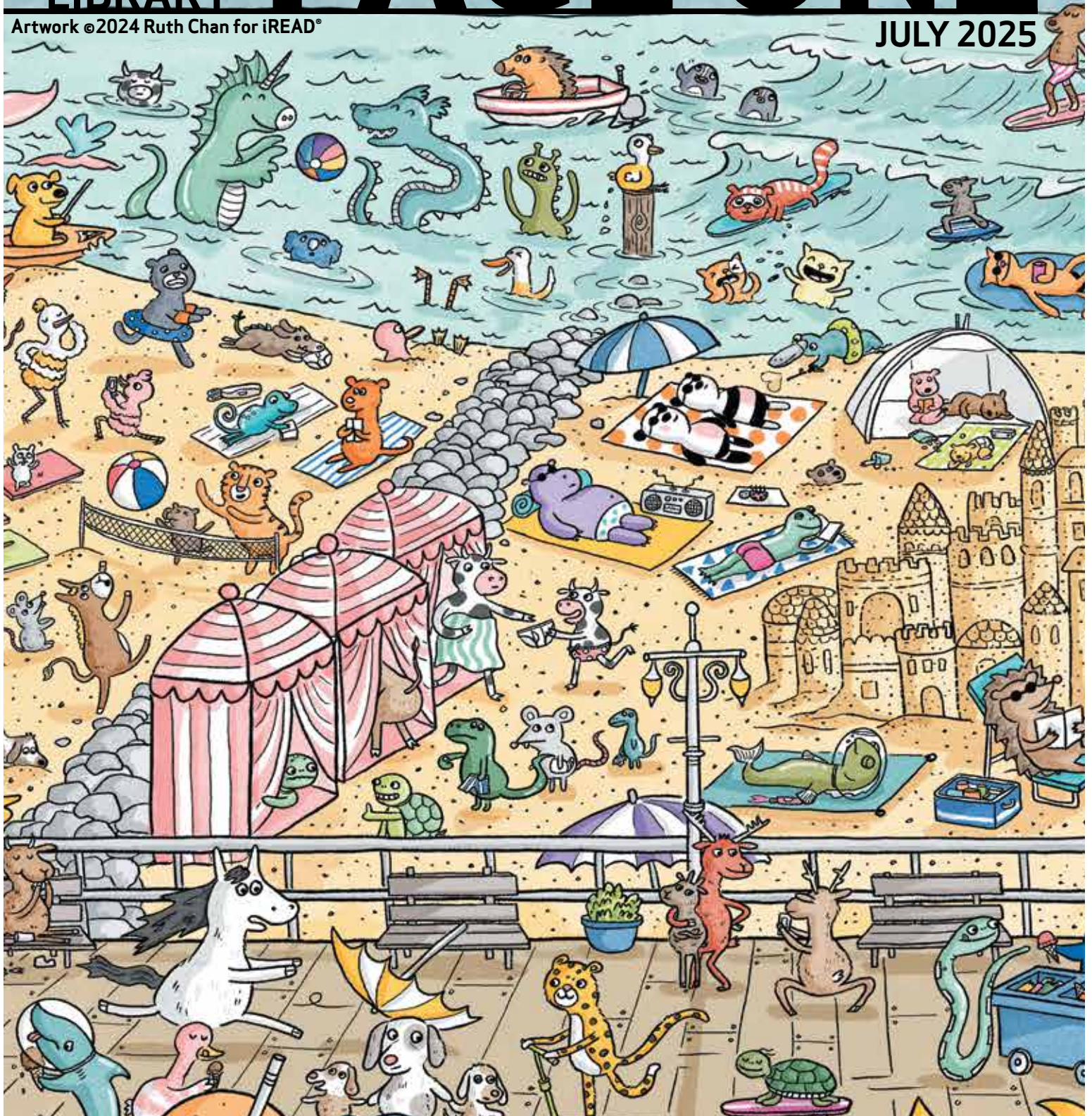


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Friday & Saturday: 9am - 6pm
Sunday: 1pm - 5pm

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2025 Summer Reading Challenge

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Reading Challenge for All Ages

Now through August 24

LEVEL UP your summer fun with Ames Public Library!

