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## LIBRARY HOURS

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



# 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](https://amespubliclibrary.beanstack.com)
2. Download the Beanstack Tracker app
3. Pick up a Summer Reading Challenge game board at the Library or Bookmobile.

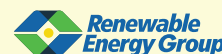
### Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens

Monday-Friday starting June 2  
11:30am-12:30pm, Auditorium

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

Lunch is free to all youth 18 years and younger; meals for adults accompanying youth are \$3.50. (Sorry, no baby formula is available.)

*Supported by Chevron Renewable Energy Group, Mary Greeley Medical Center, and the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.*



***Watch for more information at [www.AmesPL.org](http://www.AmesPL.org).***

# \*\*\* TERRIFIC TUESDAYS \*\*\*

Check out these fun events for the whole family featuring professional entertainers!

*Supported by Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.*

## Habitat Heroes with Blank Park Zoo

Tuesday, June 10  
10am, Auditorium

How can we take action for wildlife?  
Let's explore different habitats and learn about the endangered animals that live there. Discover how small actions can make big impacts on the wild, and meet some real live critters!



## See a Juggler! Be a Juggler!

Tuesday, June 24  
10am, Auditorium  
1pm, Sawyer Elementary School

Join Jason Kollum for a fast-paced comedy, juggling, and variety show featuring lots of audience participation that's perfect for all ages. After the show, get hands-on and learn cool new balancing skills with peacock feathers and more.

## Magician Mikayla Oz

Tuesday, June 17  
10am, Auditorium  
1pm, Sawyer Elementary School

Mikayla Oz's all-new Family Magic Show is packed with fresh magic, interactive moments, and laugh-out-loud comedy. This high-energy show features Mikayla's magical sidekick, Bubbles the Bird, who appears and vanishes throughout the performance.



## COMING UP:

July 8: Celia's Sing Along Dance Party

July 15: Fantastic Foam

July 22: Dragon Trainer Academy

July 29: Reptile Experience

August 5:  
Magician Rick Eugene Brammer



## POKÉMON CLUB

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Each Month  
(June 8 and 22)  
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!

*Supported by Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.*



2<sup>nd</sup> Friday and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday  
of Each Month (June 13 and 28)  
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.

NO-COST  
**EYE EXAMS**  
AND PRESCRIPTION GLASSES (IF NEEDED)



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Vision To Learn  
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**Tuesday, June 10**  
**9am-4pm, In Front of the Library**

*Sign up required.*  
*Register for your FREE appointment at:*  
<https://vtliowa.intakeq.com/booking>  
*(Walk-ins will not be accepted.)*

Children and teens in grades K-12 are invited to sign  
up for a no-cost eye exam and prescription glasses (if  
needed)!

Ames Public Library is partnering with Vision to  
Learn, a non-profit offering vision services to those  
who need it, free of charge. No insurance is needed.

Appointments are available on the following dates.  
If your child needs prescription glasses, you will be  
given an appointment to pick up their free glasses on  
the date in parenthesis.

- June 10 (Glasses pickup June 30)
- July 25 (Glasses pickup August 15)
- August 8 (Glasses pickup August 22)

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Vision to Learn. Supported  
by Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.*



Stream family fun for FREE on Kanopy Kids!  
Sign in with your Library card at [www.AmesPL.org](http://www.AmesPL.org).





*Kids in 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to have a blast with the Library!*

*Supported by Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.*

## Jigsaw Puzzle Competition

Thursday, June 12  
1:30pm, Auditorium

See how far you and your team of 4 can get on a 300-piece Pokémon puzzle in just 75 minutes! (Teams can be made at the event.)

## BINGO

Thursday, June 26  
1:30pm, Auditorium

How lucky are you feeling? Come grab a BINGO card and play along as we work to get 5 in a row. We'll even take it up a level with some special boards.



Thursdays  
7-8:30pm, Storytime Room

Drop in and enjoy a fun craft or activity for children and their grown-ups.

## 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

Thursdays and Saturdays  
(and Tuesday, June 3)  
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.

## PARK PACKS



Go exploring outside with a Park Pack from Ames Public Library!

Each backpack is filled with guidebooks, tools, and ideas for learning about a different topic.



**Monday, June 2  
6-8pm, Teen Space**

Calling all 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders for a new event: Teen Board Game Night!

