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LIBRARY HOURS

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



Reading Challenge for All Ages

Ends Sunday, August 24

There's still time to track your reading and earn epic prizes!

**Prizes must be picked up by 4:30pm
Sunday, August 24.**

Finished early? Keep reading to earn entries for the end-of-summer prize drawings. More reading equals more chances to win!

Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens

Monday-Friday through August 15
11:30am-12:30pm, Auditorium

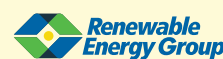
Even heroes need to eat! Youth 18 years and younger can eat a free lunch weekdays this summer at the Library.

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.



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***Our fall schedule of events starts September 8!
Find out more at www.AmesPL.org.***

TERRIFIC *** *** TUESDAYS

**Magician Rick Eugene
Brammer**

**Tuesday, August 5
10am, Auditorium**

All ages are invited to Rick "Eugene" Brammer's masterful magic show that is sure to leave you laughing, wondering, and inspired to try magic of your own.

Supported by Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.



*Kids in 1st - 5th grade, have a blast with us!
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Camp APL

**Thursday, August 7
1:30pm, Auditorium**

Come experience the excitement of summer camp in one hour. We'll see how much camp fun we can fit in: crafts, games, team building, and more! Join us and be a camper at Camp APL.

Interactive Adventure Book Hour

**Thursday, August 14
1:30pm, Auditorium**

Do you like Choose Your Own Adventure style interactive adventure books? Heroic adventurers and fantastical artists are invited to vote as a group on which path we should take as we brave an interactive adventure book together!

Art supplies will be on hand for doodling, drawing, or creating grand illustrations inspired by the story. Maybe you'll even get to have your art projected onto our giant Auditorium screen! A collection of interactive fiction will also be on hand for browsing or check out.



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

STORYWALK®

Enjoy a walk through Moore Memorial Park while reading the pages of *Hard Hat Hank* and *the Sky-High Solution* along the path!

POKÉMON CLUB

2nd and 4th Sunday of Each Month
(August 10 and 24)
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!

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Ames Public Library has FREE
resources to help students
and learners of all ages.

- read-aloud books
- sources you can cite
- internet access
- study aids
- and more

Visit AmesPL.org and
go to our family page
to get started!



No storytimes
August 17 - September 7

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
10:30am, Storytime Room

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

Family Storytime

Thursdays, Saturdays, and
Tuesday, August 12
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.



**Wednesdays through August 13
1-3pm, Danfoss Room**

Come join other enthusiasts of "Magic: The Gathering" Trading Card Game to explore, learn, and play the game. Decks will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own if you prefer.

This program is designed with middle school students in mind, but upper elementary and high school students are also welcome.

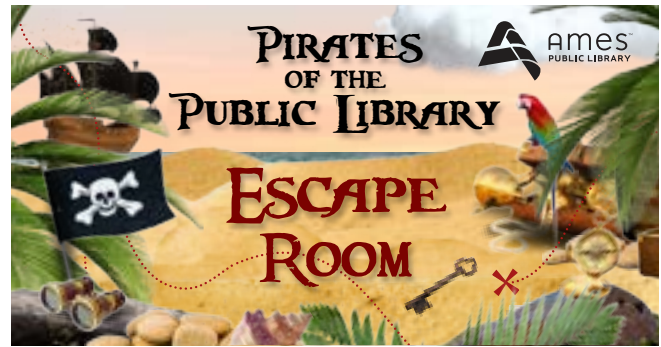


**Friday, August 8
9am-4pm, In Front of the Library**

*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. If your child needs prescription glasses, you will be given an appointment to pick up their free glasses on August 22.