Earn prizes in our Summer Reading Challenge for all ages.

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.

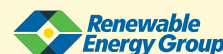
Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens

Monday-Friday through August 15
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 \$4.50. (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.

*** TERRIFIC TUESDAYS ***

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

Supported by Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

Celia's Sing Along Dance Party

Tuesday, July 8
10am, Auditorium
1pm, Sawyer Elementary School

Celia's world-famous, one-woman show is a rockin', stompin', hollerin' good time. Wear your dancing shoes to this all-ages party, because Celia will rock your socks off!



Dragon Trainer Academy

Tuesday, July 22
10am, Auditorium

Join Professor Brock Barnabas, time traveler and inventor, for an immersive and educational adventure all about fierce dragons. You can even meet an animatronic baby dragon up close!

Absolute Science: Fire and Ice Reaction Show

Tuesday, July 15
10am, Auditorium
1pm, Sawyer Elementary School

You'll see fire light up in different beautiful colors. You'll see the freezing magic of liquid nitrogen. You'll even learn how to make smoke appear like a genie out of a bottle in this amazing show about chemical reactions!



Reptile Experience

Tuesday, July 29
10am, Auditorium

Come to the Library to meet Cold-Blooded Redhead Lindsey McDermott and her reptiles/invertebrates. She will bring several of her various lizards, snakes, arachnids, and more to the library to get up close and personal with attendees! Come and learn, discuss, and understand these coldblooded animals.



Monday, July 7, at 1pm, Storytime Room

Have you ever wondered what Artificial Intelligence (AI) is and how to use it? This program for kids in grades 3-5, presented by a local high school student, will cover a brief explanation of AI and how it works, different types, the future of AI, and AI ethics.

The prevalence and importance of AI will continue to grow, so this will give kids a chance to learn, ask questions, and share ideas.

After the presentation, students will be able to create and test a basic machine learning mode for themselves.

POKÉMON CLUB

**2nd and 4th Sunday of Each Month
(July 13 and 27)
2-4pm, Auditorium**

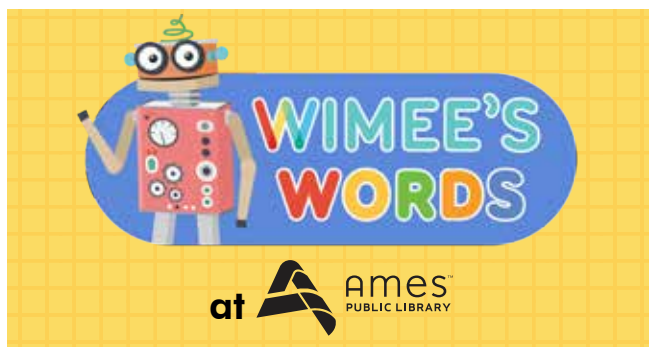
Calling all school-aged Poké-Kids! Come learn how to play the Pokémon Trading Card Game and use a Library-supplied deck to battle other players. You can bring your decks to talk and strategize with other players, but card trading will not be allowed.

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.



Wednesday, July 9, at 10am, Auditorium

All ages are invited to a storytime featuring special guests from PBS's popular TV show, **Wimee's Words**.

Series creator Michael Hyacinthe and Wimee characters will help children combine their imaginations with innovative technology to create collaborative visual stories.

Supported by Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.



Kids in 1st - 5th grade, have a blast with us!
Supported by Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

Chess Day

Thursday, July 10, 1:30pm, Auditorium

Come play chess! Whether you are a beginner or already an expert, all are welcome to come have fun. Drop in and learn how to play, or make new friends with other chess lovers.

Water Day

**Thursday, July 24
1:30pm, Bandshell Park (125 E. 5th St.)**

We'll play all sorts of water games and end with a water balloon battle! Please wear clothes and shoes that can get wet, and bring your own towel.