Hosted by our Teen Advisory Group, this game night will feature an assortment of board and card game genres and styles, alongside an assortment of snacks. We hope you can join us!

*Presented by Ames Public Library's Teen Advisory Group (TAG). Supported by Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.*



**Fridays  
3-4pm, 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 an hour of cozy, distraction-free reading.

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

*Supported by Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.*

## 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.



**Monday, June 9, at 3pm, Teen Space**

During adolescence, youth experience a variety of changes: physical, social, emotional, and mental. As youth navigate their day, they may experience stressors from school to peers to family. Some youth may turn to e-cigarettes and/or cannabis vapes to relieve stress and as a coping mechanism.

This lesson will review stress, how to manage stress in a healthy way, and ways to support a friend who is dealing with stress, with the ultimate goal of helping you not turn to cannabis to reduce your stress.

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and YSS.*

## No-Cost Eye Exams by Vision to Learn

See more information on Page 4.

## Teen Puzzle Competition

**Thurs., June 12, at 1:30pm, Danfoss Rm.**

See how far you and your team of 4 can get on a 500-piece puzzle in just 75 minutes! (Teams can be made at the event.)

*Sponsored by Ames Public Library Friends Foundation. Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames Public Library's Teen Advisory Group (TAG).*





## Wednesdays at 1:30pm, Auditorium

Teens are invited to helpful sessions to help you prepare for your life ahead. Gain valuable skills and knowledge while having fun with your friends and our talented team of presenters from ISU! All sessions are free and open to middle and high school students.

- **June 11 - Healthy Relationships**  
Do you know the 10 healthy signs of a health relationship? Let's talk about it!
- **June 18 - Resiliency**  
What will help you cope and keep your life in balance when challenges come your way? Build your toolkit of coping strategies.

*Presented in partnership with Parenting: It's a Life (PIAL) with Iowa State University's Department of Human Development and Family Studies.*

## TAG: Teen Advisory Group

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of Each Month (June 11)  
5-6pm, Board Room

Register at [AmesPL.org/events](https://AmesPL.org/events) or  
e-mail [gcoffey@amespubliclibrary.org](mailto:gcoffey@amespubliclibrary.org)

Hey 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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.*

## Teen Anime Club

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of Each Month (June 20)  
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<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. Anime watched is considered to be rated G to PG-13.



Tuesday, June 17  
3:30pm, Auditorium

Teens are invited to an up close magic experience with Mikayla Oz, where sleight of hand meets mind-bending illusions. Prepare to be amazed as objects vanish, reappear, and float before your eyes, all with a touch of Mikayla's unique charm and humor. This immersive show will leave you impressed and engaged as you witness the artistry of close-up magic.

*Sponsored by Ames Public Library Friends Foundation. Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames Public Library's Teen Advisory Group (TAG).*



Monday-Friday, June 23-27  
10am-12pm, Rotary Room

Register by e-mailing  
[info@ameswriterscollective.org](mailto:info@ameswriterscollective.org)

Teens in 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to escape into creative writing and connect with other writers. Regardless of your genre, for five days writers will come together in a safe space to write together to writing prompts. Writers will be invited to read aloud to the group to receive positive feedback. We'll wrap up at the Free Summer Meals for Kids and Teens at 12pm.

**Up to 12 spots are available. Register by emailing**  
[info@ameswriterscollective.org](mailto:info@ameswriterscollective.org).

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



# Computer Classes



**Wednesdays, June 4-25  
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.

- June 4: Microsoft Word
- June 11: Microsoft PowerPoint
- June 18: Microsoft Excel
- June 25: Free Office Software



**Saturday, June 7  
1-3pm, Danfoss Room**

Run into a brick wall? Not sure where to start researching your roots? Stop by this meetup of local genealogists to get help with research, software and writing your family story.

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



## 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.



**Thursday, June 5  
5-8pm, In Front of the Library**

Discover the artwork of dozens of artists at the annual Downtown Ames Art Walk, including painters, jewelry makers, photographers, woodworkers, potters, sculptors, musicians, and much more.

Stop by Ames Public Library to see Olivia Lois of Olivia's Creations!



**Monday, June 9  
7pm, Auditorium**

Join One Iowa to learn more about issues related to the Trans and Nonbinary community. The session will cover terminology, information about discrimination and disparities faced by the Trans and Nonbinary community, and help develop skills for working with Trans and Nonbinary individuals in your life.

