer Files
- May 28: Intro. to E-mail

Join us again next month to learn about Microsoft Office software.

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

Get started at www.AmesPL.org/databases



**Wednesdays, May 7-21
6pm, Storytime Room**

Get ready to clap your hands and wag your tail! Come to the Library for a pup-tastic storytime with therapy dog Marmalade and her dog-mom Stephanie Peters of Plucky Paws. Children will have the chance to pet "Marmie" and hear picture books about dog body language, responsible pet care, adopting pets, and more. This storytime is designed for ages 5-12, but siblings are also welcome.

Participants may choose to bring an in-kind donation for local animal shelters.



**Wednesdays, May 7-21
6:30pm, Teen Space**

Teens are invited to meet therapy dog Marmalade and her dog-mom Stephanie Peters of Plucky Paws! We'll pet Marmalade as we unpack topics like dog body language, responsible pet care, the needs of shelter pets, and kindness to companion animals.

Participants may choose to bring an in-kind donation for local animal shelters.



Thursday, May 8, at 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 *Moana 2* with a bead necklace craft to follow.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Mainstream Living.

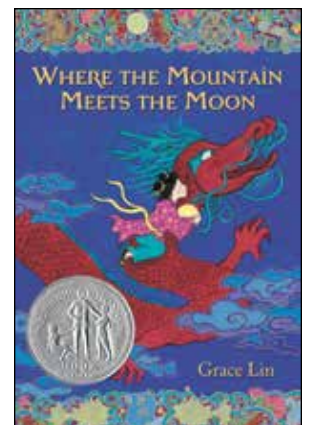


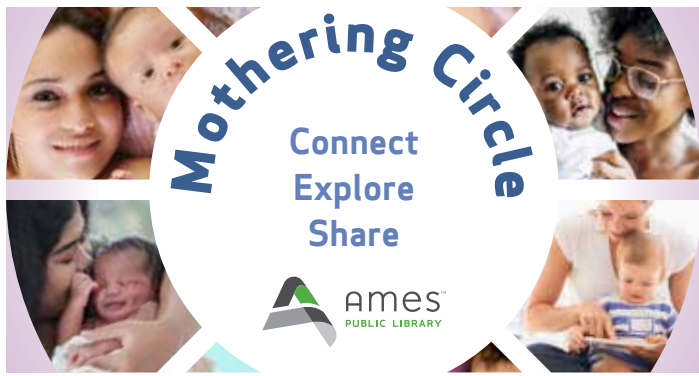
Thursday, May 8, at 10am, Teen Space

Join Library staff for a monthly book discussion just for families that are homeschooling! Families are invited to read the book of the month (together or independently), then come to the Library for a discussion and related activities.

This event and books are geared for school-age kids or middle-grade reading level, but all ages are welcome.

**May 1:
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon
by Grace Lin**





2nd Friday and 4th Saturday of Each Month
(May 9 only)
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, these monthly meetups connect families to each other and to resources and answers about birth and parenthood.



Saturday, May 10 and 24
11am-1pm, Teen Space

Hey teens, come to the Library's first Teen Silent Book Club to unwind, read, and connect with others. We will enjoy good books and good—but quiet—company as we munch on some snacks.

Bring your own book or grab one from the Library's shelves. We will start each club off with a brief conversation (share what you're reading/introduce yourself) and then settle in for two hours of cozy, distraction-free reading.

The Teen Space main doors will be closed, so enter through the side door near the Young Adult book display wall.

Fiber Arts Meetup

2nd Saturday of Each Month
(May 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.



Saturday, May 10
10am-3pm, Auditorium

Registration is required.
Participants must be age 14 or older.
Sign up at www.AmesPL.org/events.

Come celebrate World Collage Day with a hands-on collage workshop!

Local collage artists will start the day by showing examples of their work and introducing techniques. Attendees can then use a wide array of provided materials to create their own artwork to bring home.

