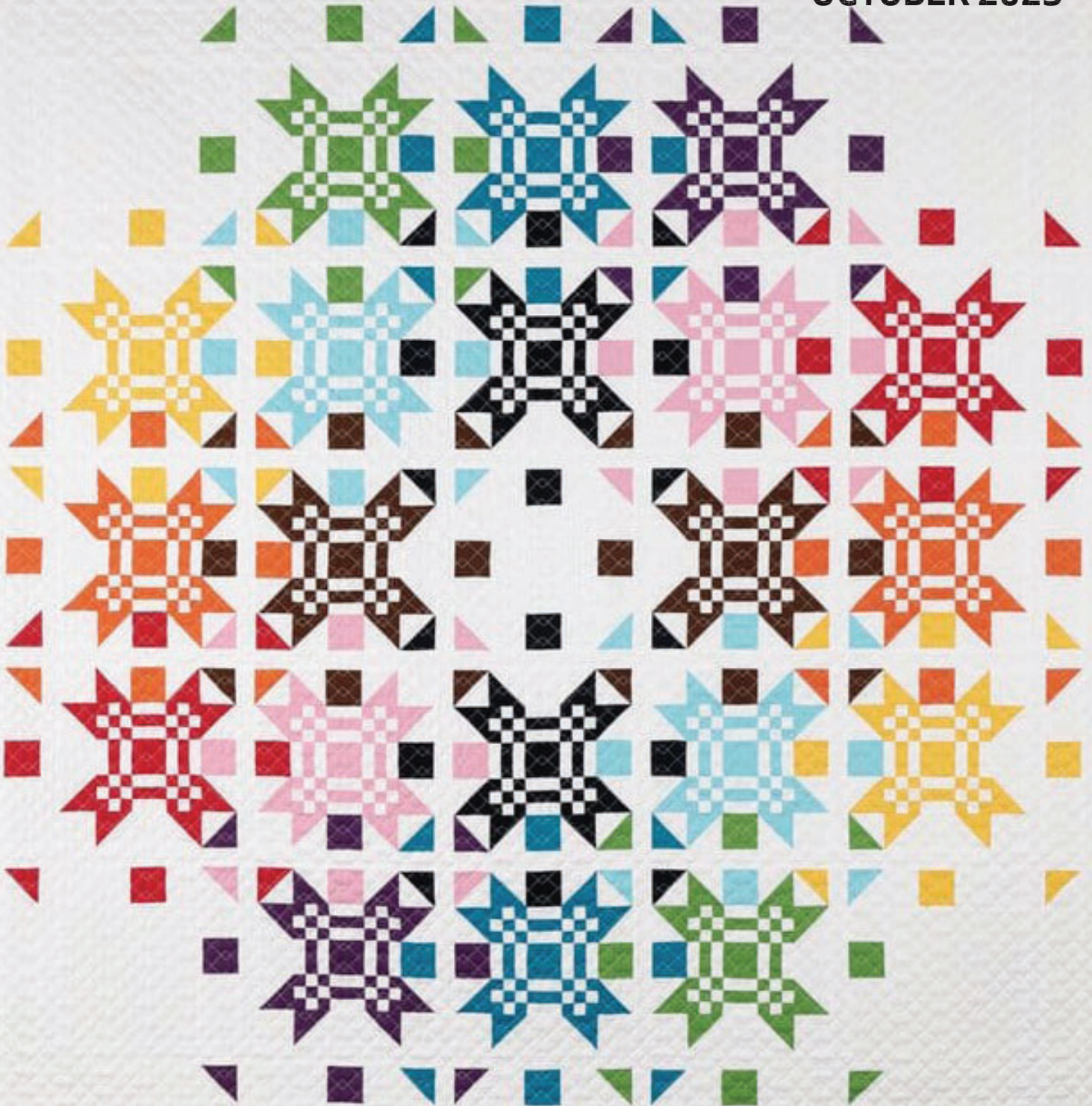


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LIBRARY HOURS

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



Wednesday, October 1
6pm, Rotary Room
 Register online at
www.AmesPL.org/events

Come to a free hands-on musical tour of Mexico.

Learn the names of the different rhythms from each region of the country from R. J. Hernandez of the musical ensemble Las Guitarras de Mexico.

You will also have a chance to try various types of guitars and percussion instruments.