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



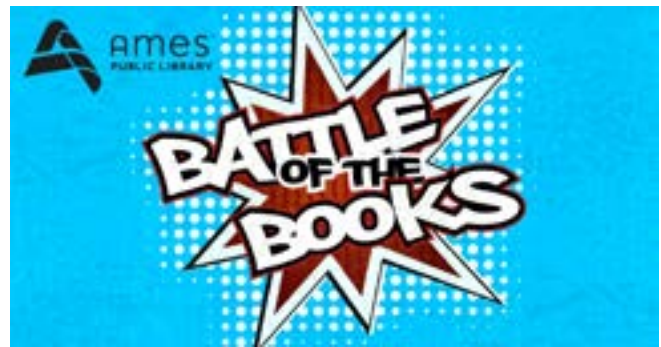
**Tuesday, August 12 — 3-5pm
Wednesday, August 13 — 3-5pm
Thursday, August 14 — 5-7pm
Friday, August 15 — 10am-12pm
1st Floor Study Room**

Dare ye brave Ames Public Library's Pirate Escape Room? Gather your crew and work together to collect clues and solve puzzles with a pirate theme!

This free escape room experience is for families or teens in groups of 2-5 individuals and will be 15 minutes for each group.

Sign up is first come, first served beginning 15 minutes before each day's start time. The same escape room will be available each day. The escape room is designed for 3rd graders and up.

Presented by Ames Public Library's Teen Advisory Group (TAG).



Have you heard of the Battle of the Books?

Students in grades 5 and 6 form teams, read a designated list of books, and come prepared to answer questions based on facts from the books at a competition hosted by Ames Public Library.

Find out more and sign up at www.AmesPL.org/learn-explore/family/battle-of-books



**Fridays through August 22
3-4pm, Teen Space**

Hey teens, come to the Library's 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.



**Wednesday, August 6
1:30pm, Auditorium**

Hey teens, gain valuable skills and knowledge while having fun with your friends and our talented team of presenters from ISU! This event is free and open to middle and high school students.

- **August 6 - Digital Citizenship**
Learn how to build a positive personal digital brand and champion digital empathy.

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

Teen Videogames

**Thursdays through August 21
4-6pm, 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.



TAG: Teen Advisory Group

**2nd Wednesday of Each Month
(August 13)
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.



**Wednesday, August 20
6-8pm, Teen Space**

Calling all 6th-12th graders, get ready for fun at 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.

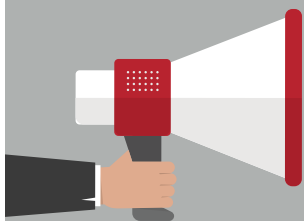
Ames Public Library **AUTHOR FAIR**

**SATURDAY
SEPT. 20**

CALLING LOCAL AUTHORS!

Apply for a table to sign and
sell books **by August 25.**

www.AmesPL.org/AuthorFair



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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 Entry Price</div>	<div></div> <div>Summer Reading Challenge ends August 24</div>			1 Free Summer Meals for Kids and Teens 11:30am-12:30pm Auditorium Teen Silent Book Club 3-4pm, Teen Space	2 Family Storytime 10:30am, Storytime Room Conversation Circles Russian: 3-4pm French: 4-5:30pm Board Room or via Zoom	
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31 12 to Try Challenge LAST DAY						

If you are a person with a disability who requires special assistance, please call (515) 239-5646 in advance of a program.

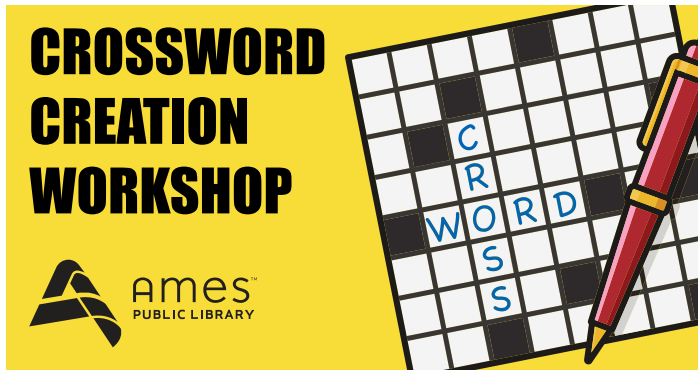
Ames Public Library connects you to the world of ideas through diverse and inclusive resources and programs. We welcome program proposals via our website www.AmesPL.org.