No experience necessary. It will be a leisurely day of crafting, creating, and experimenting.

Bring a bag lunch and good pair of scissors.
 Light refreshments will be provided.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames Community Arts Council.



Sunday, May 11 1:30-4:30pm, Storytime Room

Math Minds Unite is a tutoring program for any child in grades 3-8 who may need a little extra help developing math skills. Participants will be matched with a tutor who can work through grade-level math problems and help in areas where students need extra focus.

Groups will work through problems, play games, and have fun while reinforcing mathematics concepts. No registration is necessary.

Pokémon Club

2nd Sunday of Each Month (May 11) 2-3:30pm, 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!

Supported by Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.



Swift Youth Writers Group

2nd Sunday of Each Month (May 11) 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. At the end of the school year, writers will be asked to submit 1 to 3 pieces (depending on genre) for inclusion in an anthology, and a celebratory reading will be held. If you have any questions, please reach out to info@ameswriterscollective.org.

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



May 12-16, Downtown Ames

515 Days are a spring celebration in Downtown Ames for those who live, work, and play in the 515 area code.

Join the celebration May 12-16 with a great deal on gently-used books and more! Spend \$15 in Literary Grounds used book store and get a coupon for \$5 off a future purchase! Families are invited to drop in for a free craft Thursday, May 15.

There will also be an Ames-themed scavenger hunt all month long in the Youth Services area.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library Friends Foundation and Downtown Ames. Proceeds are used to enhance Ames Public Library's collections, programs, and services.

TAG: Teen Advisory Group

2nd Wednesday of Each Month (May 14)
5-6pm, Board Room

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

Hey 6th-12th graders, help plan exciting Library events for teens, share what you're reading, make new friends, and eat some food!

Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.



Thursday, May 15, at 7pm, Rotary Room

Dr. Michail Kitchell, MD, will discuss concerns regarding public and private insurance coverage and healthcare access for Americans. Attendees will also learn how payment reforms can improve healthcare quality and outcomes while reducing cost increases.

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



Saturday, May 17
2pm, Rotary Room

Effective communication between co-parents is essential for fostering a stable and healthy environment for children.

This presentation will explore the critical role that communication plays in co-parenting.

We will also examine how dysfunctional parenting—such as poor communication, withholding information, or engaging in high-conflict behavior—can negatively impact a court case, from custody determinations to parental rights.



















Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Legal Aid of Story County.



Saturday, May 17
3-5pm, Auditorium

In this workshop, we'll get to know the Minor Arcana of the Tarot deck.

We'll learn about the four suits in Tarot, the structure of each suit, and how to use these cards in your Tarot practice. We'll work with some easy spreads and exercises to build your confidence, too!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>KEY</div> <div>Colors: All Ages/Mix Family Event Teen Event Adult Event</div> <div>Symbols:  Registration Required  Available Online</div>	 <div>Summer Reading Challenge for all ages starts June 1</div>			1 Through the Lens: Magic Lantern Exhibit May 1-31 Family Storytime 10:30am, Storytime Room Teen Videogames 4-6pm, Teen Space Baby Time 6:30pm, Storytime Room	2 Storybook S.T.E.M. 10:30am, Auditorium The Bridge Home 11am-2pm, Second Floor	3 Window Painting with Bird Friendly Iowa 10am-12pm, 5 th & Douglas Family Storytime 10:30am, Storytime Room Student Fringe Festival 1-3pm, Danfoss Room Conversation Circles  Russian: 3-4pm  French: 4-5:30pm Board Room or via Zoom
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If you are a person with a disability who requires special assistance, please call (515) 239-5646 in advance of a program.



**Monday, May 19
6:30pm, Auditorium**

Carissa Thoma from Down to Earth Living will share her years of experience composting, so you can get green in your backyard!

Topics will include the compost process, compost bin options, acceptable materials, and troubleshooting.

Participants will take home their own sample of premium compost.