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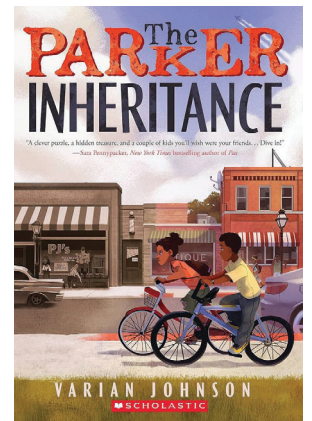
1st Thursday of Each Month
(October 2)
10am, Teen Space

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.

This month, we'll have a discussion and activities related to *The Parker Inheritance* by Varian Johnson. You can also pick up the book for next month!



Teen Videogames

Thursdays
4-6pm, Teen Space

Need a brain break?

Teens are invited to hang out and play videogames in the Teen Space! We have a variety of games on Switch, Switch 2, and VR.



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**

**Japanese: 1st and 3rd Saturdays
of Each Month, 2-3pm**

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.

Ames PUPPET POWER Community Workshop

**Saturday, October 4
10am-2pm, Auditorium**

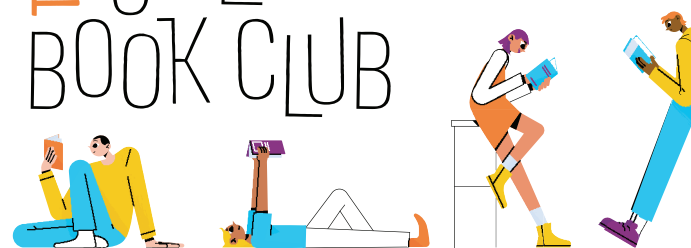
Join us for a puppet-building workshop as part of Puppet
Power 2025: Applied Puppetry Conference!

Drop in any time during the workshop to craft puppets
using provided materials and guidance from area puppet
artists and educators. No experience? No problem! Whether
you're a first-time builder or a seasoned puppet pro, this
hands-on workshop welcomes all ages and skill levels.

Puppets built during this event will be featured in the
Community Puppet Parade on October 18—so come
create and be part of the celebration!

*Presented in partnership with ISU Department of Music and Theatre, Ames Public
Library, and Octagon Center for the Arts.*

TEEN SILENT BOOK CLUB



**1st and 3rd Saturday of Each Month
(October 4 & 18)
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.

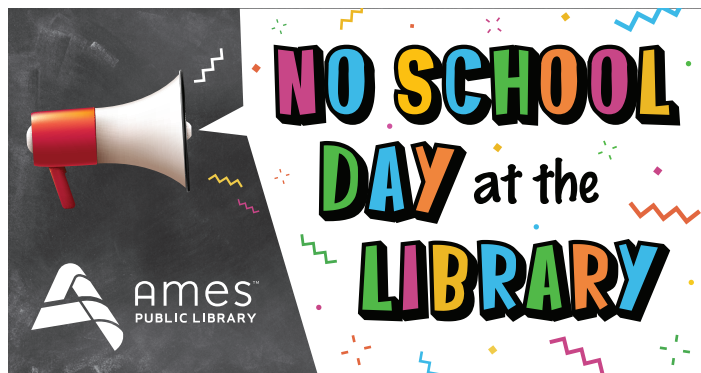


Mary Greeley
MEDICAL CENTER

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.



Monday, October 6, 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.

"Pride in Progress" Exhibit



Shine with Pride Quilt
by Ben Millet

October 7-29
Library Vestibule

Visit the Library to see a selection of quilts created by Iowan Ben Millet on the theme of "Pride in Progress."

He employs personal color palettes in quilts to examine nuances of Queer identity, pop culture, and quiltmaking

itself. Millet's artwork is also on display at the Des Moines Art Center through November 2.

See a photo of one of Millet's quilts front of this newsletter.

Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.



Computer Classes



Tuesdays, October 7-21
1:30-3:30pm, Danfoss 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.

- October 7: Intro. to Computers
- October 14: Intro. to Web Browsers
- October 21: Intro. to Computer Files

Kids Chess Club

1st and 3rd Tuesday of Each Month
(October 7 & 21)
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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Don't miss out on Library news or special events!

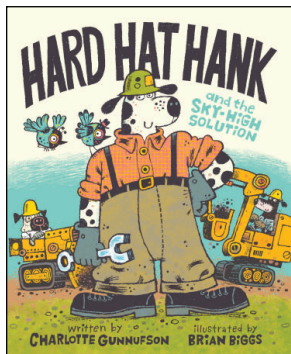


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Great Reads Author Event with Charlotte Gunnufson

Wednesday, October 8
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).



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 the Iowa Center for the Book's 2025 selection for young readers.

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.

The National Book Festival Roadmap to Reading and Great Reads from Great Places is made possible by the generous support of the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Chief Officers of State Library Agencies.

