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THIS MONTH

AUTHOR FAIR

**GREAT READS FROM
GREAT PLACE**

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**12 MORE MONTHS
OF 12 TO TRY**

AND MORE!

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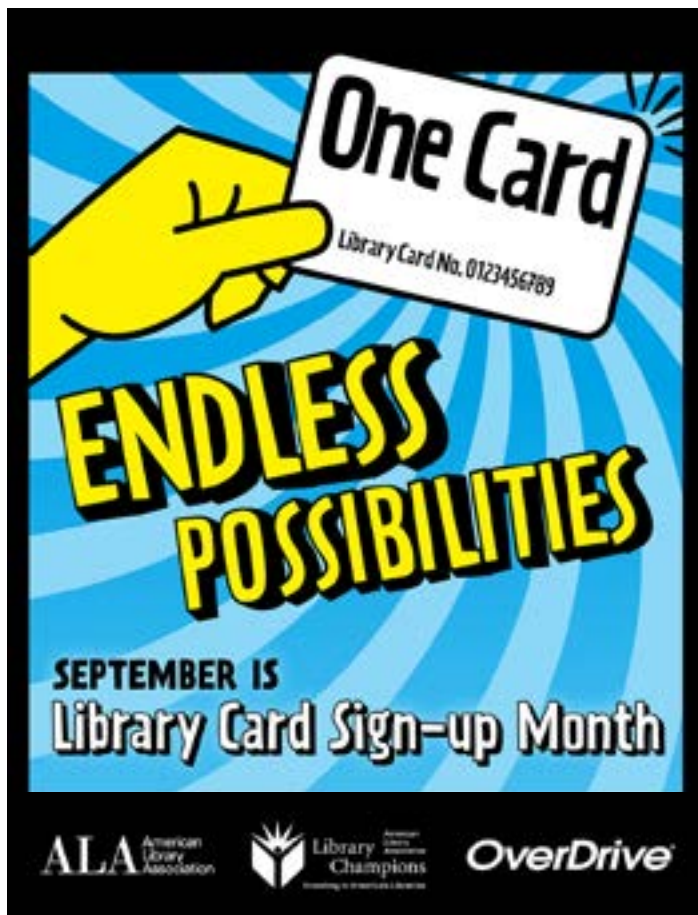


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LIBRARY HOURS

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



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

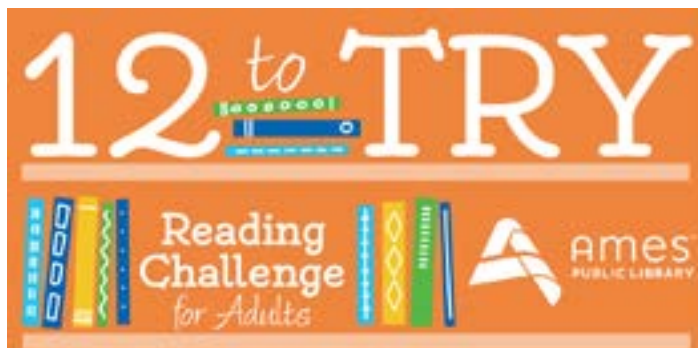


1st Thursday of Each Month (September 4)
 10am, Teen Space

Join us for a monthly book discussion just for families that are homeschooling!

This year we have selected a wide variety of books that mirror our world. 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 to attend.

We'll start the fall with fun activities and pick up the book for next month!



Try a reading remix in 2025-26!

Adults are invited to start autumn right with a brand new "12 to Try" year-long challenge featuring all new categories!

Read your way through 12 books that fit the 12 challenge categories between September 1, 2025 and August 31, 2026, and earn a prize.

Get started at AmesPublicLibrary.Beanstack.org, or pick up a tracking sheet at Ames Public Library or the Bookmobile!



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.

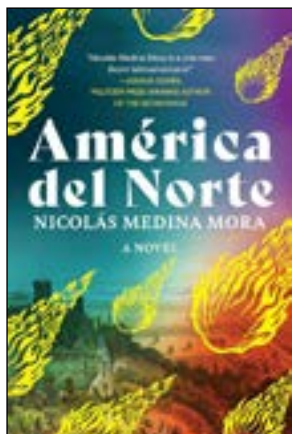
GREAT READS FROM GREAT PLACES

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.