**2nd Friday and 4th Saturday
of Each Month (July 11 and 26)
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.



**Friday, July 25
9am-4pm, In Front of the Library**

*Sign up required. Register 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 free eye exam and prescription glasses (if needed)! The 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:

- July 25 (Glasses pickup August 15)
- August 8 (Glasses pickup August 22)

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Vision to Learn.

• No storytimes June 30 - July 5 •

Baby Time

**Tuesdays at 1:30pm, Storytime Room
Wednesdays at 11am, Storytime Room
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 & Wednesdays (except July 9)
10:30am, Storytime Room**

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

Family Storytime

**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.



Thursdays, 7-8:30pm, Storytime Room

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

LIFE SKILLS FOR TEENS



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Wednesdays, July 9, 23, & 30
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.

- **July 9 - Cost of Raising a Child**
Young parents share how life changed after having a baby. Then watch out for the unexpected as you work through a simulation with only \$1,000 to make it to the end of the month!
- **July 23 - Mental Health**
Mental health IS health. Break the stigma, learn how to support a friend and take care of yourself.
- **July 30 - Career Readiness**
Figure out what excites you and what you're skilled at, and connect it with amazing job options.

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

2nd Wednesday of Each Month
(July 9)
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!

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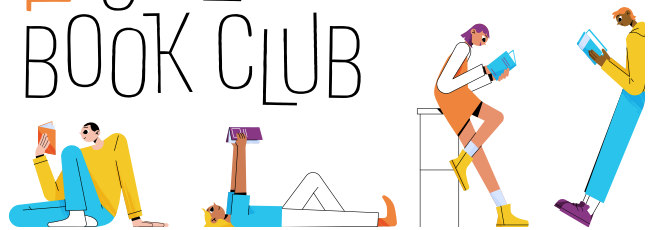
Teen Videogames

Thursdays, 4-6pm (except July 3)
Teen Space

Ready to level up? Teens are invited to hang out and play videogames in the Teen Space! A virtual reality system will be available to try out too.



TEEN SILENT
BOOK CLUB



Fridays (except July 4)
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.

Did you know you can borrow games for PS3, PS4, Xbox 360, Xbox One, Wii, and WiiU from the Library? Game on!





Thursday, July 17
1pm, Bandshell Park (125 E 5th Street)

The Library's Teen Advisory Group (TAG) invites all 6th-12th graders to a free tie-dye party.

Each participant will receive a white bandana to dye and take home. Participants are also welcome to bring one additional item to tie dye. Color and rubber bands are provided.

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

Teen Anime Club

3rd Friday of Each Month (July 18)
4-6pm, Teen Space



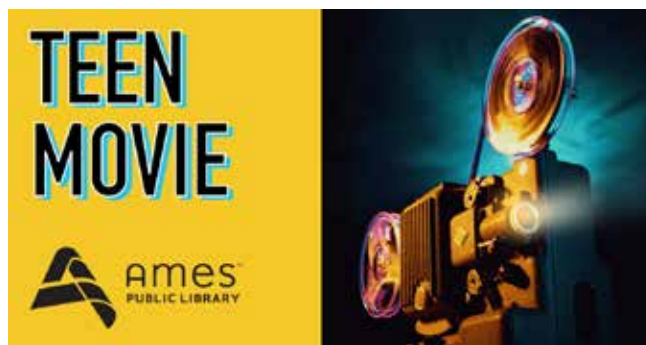
Join our monthly meetup to watch some anime, talk about your favorite manga, or create your own art and manga. Open to 6th-12th graders. Anime watched is considered to be rated G to PG-13.

No-Cost Eye Exams by Vision to Learn

See more information on Page 5.

Looking for somewhere to hang out and stay cool this summer?