Monday, May 19, from 6-7pm, Teen Space

To celebrate Mental Health Month, teens will make Praise-lets (bracelets!) to remind themselves to be kind to themselves and passing this kindness on to others. All materials will be provided.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and YSS.



BROWSE • CHECK OUT • GROW • SHARE

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.

Stop by the Ames Seed Library on the Library's second floor—look for the red cabinet near the Adult Services Desk—to "check out" some seeds for your garden.

Find more information at www.AmesPL.org/SeedLibrary

The Ames Seed Library is a partnership between Ames Public Library, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Story County, Ames Repair Café, and Mustard Seed Community Farm.



**Tuesday, May 20
7pm, Auditorium or via Zoom**

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

Topic — Ames Oddities: A Pictorial Tour

Speaker — Kathy Svec, museum volunteer, with help from Sharon Wirth, Bob Bourne, and Alex Fejfar

All around Ames are certain structures and features that are odd-looking, have a strange shape, or don't seem to fit into the rest of their surroundings. Some are remnants of past landscape features, some were influenced by historic decisions that are hardly remembered in the current day.

We'll take a pictorial tour of these "oddities" and relate the fascinating and sometimes quirky reasons why these things are the way they are. Perhaps those "oddities" will make more sense and you'll see our city with new eyes.

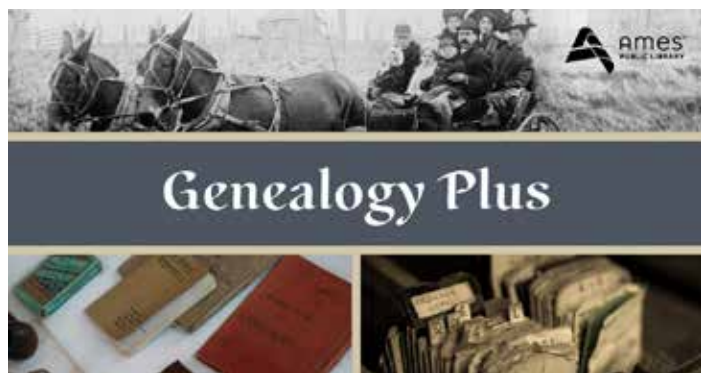
Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames History Museum.

International Community Meetup

3rd Tuesday of Each Month (May 20)
5pm, Auditorium

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

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Iowa State University's International Students and Scholars Office.



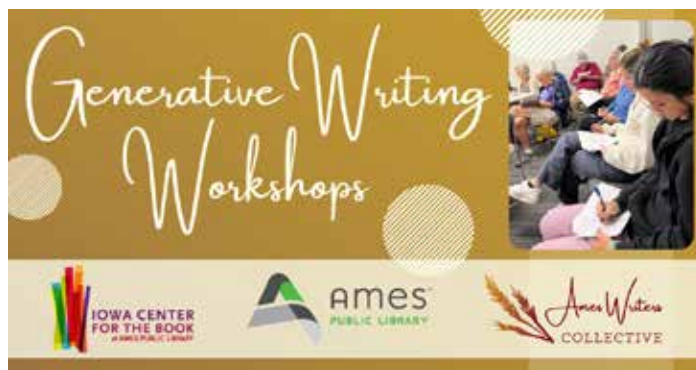
Wednesday, May 21
10am-12pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

Topic — Genealogy Tools at Ames Public Library

Speaker — Megan Klein-Hewett

Join Megan Klein-Hewett, Adult Services Manager at Ames Public Library, to learn more about library resources for your genealogical pursuits. With a print genealogy collection, robust online resources, and the equipment to digitize photos, slides, negatives, and videos, APL has something for every step of your genealogy journey.

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



4th Saturday of Each Month (May 24)
10am-12pm, PEO Room

Do you dream of writing “someday,” but don’t know where to start? Perhaps you already write, but you’re stuck.