América del Norte by Nicolás Medina Mora

América del Norte has been chosen as this year's Iowa Center for the Book selection for adult readers. This kaleidoscopic story moves between Mexico and Iowa City as Sebastián navigates conflicting identities, both seen as "too white" as a member of the wealthy elite in Mexico and as an otherized person of color in the United States. While incorporating Mexican literary and colonial history, the novel is also a timely reflection on relationships and political systems, told with humor and sharp insight.

Nicolás Medina Mora's work in English has appeared in *The Atlantic*, *The New York Times*, *Reuters*, *Buzzfeed News*, and other publications. He holds a BA in Humanities from Yale and an MFA in Nonfiction Writing from the University of Iowa. Nicolás lives in Mexico.

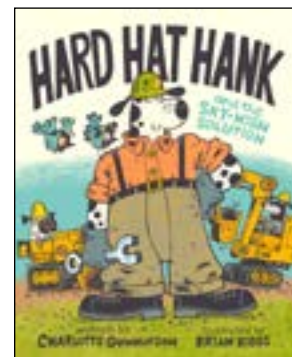


Hard Hat Hank and the Sky-High Solution By Charlotte Gunnufson, Illustrated by Brian Biggs

The Iowa Center for the Book's 2025 selection for young readers is *Hard Hat Hank and the Sky-High Solution* by Charlotte Gunnufson, illustrated by Brian Biggs.

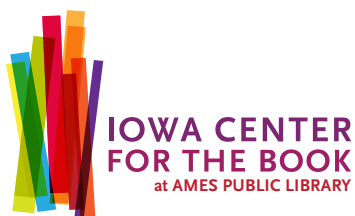
Hard Hat Hank and his hardworking crew are ready to build in this rollicking, rhyming celebration of teamwork, and the ways we can live in harmony with the natural world.

This book is part of the Disney Planet Possible Books program, aiming to inspire and empower young readers to take care of planet Earth.



Author Charlotte Gunnufson is a former teacher who frequently visits schools and libraries to entertain, encourage curiosity and get kids excited about science, nature and reading. She lives in Cedar Rapids.

See page 4 for special events at Ames Public Library and online featuring the National Book Festival and Iowa's Great Reads from Great Places 2025 selections.



The National Book Festival Roadmap to Reading is made possible by the generous support of the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the National Endowment for the Humanities with additional support from Chief Officers of State Library Agencies.



Watch the National Book Festival Livestream

Saturday, September 6
10:30am-5:30pm, Rotary Room

Stop by the Library to watch livestreamed video from the National Book Festival in Washington D.C. Presenters will include:

- U.S. Poets Laureate Joy Harjo, Ada Limón and Tracy K. Smith
- Academy Award-winner, author, and illustrator Geena Davis
- Pulitzer Prize-winner Ron Chernow
- Author Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
- Author John Green

Find more information online at
www.loc.gov/events/2025-national-book-festival/

These free events are made possible by the generous support of the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

América del Norte Book Discussion

Monday, September 15, at 7pm
Rotary Room or Online via Zoom

Check out a copy of *América del Norte* by Nicolás Medina Mora from the Library's book club collection and join us for a discussion.

Great Reads Virtual Author Event with Nicolás Medina Mora

Monday, September 29 at 7pm
Rotary Room, or Online via Zoom

Join us for a virtual visit with Nicolás Medina Mora, author of *América del Norte*.

Great Reads Author Event with Charlotte Gunnufson

Wednesday, October 8 at 10am
Storytime Room

Author Charlotte Gunnufson will join us to talk about her new book, *Hard Hat Hank and the Sky High Solution* (illustrated by Brian Biggs).



POPULAR ITEMS
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Looking for that book everyone's talking about? Check the Quick Picks shelf!

Quick Picks are extra copies of super-popular items that go fast and come back fast, so you have more chances at a lucky find.

Here's how it works:

- 7 day checkout • No renewals • No holds
- 2 Quick Pick items at a time

Get started at:

www.AmesPL.org/books-movies-more/quickpicks



2nd and 4th Tuesday of Each Month
(September 9 & 23)
4pm, Storytime Room

Children in grades 1-5 are invited to get creative and build with lots of LEGO®! We'll provide the bricks while the kids provide the imagination.