Tuesdays, August 5 & 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.

- August 5 – Brian Banks
Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, NAACP Ames Branch, Friendship Baptist Church, and Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Ames.
- August 12 – A Woman in Motion
Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, NAACP Ames Branch, Friendship Baptist Church, and Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Ames.



Wednesday, August 13 6-7:30pm, Auditorium

Ever wonder what it takes to construct a crossword puzzle? Join us for a hands-on workshop where you can learn from Christina Iverson, a *New York Times* crossword editor, how to make a mini crossword.

After a brief presentation about what goes on behind the scenes on the *New York Times* games team, there will be a tutorial on how to make a mini crossword yourself. Most of the 90 minutes will be working time, with individual feedback from Iverson.

No experience required!

Fiber Arts Meetup

2nd Saturday of Each Month (August 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.



Thursday, August 14
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 ***Mufasa*** with a craft to follow in the Danfoss Room.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Mainstream Living.

Don't miss out on Library news or special events!

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- ✓ Sign up for our weekly e-mail newsletter
- ✓ Pick up our monthly *Page One* newsletter or read it online at www.AmesPL.org/PageOne

The Ames Public Library Friends Foundation presents

PUB FICTION

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2025



CHECK IN 5:30-6:30PM
AMES PUBLIC LIBRARY
(515 DOUGLAS AVENUE, AMES)

tickets
\$20

*Get ready for the most
literary pub crawl in Ames!*

Dress like your favorite book character (optional)
and visit participating downtown Ames businesses,
all with different themes and exclusive drink
specials for participants!

Get your ticket for \$20 at
Ames Public Library's
Welcome Desk or online at
bit.ly/PubFiction2025



Participants must be at least 21 years old.



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Proceeds will be used to enhance
Ames Public Library's collections,
programs, and services.



3rd Tuesday of Each Month (August 19) 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.



3rd Wednesday of Each Month (August 20) 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.

GOT SEEDS?

Share your garden's success by donating your harvested seeds to the Ames Seed Library!

Find out how at www.AmesPL.org/SeedLibrary.



4th Saturday of Each Month (August 23) 10am-12pm, PEO Room

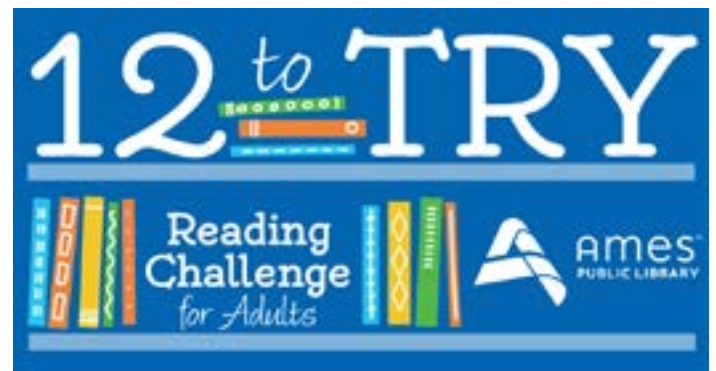
Do you dream of writing "someday," but don't know where to start? Perhaps you already write, but you're stuck.

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.



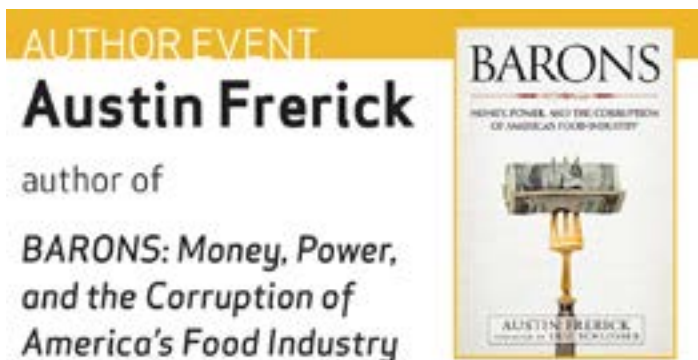
This year's 12 to Try Reading Challenge for adults is coming to a close!