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and One Iowa. Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.*



LIBRARY  
EVENTS

JUNE 2025



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>1</div> <div>Summer Reading Challenge June 1 - August 24 Juneteenth Exhibit June 2-30</div> <div></div>	<div>2</div> <div>Toddler Storytime 10:30am, Storytime Room Mary Greeley Medical Center (MGMC) Behavioral Health 11am-1pm, Second Floor Free Summer Meals for Kids and Teens 11:30am-12:30pm Auditorium Conversation Circles English: 12:30-1:30pm Danfoss Room UnityPoint Health - Eyerly Ball 1:30-3:30pm, Second Floor Teen Board Game Night 6-8pm, Teen Space</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Family Storytime 10:30am, Storytime Room The Bridge Home 11am-2pm, First Floor Free Summer Meals for Kids and Teens 11:30am-12:30pm Auditorium Baby Time 1:30pm, Storytime Room Conversation Circles Spanish: 7-8:30pm Board Room or via Zoom</div>	<div>4</div> <div>Computer Classes 10am-12pm, PEO Room Toddler Storytime 10:30am, Storytime Room Baby Time 11am, Storytime Room Free Summer Meals for Kids and Teens 11:30am-12:30pm Auditorium Mystery Lovers Book Group 12pm, Board Room HeartCorps 4-6pm, Second Floor Conversation Circles Chinese: 6-7pm PEO Room or via Zoom</div>	<div>5</div> <div>Family Storytime 10:30am, Storytime Room Free Summer Meals for Kids and Teens 11:30am-12:30pm Auditorium Teen Videogames 4-6pm, Teen Space Art Walk 5-8pm, Downtown Ames Baby Time 6:30pm, Storytime Room Kids Create 7-8:30pm Storytime Room</div>	<div>6</div> <div>The Bridge Home 11am-2pm, Second Floor Free Summer Meals for Kids and Teens 11:30am-12:30pm Auditorium Teen Silent Book Club 3-4pm, Teen Space</div>	<div>7</div> <div>Family Storytime 10:30am, Storytime Room Genealogy Help 1-3pm, Danfoss Room Conversation Circles Russian: 3-4pm French: 4-5:30pm Board Room or via Zoom</div>
<div>8</div> <div>Pokémon Club 2-4pm, Auditorium</div>	<div>9</div> <div>Toddler Storytime 10:30am, Storytime Room MGMC Behavioral Health 11am-1pm, Second Floor Free Summer Meals for Kids and Teens See Above Conversation Circles English: 12:30-1:30pm Danfoss Room UnityPoint Health - Eyerly Ball 1:30-3:30pm, Second Floor YSS Teen Workshop — Be Your Strength: Stress, Coping, and Wellness 3-4pm, Teen Space Trans &amp; Nonbinary 101 7pm, Auditorium</div>	<div>10</div> <div>Aging Resources of Central Iowa 9am-12pm, Second Floor Vision to Learn - No-Cost Eye Exams 9am-4pm In Front of the Library Terrific Tuesdays: Habitat Heroes with Blank Park Zoo 10am, Auditorium The Bridge Home 11am-2pm, First Floor Free Summer Meals for Kids and Teens See Above Baby Time 1:30pm, Storytime Room Conversation Circles Spanish: 7-8:30pm Board Room or via Zoom</div>	<div>11</div> <div>Computer Classes 10am-12pm, PEO Room Toddler Storytime 10:30am, Storytime Room Baby Time 11am, Storytime Room Free Summer Meals for Kids and Teens See Above Life Skills for Teens: Healthy Relationships 1:30pm, Auditorium Teen Advisory Group 5-6pm, Board Room Conversation Circles German: 7-8pm Board Room or via Zoom</div>	<div>12</div> <div>Family Storytime, Baby Time, Kids Create See Above Movies with Mainstream: Dog Man 10am-1pm, Rotary Room Free Summer Meals for Kids and Teens See Above Kids Summer Blast: Jigsaw Puzzle Competition 1:30pm, Auditorium Teen Puzzle Competition 1:30pm, Danfoss Room Teen Videogames 4-6pm, Teen Space The Bridge Home 4-7pm, Second Floor 028: Real Reads 7-8:30pm, Board Room or via Zoom</div>	<div>13</div> <div>Mothering Circle 9:30-10:30am, Teen Space The Bridge Home 11am-2pm, Second Floor Free Summer Meals for Kids and Teens See Above Teen Silent Book Club 3-4pm, Teen Space</div>	<div>14</div> <div>Fiber Arts Meetup 10am-12pm, Rotary Room Family Storytime 10:30am, Storytime Room Juneteenth Celebration 12:30-5pm Bandshell Park Conversation Circles Russian: 3-4pm French: 4-5:30pm Board Room or via Zoom</div> <div></div>
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**Thursday, June 12**  
**10am-1pm, Rotary Room**