All LEGO® will remain at the Library, so bring a camera to capture a photo of your build. Please leave your own LEGO® at home so they don't get mixed up with the Library's.

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2nd Wednesday of Each Month
(September 10)
5-6pm, Board Room

Register online at
www.AmesPL.org/learn-explore/teens

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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Thursday, September 11
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 *A Minecraft Movie* with a craft to follow.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Mainstream Living.



Thursdays beginning September 11
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.



2nd Friday and 4th Saturday of Each Month
(September 12 & 27)
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.

Swift Youth Writers Group

2nd Sunday of Each Month
(September 14)
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.



2nd Saturday of Each Month
(September 13)
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.



2nd and 4th Sunday of Each Month
(September 14 & 28)
2-3:30pm, Library

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 Pokémon 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.

Ames Repair Café



Saturday, September 13, from 10am-2pm

(Items for repair must be at the Library by 1:30pm)

Ames Public Library

515 Douglas Avenue, Ames



Drop in to a free Repair Café at the Library! Volunteers will help repair broken items to give them a longer life cycle. There is no charge for repairs at the Repair Café.

If volunteers are unable to repair your item, or parts are required, they'll help you find a local repair shop that can help. (If you have replacement parts, you can bring them with your broken item.)



Small Group Learning

Do you wish you knew more about basic clothing mending, how to maintain your kitchen appliances, or how to change that flat bike tire? Join Ames Repair Café volunteers to learn the basics and become more self-sufficient and sustainable!

Clothing & Mending: 10-11am, Teen Space

Home & Kitchen Appliances: 11:30am-12:30pm, Teen Space

Bikes: 1-2pm, In Front of the Library

WHAT CAN YOU BRING FOR REPAIRS?

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| • Computers & Laptops | • Bikes |
| • Portable Electronics | • Small Engines |
| • Jewelry & Accessories | • Small Home & Kitchen Appliances |
| • Sewing & Mending | |



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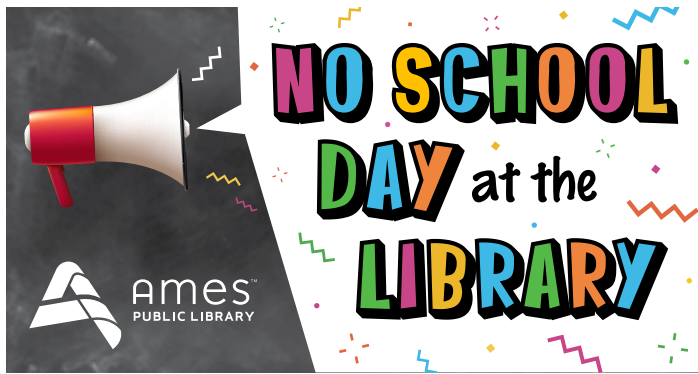


Instagram

The Repair Café aims to reduce waste, share tools and resources, and help build self-reliance skills in our community. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please e-mail AmesRepairCafe@gmail.com.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>A new 12 to Try reading challenge for adults begins September 1!</div> <div></div>	1 <div>Library & Bookmobile CLOSED</div>	2 <div>Conversation Circles Spanish: 7-8:30pm Board Room or via Zoom</div>	3 <div>Mystery Lovers Book Group 12pm, Board Room</div>	4 <div>Homeschool Book Club 10am, Teen Space</div> <div>Conversation Circles Chinese: 6-7pm PEO Room or via Zoom</div>	5	6 <div>National Book Festival Livestream 10:30am-5:30pm Rotary Room</div> <div>Conversation Circles Russian: 3-4pm French: 4-5:30pm Board Room or via Zoom</div>
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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, September 15
1pm, Storytime Room

No school today? No problem! Children in grades K-5 are invited to the Library's no-school day events to create, experiment, and play with a variety of activities.

September 15 will be all about SLIME!



Tuesday, September 16
10am-6pm, Lobby

Representatives from the non-partisan League of Women Voters will celebrate National Voter Registration Day by helping interested visitors get registered to vote. Come prepared with an Iowa driver's license number, Iowa non-operator ID number, or Social Security number, if you have one.