Adults can read a book from each of the 12 categories, then pick up your prizes by 4:30pm on Sunday, August 31, 2025.

Watch for a new year-long challenge coming soon!

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

**Ending
Aug. 31**



Thursday, August 28
7pm, Auditorium or Online

Come to the Library for a presentation by Austin Frerick, author of “Barons: Money, Power, and the Corruption of America’s Food Industry.”

In “Barons,” agricultural and antitrust expert Frerick tells the stories of seven corporate titans, their rise to power, and the ramifications for everyone else. Frerick paints a stark portrait of the consequences of corporate consolidation, but also shows that we can choose a different path.

Attend this free event in person or watch it live at <https://www.facebook.com/AmesLeagueOfWomenVoters>

Frerick will be available to sign books after the presentation.

Books can be purchased online from Dog-Eared Books ahead of time and picked up at the event:
<https://dogearedbooksames.com/austin-frerick-hosted-by-the-league-of-women-voters/>

A small selection of books will also be available for purchase at the event.

Presented by the Iowa Center for the Book in partnership with Ames Public Library, the League of Women Voters of Ames & Story County, and Dog-Eared Books.

Ames Public Library will be
CLOSED
Monday, September 1
for Labor Day.

COMING SOON: Great Reads from Great Places

Every year, a list of books representing the literary heritage of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands is distributed by the Library of Congress’s Center for the Book during the National Book Festival.

The Iowa Center for the Book and Ames Public Library will host special events featuring the National Book Festival and Iowa's 2025 selections: *Hard Hat Hank and the Sky-High Solution* written by Charlotte Gunnufson and illustrated by Brian Biggs and *América del Norte* by Nicolás Medina Mora.

Watch the National Book Festival Livestream

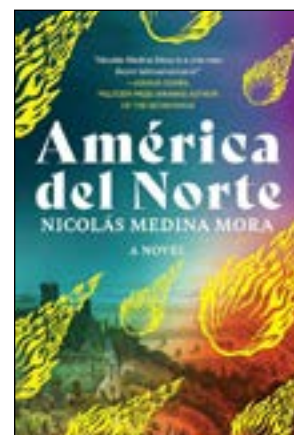
Saturday, September 6
See schedule at <https://www.loc.gov/events/2025-national-book-festival/>

América del Norte Book Discussion

Monday
September 15 at 7pm
Ames Public Library
or Online via Zoom

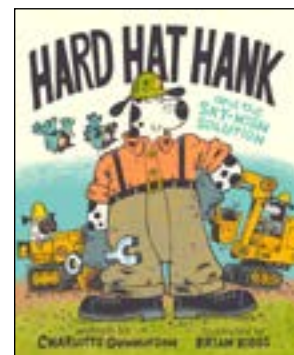
Virtual Author Event with Nicolás Medina Mora

Monday
September 29 at 7pm
Ames Public Library
or Online via Zoom



Author Event with Charlotte Gunnufson

Wednesday
October 8 at 10am
Ames Public Library





There's time for one more
adventure this summer!

Check out a free pass to Iowa attractions, like:

- African American Museum of Iowa •
- Blank Park Zoo • Grout Museum •
- Des Moines Children's Museum •
- Greater Des Moines Botanical Gardens •
- Nelson Pioneer Farm & Museum •
- Reiman Gardens • Science Center of Iowa •

All you need is your Ames Public Library card!
Find out more at: www.AmesPL.org



Mary Greeley
MEDICAL CENTER

Behavioral Health at the Library

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.