Join this free monthly writing workshop for adults, which provides a safe space for writers of all stages and genres to generate stories inspired by prompts running the gamut from phrases, poems, photography, guest authors and their prompts, or a piece of artwork.

We will read our stories to one another and share only positive feedback.

These workshops are inspired by the Amherst Writers & Artists Method, which believes that everyone is a writer.

Presented by the Iowa Center for the Book and Ames Public Library in partnership with the Ames Writers Collective.

Ames Public Library and the
Bookmobile will be

CLOSED
Monday, May 26

Get live job assistance, including up-to-date nation-wide and local job search engines, professional résumé critique, and proven interview techniques—free from your library!



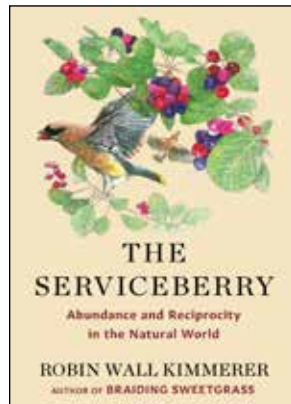
Working on your résumé? Try this online resource free with your Library card! You can create professional-quality résumés in three quick and simple steps online with Cypress Resume builder.



4th Tuesday of Each Month (May-July)
7-8:30pm, Rotary Room

Join gardeners and nature enthusiasts for deep discussion of books in connection with the Ames Seed Library. Topics will touch on seeds and plants, gardening, community-building, and the relationship between humans, animals, and plants. Book selections include both fiction and non-fiction intended for general audience.

May 27:
The Serviceberry:
Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World
by Robin Wall Kimmerer



June 24: ***The Seed Keeper*** by Diane Wilson

July 22: ***Soil: The Story of a Black Mother's Garden*** by Camille Dungy



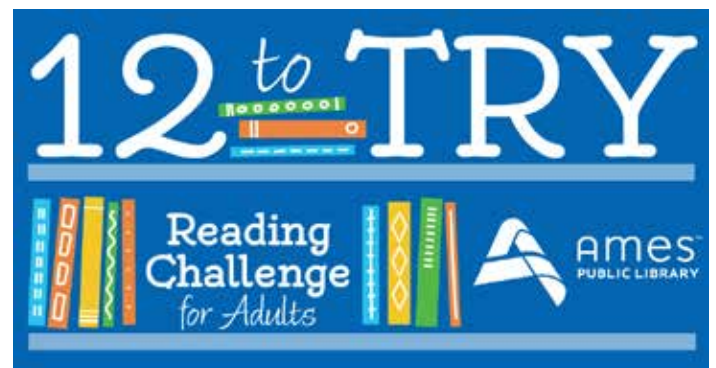
Thursday, May 29
7pm, Auditorium

Experience the precursor to cinema and moving pictures! Historian Mike Zahs and librarian Elizabeth Riordan will present a free, live Magic Lantern show at the Library.

They will recreate these historic projected shows using lanterns and glass slides from the 1800s. The presenters will also explore the unique features of this early form of entertainment.

Zahs has spent years preserving and sharing the slides, films, and archive of media entrepreneur W.F. Brinton of Washington, Iowa. The collection is now housed with the University of Iowa Libraries' Special Collections and Archives. Zahs was featured in the 2017 documentary Saving Brinton.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, Ames History Museum, and University of Iowa Libraries' Special Collections and Archives.



Adults are invited to join a "12 to Try" year-long challenge featuring all new categories! Read your way through 12 books that fit the 12 challenge categories between now and August 31, 2025, and earn prizes. Sign up online, or pick up a tracking sheet at the Library or Bookmobile!

Find out more at www.AmesPL.org/12toTry



Saturday, May 31

**Bike Fair: 10am-1pm
In Front of the Library**

Learn more about biking in our community by meeting local organizations focused on the hobby! You can also learn how to load a bike onto a Cyride bus bike rack.

Skunk River Cycles and other community volunteers will be on-site providing free maintenance and basic repairs on the Library Plaza.