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



1st and 3rd Tuesday of Each Month
(Starting September 16)
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.

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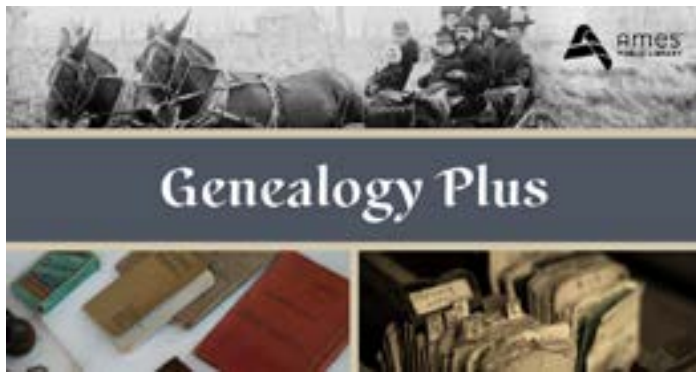


3rd Tuesday of Each Month
(September 16)
5pm, Auditorium

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, September 17
10am-12pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

Topic — Computer Security

Speaker — Dr. Doug Jacobson

Dr. Jacobson, a renowned expert in cybersecurity, will discuss staying safe online and how to navigate the ever-increasing threats we face in a digital world.

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



Thursday, September 18
7pm, Rotary Room

This thought-provoking talk will explore the rich history of international students in the United States, with a special emphasis on Iowa and Iowa State University. Dr. Linda Serra Hagedorn, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus and Former Associate Dean at Iowa State University, will illuminate the rigorous processes, background checks, and governmental scrutiny international students face.

The presentation will also dissect the newest policy changes and political tensions shaping today's international student experience, while examining the tangible effects on students, campuses, and local communities.

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



3rd Wednesday of Each Month
(September 17)
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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Thursday, September 18, 5-8pm
In Front of the Library (& Downtown Ames)

Downtown businesses will feature musicians performing on the sidewalk and within stores. Stop by the Library and enjoy some live music by Lincolnway Driverz!

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Downtown Ames.

Music Sale
September 18-21, Library Lobby

Find great deals on CDs and other music-related items for sale in the Literary Grounds Bookstore all day Thursday through Sunday.

All purchases support the Library through the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

Ames Public Library

AUTHOR FAIR

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 20**

2:00-5:00pm

Ames Public Library
515 Douglas Ave., Ames, IA



It's time for Ames Public Library's Author Fair!

Come meet Iowa authors, purchase their books or have your copy signed, and check out some local publishers and literary organizations. Celebrate the joy of reading with local literary talent!

Presented by the Iowa Center for the Book, Ames Public Library, and the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.





Sunday, September 21
1:30-3:30pm, Auditorium

It is hard to make friends as an adult! Join us for a round of speed friend-matching and casual socializing. There will be guided one-on-one conversations followed by time to hang out, play games, and chat. Light refreshments will be provided. Everyone 18 or older is welcome.

Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.



4th Saturday of Each Month (Sept. 27)
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.

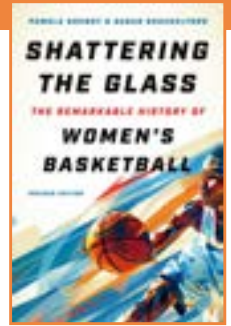
Presented by the Iowa Center for the Book and Ames Public Library in partnership with the Ames Writers Collective.

AUTHOR EVENT

Pamela Grundy & Susan Shackelford

Authors of

Shattering the Glass



Thursday, September 25
6:30pm, Auditorium and via Zoom

We all know about Caitlin Clark, but did you know that the state of Iowa played a vital role in the growth of women’s basketball across the country even before Caitlin’s rise in popularity?

Join authors Pamela Grundy and Susan Shackelford to learn about the deep history of women’s basketball presented in their book, ***Shattering the Glass: The Remarkable History of Women’s Basketball***.

Books will be available for purchase courtesy of Beaverdale Books, and the authors will sign books after the event.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, Iowa Center for the Book, Ames History Museum, Beaverdale Books, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Iowa Lakeside Laboratory, and State Historical Society of Iowa.

Damaged book? **Leave the repairs to us!**



Rips, spills, and unglued spines happen. Luckily, we have an expert mender on staff with all the tools to give Ames Public Library's items another chance at life.