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 new *Dog Man* movie with a dog-related craft to follow in the Danfoss Room.

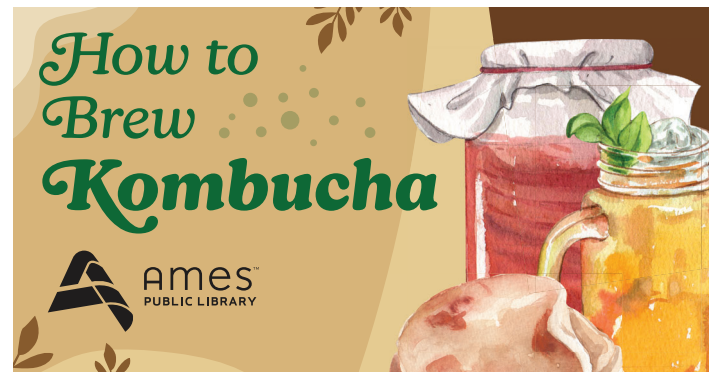


*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Mainstream Living.*

## Fiber Arts Meetup

**2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of Each Month (June 14)**  
**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.



**Monday, June 16**  
**6:30pm, Auditorium**

*Registration required.*  
*Limited to 25 participants.*  
*Sign up at [www.AmesPL.org/events](http://www.AmesPL.org/events).*

Learn how to brew this yummy fermented drink at home! Carissa Thoma from Down to Earth Living will cover the complete process of making kombucha including ingredients, flavoring, health benefits, and more!

Samples will be provided, and a few lucky winners will take a starter culture home with them.

*Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.*

## International Community Meetup

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of Each Month**  
**(June 17)**  
**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.*



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





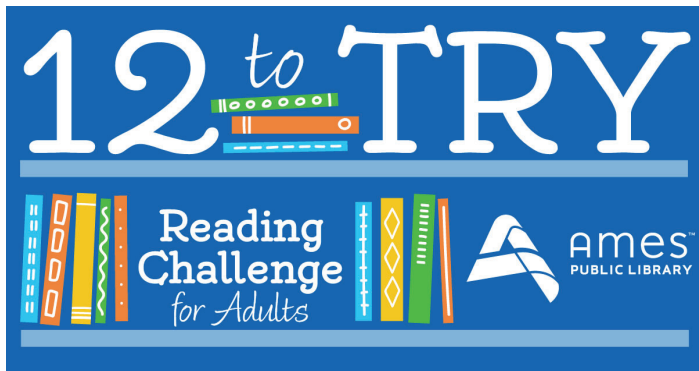


**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of Each Month (June 18)**  
**6:30-8:30pm, Auditorium**

Will you punch your Ticket to Ride or will your Splendor attract noble patrons? Join us for adult game night every month to find out!

Tabletop games will be available to play, or bring a favorite to share. All gaming experience levels are welcome. Snacks will be provided. Everyone 18 or older is welcome.

*Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.*



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](http://www.AmesPL.org/12toTry)



Don't forget to join the Summer Reading Challenge, too! Your minutes reading for 12 to Try count toward summer reading prizes!

Sign up at [amespubliclibrary.beanstack.org](http://amespubliclibrary.beanstack.org) or download the Beanstack app for Apple or Android.

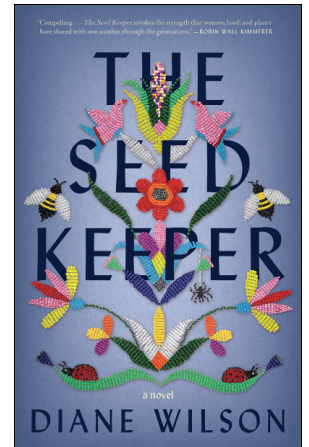


**4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of Each Month (May-July)**  
**7-8:30pm, Rotary Room**

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.