Chill out in the Library's **Teen Space:**
 open Monday-Thursday 4-8pm
 Friday 4-6pm
 Saturday 1-6pm, and Sunday 1-5



Monday, July 21
5:30pm, Teen Space



Stop into the Teen Space for a movie and some snacks! We'll be watching *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl* (2003, MPAA Rating PG-13, 2h 23m)



Tuesday, July 29
11:30am, Storytime Room

Are you a teen who likes reptiles? Do you want to pet or hold some reptiles?

Come to the Library to meet Cold-Blooded Redhead Lindsey McDermott and her reptiles/invertebrates.

She will bring several of her various lizards, snakes, arachnids, and more to the library to get up close and personal with attendees!

Come and learn, discuss, and understand these cold-blooded animals.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames Public Library's Teen Advisory Group (TAG).

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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6 <div></div>	7 <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 Intro. to A.I. (for Kids!) 1pm, Storytime Room UnityPoint Health - Eyerly Ball 1:30-3:30pm, Second Floor</div>	8 <div>Terrific Tuesdays: Celia's Sing Along Dance Party 10am, Auditorium 1pm, Sawyer Elementary 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 Echoes of Resilience 6pm, Auditorium Conversation Circles Spanish: 7-8:30pm Board Room or via Zoom</div>	9 <div>Wimee's Words at Ames Public Library 10am, Auditorium Baby Time 11am, Storytime Room Free Summer Meals for Kids and Teens 11:30am-12:30pm Auditorium Life Skills for Teens: Cost of Raising a Child 1:30pm, Auditorium Teen Advisory Group 5-6pm, Board Room Conversation Circles German: 7-8pm Board Room or via Zoom</div>	10 <div>Sidewalk Sale 9am-9pm, Literary Grounds Movies with Mainstream: Paddington in Peru 10am-1pm, Rotary Room Family Storytime 10:30am, Storytime Room Free Summer Meals for Kids and Teens 11:30am-12:30pm Auditorium Kids Summer Blast: Chess Day 1:30pm, Auditorium Teen Videogames 4-6pm, Teen Space The Bridge Home 4-7pm, Second Floor Baby Time 6:30pm, Storytime Room 028: Real Reads 7-8:30pm, Board Room or via Zoom Kids Create 7-8:30pm, Storytime Room</div>	11 <div>Sidewalk Sale 9am-6pm, Literary Grounds Mothering Circle 9:30-10:30am, Teen Space 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>	12 <div>Sidewalk Sale 9am-6pm, Literary Grounds Fiber Arts Meetup 10am-12pm, Rotary Room Family Storytime 10:30am, Storytime Room Conversation Circles Russian: 3-4pm French: 4-5:30pm Board Room or via Zoom </div>
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**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.

- **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.
- **July 8 – Selma, Lord, Selma**
Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, NAACP Ames Branch, Friendship Baptist Church, and Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Ames.
- **July 15 – Dreamland: The Burning of Black Wall Street**
Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, NAACP Ames Branch, Friendship Baptist Church, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Ames, and CNN Films.
- **July 22 – 13th**
Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, NAACP Ames Branch, Friendship Baptist Church, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Ames, and Netflix.
- **July 29 – I Am Not Your Negro**
Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, NAACP Ames Branch, Friendship Baptist Church, and Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Ames.

Visit www.AmesPL.org/events for more upcoming films in the series.

**Ames Public Library will be
CLOSED
Friday, July 4.**

**The Bookmobile will be
CLOSED June 30 - July 4.**



July 10-13, Literary Grounds in the Lobby

Support your local library and get great deals on gently-used books and more! Shop at Literary Grounds Bookstore during Summer Sidewalk Sales in Downtown Ames July 10-13 and enjoy \$1 off everything in the bookstore (except book bundles and items marked \$1).

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



**Thursday, July 10
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 ***Paddington in Peru*** with a craft to follow in the Danfoss Room.



Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Mainstream Living.

Fiber Arts Meetup

2nd Saturday of Each Month
(July 12)
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.



International Community Meetup

3rd Tuesday of Each Month (July 15)
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.



Tuesday, July 15
7:30pm, Auditorium

Artificial intelligence (AI) is becoming a part of daily life, but what does that really mean?