Bike locks will be available for free to those who need them (while supplies last).

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, Ames Public Library Friends Foundation, City of Ames, CyRide, and Skunk River Cycles.

**Bike Rodeo: 10:30am-12pm
In Front of the Library**

Join Safe Routes to School Iowa for a bike rodeo, where kids can learn the basics of important cycling skills—like safety and road rules—in a safe and supervised environment. All you need is a bike and a helmet! Helmets will be provided to those who need them (while supplies last).

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, Iowa Bicycle Coalition, and Safe Routes to School Iowa.



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**English: Mondays (except May 26)
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

**Chinese: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays
of Each Month, 6-7pm**

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

Russian: Saturdays, 3-4pm

French: Saturdays, 4-5:30pm

Board Room or Zoom

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



**Wednesdays: 4-6pm
2nd Floor Study Room**

The American Heart Association's local HeartCorps service member will be available in the Library to answer questions about heart health, check blood pressure, and demonstrate hands-only CPR. They can also help connect visitors with HeartCorps programs and other informational materials.



**2nd Tuesday of Each Month (May 13)
9am-12pm, 2nd Floor Study Room**

Staff from Aging Resources of Central Iowa will be available in the Library to provide information about maximizing the quality of life, independence, health, and safety of older adults.

Get assistance with state applications, such as applying for Medicaid, waiver assistance, food stamps, etc. and continued follow through until the process is complete. Staff can also find resources to safely stay at home or connect to resources to help with a level of care change move (nursing facility, assisted living, etc).



**Tuesdays:
11am-2pm, 1st Floor Study Room
2nd and 4th Thursday of Each Month
(May 8 & 22):
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, 11am-1pm, 2nd Floor Study Room

Staff from Mary Greeley Medical Center will be available in the Library to talk about inpatient and outpatient mental health services in the Ames community.



**Mondays, 1:30-3:30pm
2nd Floor Study Room**

Staff from UnityPoint Health-Eyerly Ball will be available in the Library to connect you with mental health services.



**1st and 3rd Tuesday of Each Month
(May 6 & 20)
6-7pm, 1st Floor Study Room**

Staff from YSS will be available in the Library to help teens and families gain information and resources on building resilience, managing stress, self-care, what steps to take when worried about themselves or a friend in connection with suicide, and more. Staff members are not therapists but can connect individuals with useful resources.

LEVEL UP AT YOUR LIBRARY

2025 Summer Reading Challenge

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Reading Challenge for All Ages

June 1 - August 24

LEVEL UP your summer fun with Ames Public Library!

Earn prizes in our Summer Reading Challenge for all ages starting June 1.

Three ways to play:

1. Visit amespubliclibrary.beanstack.com
2. Download the Beanstack Tracker app
3. Pick up a Summer Reading Challenge game board at the Library or Bookmobile.

Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens

Even heroes need to eat! Youth 18 years and younger can eat a free lunch weekdays at the Library this summer.

Family Fun

Chill out at the Library with a variety of special events throughout the summer featuring magicians, artists, animals, movies, and more.

We'll kick off an epic summer of Terrific Tuesdays on June 10 at 10am with a visit from Blank Park Zoo!

Watch for more information at www.AmesPL.org.

THE BOOKMOBILE



MONDAY

Mitchell School:
2:30-3:30pm (3521 Jewel)

Sawyer School:
5-8pm (4136 Ontario)

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

THURSDAY

ISU Campus: 11am-1pm
(Near Kildee Food Truck Court)

**The Bookmobile
will be CLOSED
May 26-30.**

**Summer schedule
begins June 2.**

The More Things Change...

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

“With a library you are free. It is the most democratic of freedoms because no one, but no one at all, can tell you what to read and when and how.”