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

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



*Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.*





**4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of Each Month (June 28)**  
**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.*



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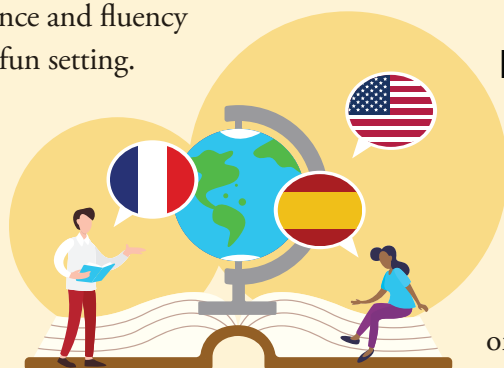


# Conversation Circles

**English: Mondays, 12:30-1:30pm**  
**Danfoss Room (June 30 will be at Brookside Park, Maple Shelter)**

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: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of Each Month, 6-7pm**

**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**

**At the Library 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.





**Tuesday, June 10**  
**9am-12pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Study Room**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of Each Month**  
*(June 12 and 26):*  
**4-7pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Study Room**

**Fridays:**  
**11am-2pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Study Room**

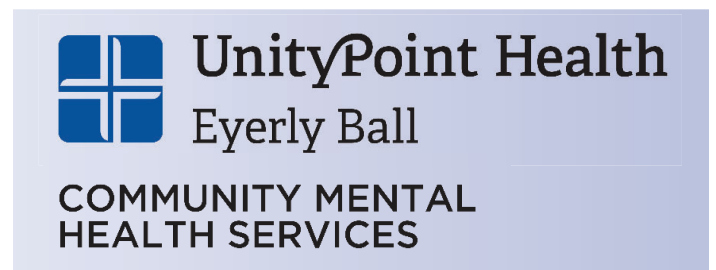
Staff from The Bridge Home will be available in the Library to assist individuals and families on the verge of—or experiencing—homelessness with apartment searching, appointment scheduling, job applications, and more.

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



**Mondays, 11am-1pm**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> 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**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Study Room**

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



**Wednesday, June 4 and 18**  
**4-6pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

# BOOK GROUPS

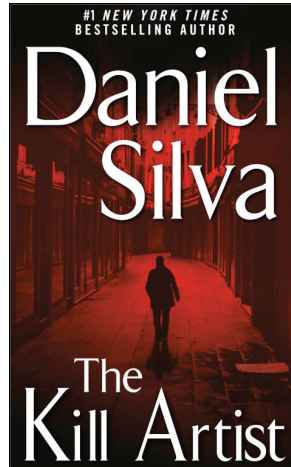
## MYSTERY LOVERS Book Group

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

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

June 4:  
Daniel Silva

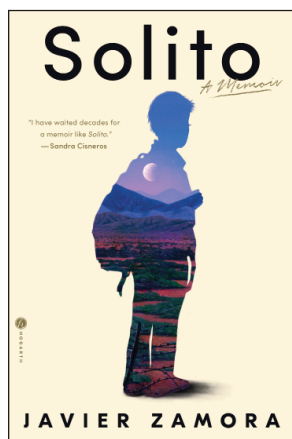
July 2:  
Robert Crais



## VIEW FROM THE MARGINS Book Group

4<sup>th</sup> 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.

June 25:  
**Solito: A Memoir**  
by Javier Zamora

July 23:  
**The Healing**  
by Gayl Jones

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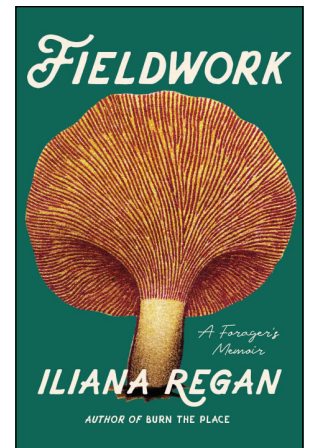
## 028: REAL READS Book Group

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.

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

July 10:  
**Red Memory:**  
*The Afterlives of  
China's Cultural  
Revolution*  
by Tania Branigan



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## NEW Book Groups:

Look for these new book groups in June:

- **Teen Silent Book Club**  
Fridays, from 3-4pm, Teen Space  
See more information on page 6.
- **Deep Roots Book Group**  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of Each Month (May-July)  
7-8:30pm, Rotary Room  
See more information on page 12.