Join Kate Garretson, Instruction Librarian at Iowa State University Library, for an overview of key AI concepts, including how people are using AI and where the technology is headed.

We'll explore practical applications, experiment with Copilot and ChatGPT, and introduce strategies for effective AI interactions. We will touch on some of the ethical considerations and limitations AI presents and discuss some techniques for making more informed decisions about AI use.

Bring your own device to test out your new AI knowledge. The library will have a small number of laptops available for use during the program.

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



3rd Wednesday of Each Month (July 16)
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.

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Your Library card gets you free access to Weiss Financial Ratings for information about budgeting, investing in stocks and mutual funds, and managing debt. Find valuable tips on buying a home, saving for your child's education, planning for retirement, and more. Visit www.AmesPL.org/databases to get started.



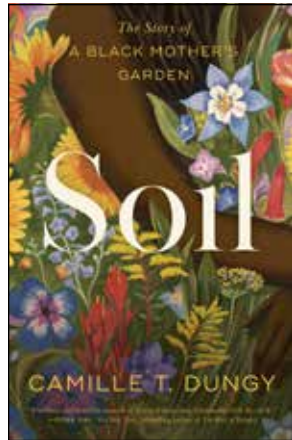


4th Tuesday of Each Month (May-July)
7-8:30pm, Rotary Room

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.

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

Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.



4th Saturday of Each Month (July 26)
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.

IOWA CENTER FOR THE BOOK: Great Reads from Great Places

Every year, Library of Congress Center for the Book affiliates—representing all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and all U.S. territories—choose two books to feature their state or territory's literary heritage at the National Book Festival.

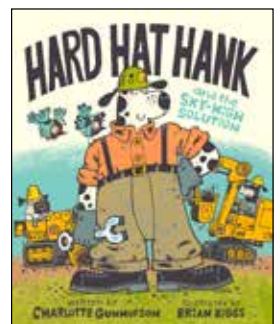
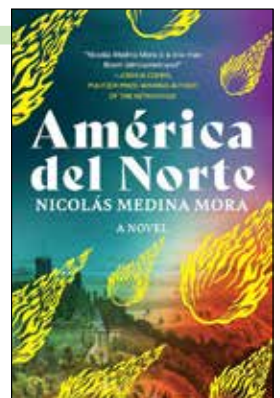
The Iowa Center for the Book is pleased to announce its 2025 selections:

***América del Norte* by Nicolás Medina Mora**

Hard Hat Hank and the Sky-High Solution by Charlotte Gunnufson, Illustrated by Brian Biggs

Watch for author visits and other events featuring these books this fall! For more information, visit www.amespubliclibrary.org/IowaCenterForTheBook

This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.





Tuesdays:
11am-2pm, 1st Floor Study Room

2nd, 4th, and 5th Thursday of Each Month
(July 10, 24, and 31):
4-7pm, 2nd Floor Study Room

Fridays (except July 4):
11am-2pm, 2nd Floor Study Room

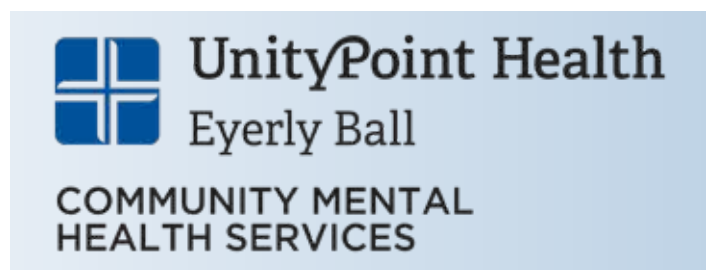
Staff from The Bridge Home will be available in the Library to assist individuals and families on the verge of—or experiencing—homelessness with apartment searching, appointment scheduling, job applications, and more.