UnityPoint Health
Eyerly Ball

COMMUNITY MENTAL
HEALTH SERVICES

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



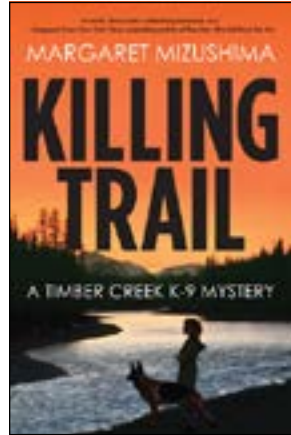
MYSTERY LOVERS Book Group

1st Wednesday of
Each Month
12pm, Board Room

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

August 6:
Mysteries set in the
wilderness

September 3:
Isabella Maldonado

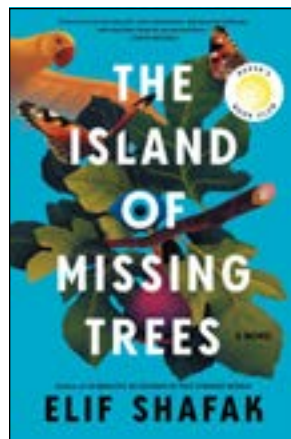


DEEP ROOTS Book Group

4th Tuesday of Each Month
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.



August 26:
Island of Missing Trees by Elif Shafak

September 23:
Night Magic by Leigh Ann Henion

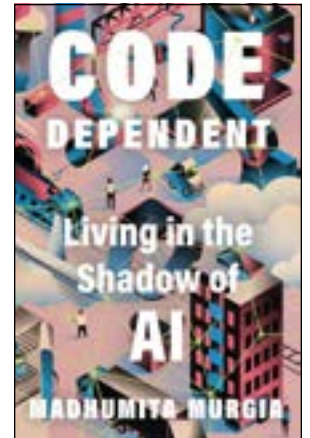
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028: REAL READS Book Group

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

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

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



September 11:
**The Man Who
Could Move Clouds:**
A Memoir by Ingrid
Rojas Contreras

Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

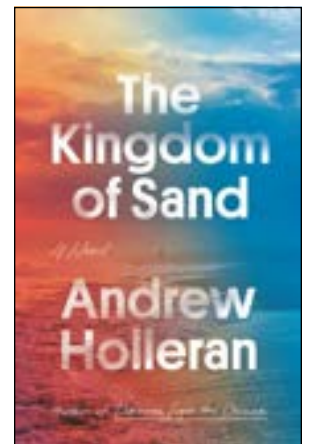
VIEW FROM THE MARGINS Book Group

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.

August 27:
The Kingdom of Sand
by Andrew Holleran

September 24:
**What Happened to
Ruthy Ramirez?**
by Claire Jiménez



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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 August 18-22.**

The fall schedule will begin August 25.

New APLFF Website

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We're thrilled to announce the official launch of a brand-new website for the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation!

Our new online home was designed with you in mind—whether you're a long-time supporter, a first-time visitor, or someone looking to get involved with our mission to support and strengthen Ames Public Library.

Take our new website for a test drive by going to www.aplff.org. You'll find:

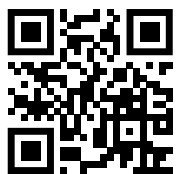
- A fresh new design that is easy to navigate
- How to be involved through donating and volunteering
- Event information - stay on top of our books sales, Literary Grounds, and APLFF events
- Read about the initiatives your gifts support and how you make a difference

APLFF plays a critical role in funding programs, resources, and services that go beyond what public funding provides. We hope our new website helps tell that story.

I'd also like to share that due to a move out of state, I am leaving APLFF. I'd like to thank all of you—donors, partners, volunteers, and dedicated staff—who helped write this chapter of my life, and for sharing your own stories. Stay tuned for news of the next APLFF Development Director!

P.S. Many thanks to Rippke Design for their partnership on the new website, to Story County Community Foundation for a capacity building grant to help defray expenses, and to the APLFF board for support along the way!

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