# THE BOOKMOBILE



## Summer Schedule

### MONDAY

Sawyer School:  
5-8pm  
(4136 Ontario)

### WEDNESDAY

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

### THURSDAY

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

**The Bookmobile  
will be out of service  
June 30 - July 5.**

**Watch for the  
Bookmobile at  
special events,  
like the June 28  
Farmers' Market!**

## Feeding Minds and Bodies

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

"A book is like a garden carried in the pocket."

- Chinese proverb

Yay! School's out and Ames Public Library is here to make your summer unforgettable! Our calendar of events is full of opportunities to learn more, meet more people, or simply curl up with a new book.

It's great to get a break, but for some kids no school can mean no lunch. Having a full stomach is important! That is why Ames Public Library is committed to our summer lunch program. No-cost lunches for youth 18 years and younger are served from 11:30am to 12:30pm weekdays all summer long. (Meals for adults accompanying youth are \$3.50.)

This opportunity is made possible by generous gifts from Chevron-REG and Mary Greeley Medical Center. They know how vital good nutrition is for everyone, especially for growing bodies and minds. We are very grateful for their support and proud to be their partners in this important program.

We are grateful for your support, too. Your generosity helps make all kinds of great things possible at the library. You can make a gift by visiting the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation at [aplff.org](http://aplff.org).

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# JUNETEENTH 2025 CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM

## Exhibit & Scavenger Hunt

June 2-29, Downtown Ames

Stop by the Library and participating businesses in Downtown Ames to see posters featuring local and national African American history. Bring your completed scavenger hunt card to the Library's Welcome Desk for a free prize!



## Flag Craft Activity

June 9-20, Ames Public Library

Families are invited to stop into the Library's Youth Services area to make your own Juneteenth flag!



## Discovering Civil War Era Ancestors Among the U.S. Colored Troops

Thursday, June 19, from 7-8:30pm  
Ames Public Library or via Zoom

Register at [ameshistory.org](https://ameshistory.org) to receive the Zoom link by e-mail.

From 1863 through 1865, African Americans fought on the side of the Union Army in regiments known as the United States Colored Troops (USCT). Among their ranks were ancestors of Iowa State Representative Ross Wilburn.

In this 2025 Juneteenth Lecture, Wilburn will share his family's Civil War history and his adventures in genealogical research, tracking down those brave ancestors.



*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, Ames History Museum, and NAACP Ames Branch.*

## Juneteenth Celebration

Saturday, June 14  
12:30-5pm Bandshell Park, Ames

Celebrate Juneteenth with a variety of activities, live entertainment, food vendors, games, and much more!

The Bookmobile will be there to give away books featuring Black authors, illustrators, and characters (while supplies last).

Visitors can also enjoy a StoryWalk® around the park as you read *Sprouting Wings: The True Story of James Herman Banning, the First African American Pilot to Fly Across the United States* by Louisa Jaggar.

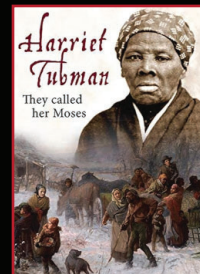
The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.



## Echoes of Resilience: African American Experiences in the U.S.

Tuesdays, June 24 - August 12  
6-8pm, Ames Public Library

Join us for a series of films focusing on the experiences of African Americans in the United States. Stay after the film for a facilitated conversation with community members.



- **June 24 – Harriet Tubman: They Called Her Moses**  
Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, NAACP Ames Branch, Friendship Baptist Church, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Ames, and Vision Video.
- **July 1 – The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman**  
Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, NAACP Ames Branch, Friendship Baptist Church, and Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Ames.

Visit [www.AmesPL.org/events](https://www.AmesPL.org/events) for more upcoming films in the series.

Ames Public Library

# BOOK SALE

515 Douglas Avenue • Auditorium

Monday

**JUNE 30**

**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.

Tues. & Wed.

**JULY 1 & 2**

**9am-6pm**

**FREE Admission**

Thurs.

**JULY 3**

**9am-2pm**

**\$1 Admission**

**Everything FREE!**  
(Auditorium Only)

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