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

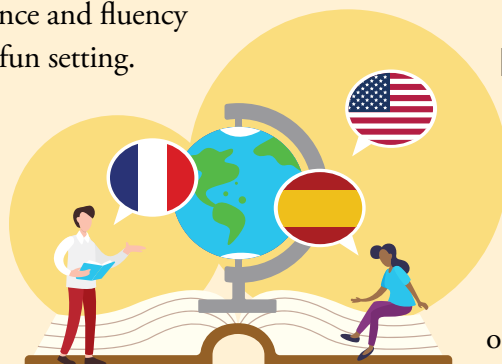
Staff from UnityPoint Health-Eyerly Ball will be available in the Library to connect you with mental health services.

Conversation Circles

English:
Mondays, 12:30-1:30pm
Danfoss Room

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 Thursdays
of Each Month, 6-7pm

German: 2nd and 4th 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.

BOOK GROUPS

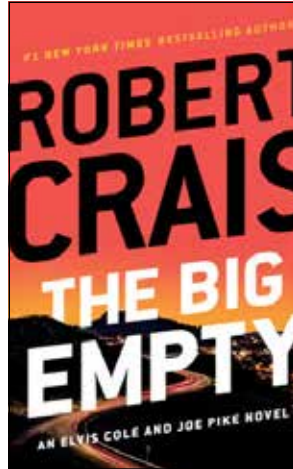
MYSTERY LOVERS Book Group

1st Wednesday of
Each Month
12pm, Board Room

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

July 2:
Robert Crais

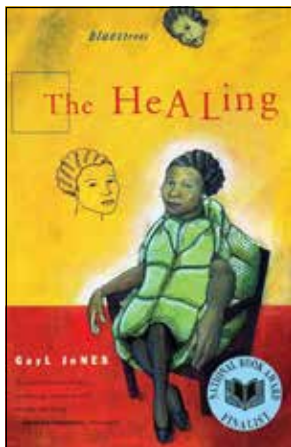
August 6:
Mysteries set in the
wilderness



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.

July 23:
The Healing
by Gayl Jones

August 27:
The Kingdom of Sand
by Andrew Holleran

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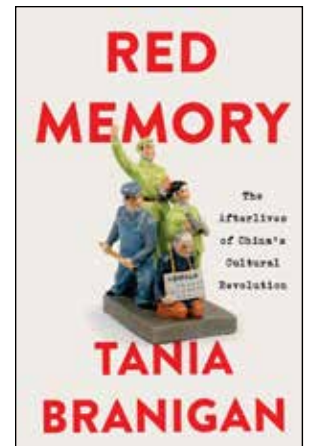
028: REAL READS Book Group

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

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

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

August 14:
Code Dependent:
*Living in the Shadow
of AI*
by Madhumita Murgia



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THE BOOKMOBILE



Summer Schedule

MONDAY

Sawyer School:
5-8pm
(4136 Ontario)

WEDNESDAY

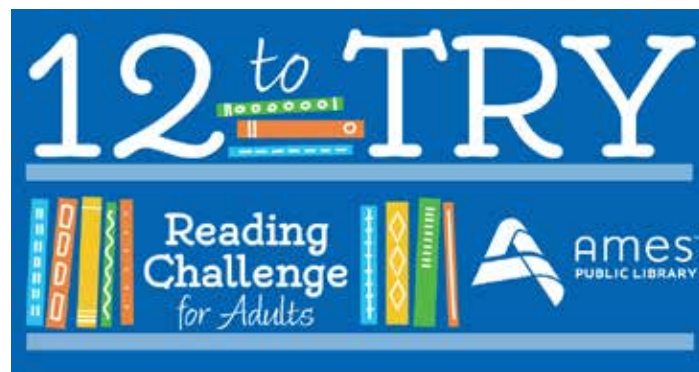
Fareway on Stange:
5-8pm (Stange &
Bloomington)

THURSDAY

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

**The Bookmobile
will be out of service
June 30 - July 4.**

**Watch for the
Bookmobile at
special events,
like the July 19
Farmers' Market!**



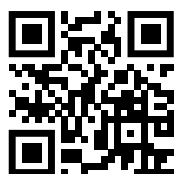
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