If you find any damage on a Library item, please don't attempt to fix it yourself! Take it to a Library staff member so our specialist can mend it and get it back in circulation. (Repairs not available for personal items.)

EcoVision

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**Saturday, September 27
10am-1pm, Auditorium**

EcoVision is a free community sustainability event organized by EcoTIPS, designed to bring together community members, students, local organizations, and environmental advocates across Story County, Iowa.

Everyone is invited to join us for learning, connections, and environmental awareness.

Highlights include: interactive booths, demonstrations, displays, food and drinks, and speakers.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and EcoTIPS.



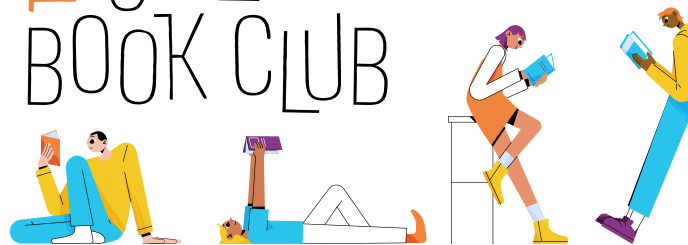
**Sunday, September 28
1:30-3pm, Auditorium**

The International Friendship Fair offers a unique opportunity for community members and ISU international students to dispel stereotypes and gain a better intercultural understanding of one another.

International volunteers will share their cultures in a fun and educational atmosphere through informal presentations, pictures, native attire, historical and world-famous places, instruments, food, games, and activities!

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames-ISU YWCA.

TEEN SILENT BOOK CLUB



**Saturday, September 27
11am-1pm, 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 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.



**Tuesday, September 30
4pm, Storytime Room**

Kids in 1st-5th grade are invited to an After School Adventure!

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.



Musical Tour of Mexico

Wednesday, October 1, at 6pm

Learn about the different rhythms from each region of Mexico and try out a variety of instruments.

Community Puppet Build

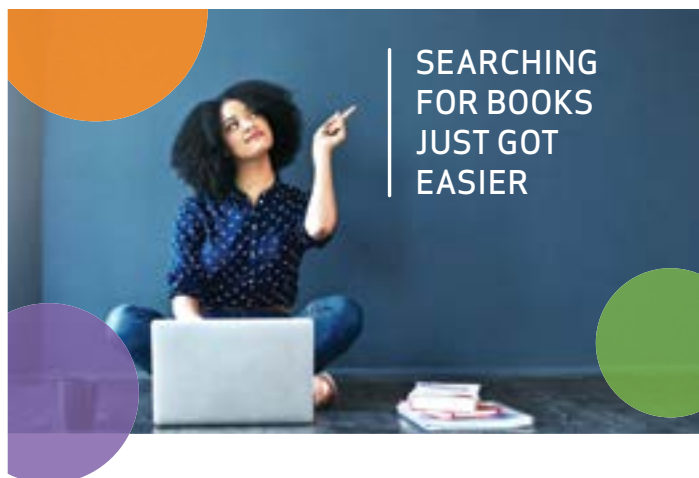
Saturday, October 4, 10am-2pm

Drop in to craft puppets using provided materials and guidance from area puppet artists and educators. This free event is for all ages and skill levels. Puppets built during this event will be featured in the Community Puppet Parade on October 18.

Ames Pridefest Events

October 9-11

Save the date for Ames Pridefest, featuring a variety of activities for all ages!



NoveList Plus is free with your Ames Public Library card, and it makes finding a new book as simple as 1-2-3.

- Go to AmesPL.org/databases and log in to NoveList Plus using your Library card number
- Check the "Recommended Reads Lists" or search by genre, age level, and more.
- Choose a book and request it from the Library. **Happy reading!**

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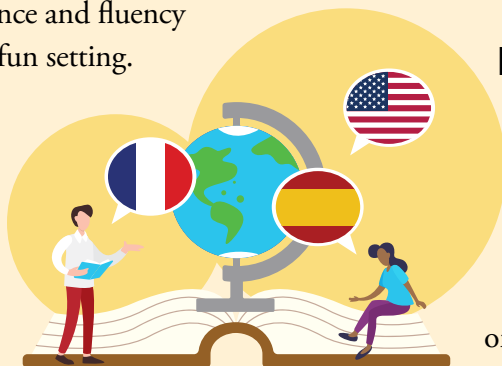
Conversation Circles

English:

Mondays, 12:30-1:30pm
Auditorium

Gather for casual conversations in English. The focus of this group is to help English Language Learners gain confidence and fluency in a comfortable and fun setting.