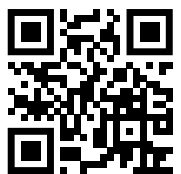
- Doris Lessing, British Novelist (1919-2013)

As I was thinking about what to share for our May newsletter, a long and loyal APLFF donor and APL patron forwarded this quote to me. It came at just the right time as it reinforces the guiding principles of our library—of every library.

If a time traveler from the early 1800s stepped into today's library, they would have a hard time wrapping their head around the changes over the last nearly 200 years. From the opening of the first tax-supported library in 1833 to today's libraries with their dizzying array of resources available for free, our libraries continue to play a vital role in our forever evolving cultures.

Your support helps make it possible to serve all our patrons' unique interests and information needs. The response to our annual spring appeal has been so generous and we're grateful! If you haven't yet made your gift, please consider being a part of how special Ames Public Library is. Visit Ames Public Library Friends Foundation (aplff.org) to make your gift.

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STORYTIMES & MORE



No storytimes May 12 - 31.
Watch for our summer schedule starting June 1!

Baby Time

Tuesdays at 1:30pm
Wednesdays at 11am
Thursdays at 6:30pm
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.

Sign Up for SMALL TALK

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!

Find out more at <https://bit.ly/AmesSmallTalkSignup>

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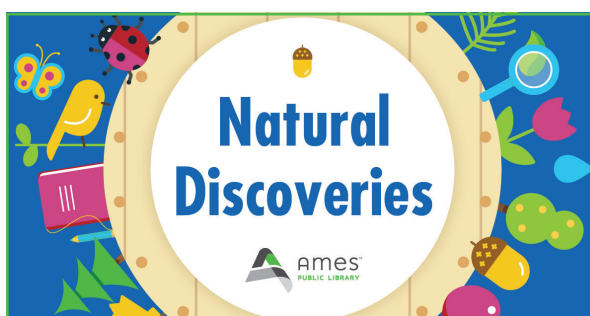
Fridays at 10:30am, Auditorium

Families are invited to enjoy a short storytime and get hands-on with a fun related STEM activity for all ages!

**1st Sunday of Each Month (May 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.

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BOOK GROUPS

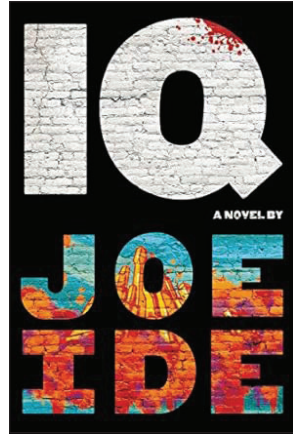
MYSTERY LOVERS Book Group

1st Wednesday of
Each Month
12pm, Board Room

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

May 7:
Joe Ide

June 4:
Daniel Silva



VIEW FROM THE MARGINS Book Group

4th Wednesday of Each Month
7pm, Danfoss 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.

May 28:
Yellowface
by R.F. Kuang

June 25:
Solito: A Memoir
by Javier Zamora

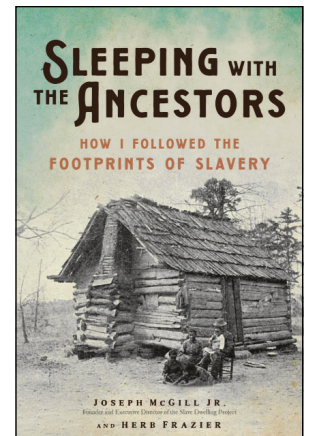
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028: REAL READS Book Group

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

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

May 8:
**Sleeping With
the Ancestors:**
*How I Followed the
Footprints of Slavery*
by Joseph McGill, Jr.



June 12:
Fieldwork:
A Forager's Memoir
by Iliana Regan

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NEW Book Groups:

Look for these new book groups in May:

- **Teen Silent Book Club**
Saturdays, May 10 and 24
11am-1pm, Teen Space
See more information on page 5.
- **Deep Roots Book Group**
4th Tuesday of Each Month (May-July)
7-8:30pm, Rotary Room
See more information on page 12.