Library staff will pair native and non-native speakers and provide themes, questions, and topics for conversation.



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.

THE BOOKMOBILE



MONDAY

Mitchell School:
2:30-3:30pm (3521 Jewel)
Sawyer School:
5-8pm (4136 Ontario)

Visit the
Bookmobile at the
September 13
Farmers' Market!

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)

BRAINS AND BREWS



TRIVIA Night



**Wednesday, October 15
7-9PM at Alluvial Brewing**

Ames Public Library Friends
Foundation and Alluvial Brewing
are teaming up to provide a
fun-filled night of trivia to benefit
Ames Public Library!

Save the date and watch for more
information at APLFF.org.



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STORYTIMES & MORE



• No weekly storytimes August 17 - September 7 •

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!



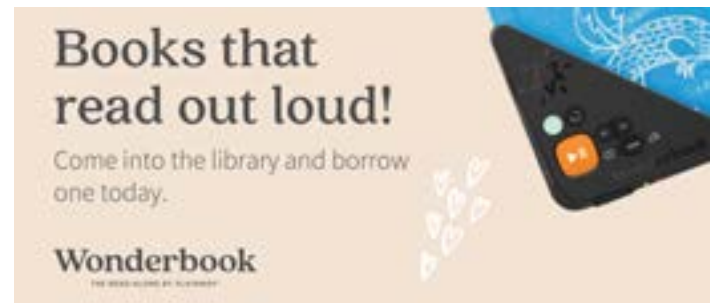
Fridays at 10:30am, Auditorium

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

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.



Thank you to the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation for funding upgrades to the Storytime Room's mics and sound system!



BOOK GROUPS



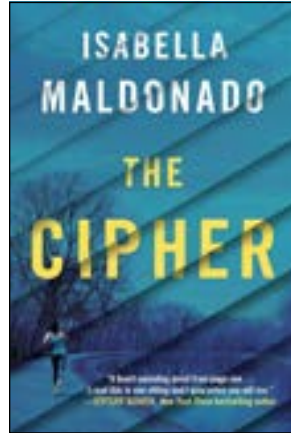
MYSTERY LOVERS Book Group

1st Wednesday of
Each Month
12pm, Rotary Room

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

September 3:
Isabella Maldonado

October 1:
Page to Screen (books
that have been made into movies or series)



DEEP ROOTS Book Group

4th Tuesday of Each Month
7-8:30pm, PEO 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.

September 23:
Night Magic
by Leigh Ann Henion



October 28:
All Over Creation
by Ruth Ozeki

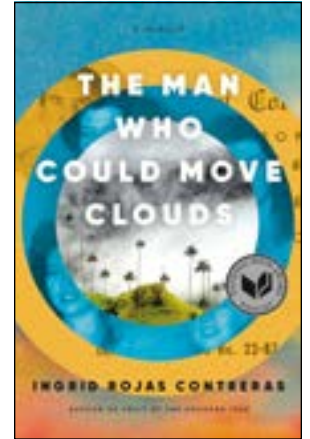
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028: REAL READS Book Group

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

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

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



October 9: **Cultish:**
*The Language of
Fanaticism* by Amanda Montell

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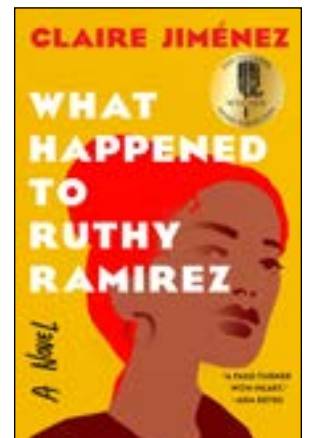
VIEW FROM THE MARGINS Book Group

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.

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



October 22: **Beautiful Country:**
A Memoir of an Undocumented Childhood
by Qian Julie Wang

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