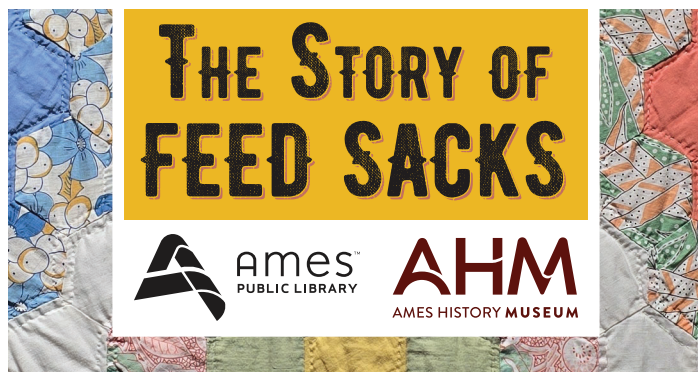
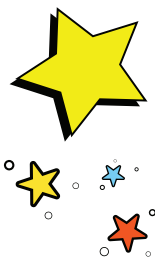
TAG: Teen Advisory Group

2nd Wednesday of Each Month
(October 8)
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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Wednesday, October 8
7pm, Auditorium and via Zoom

Long before “sustainability” was a household word, people reused the fabric bags that once held everything from animal feed and seed to sugar and flour to ballots, hams, and even laxatives. Based on her book, *Feed Sacks: The Colourful History of a Frugal Fabric*, Linzee Kull McCray will share both the beauty of feed sacks and their importance in the social and economic history of the times in which they were made and used.

The lecture features historic photos, vintage advertising, and fabric patterns, as well as actual sacks and the clothing, quilts, and other items made from them. It is of interest to lovers of fashion, textiles and design, historians, quilters, and those with an interest in sustainability.

Presented in partnership by Ames History Museum, Ames Public Library, The Knittery Nook & Fibre Co., Prairie Rose Needleworks, and Quilting Connection. Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.



Thursday, October 9, Literary Grounds

Stop by Literary Grounds in the Library's Lobby for some spooky savings on gently-used books and more! 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.

AMES PRIDE FEST

EVENTS AT
THE LIBRARY

SPEED FRIENDING

Thursday, October 9
6-8:30pm, Auditorium

Celebrate Pridefest with speed friending! 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.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames Pride. Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

CHALK THE WALK

Friday, October 10
5-6pm, In Front of Library

Teens and families are invited to come and decorate the sidewalks outside the Library in preparation for Pridefest. Participants can write positive affirmations and draw pictures.

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

THE PERSON I CARE ABOUT CAME OUT, NOW WHAT?

Saturday, October 11
10-11am, PEO Room

Join a panel of individuals with both professional and lived experience to learn how to support the LGBTQIA+ person in your life.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames Pride.

IOWA'S LGBTQ+ LEGAL LANDSCAPE

Saturday, October 11
11am-12pm, Danfoss Room

Join a panel of experts to learn more about recent legislation and current laws impacting the LGBTQIA+ community.

Hear from panelists from the Iowa State Bar Association, Legal Aid of Story County, and One Iowa as they share educational information followed by a Q&A.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, Ames Pride, Legal Aid of Story County, and One Iowa.



CRAFTING AND COOKIES FOR TEENS

**Saturday, October 11
12-2pm, Teen Space**

Join us for a fun and inclusive afternoon of crafting and cookies! This is a welcoming space for 6th-12th grade teens to create wearable art for Pridefest. All supplies will be provided, including Perler beads for jewelry making, materials for colorful bracelets and hair wraps, and plenty of sweet treats. Come hang out, get creative, and get ready to celebrate Pride with your friends!

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

DRAG STORYTIME

**Saturday, October 11
12:45pm, Storytime Room**

All ages are welcome to a drag storytime featuring a local artist!

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames Pride. Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

KIDS CRAFTING & PARADE

**Saturday, October 11, Youth Makerspace
Craft at 1:15pm; Parade at 1:45pm**

After storytime, stay for a craft activity and express yourself through ribbons and color. Then join the group at 1:45pm to parade with your creations through the Library and out and around the Pridefest celebrations outside. Caregivers should accompany children along the parade route outside.

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POST PRIDE FOR TEENS: MOVIE NIGHT

**Saturday, October 11
6-8pm, Auditorium**

Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to this after-hours movie night featuring *Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe*. Snacks will be provided.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames Pride. Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.



Learn more about Ames Pridefest at www.amespride.org/pridefest

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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.

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.



Movies with **MAINSTREAM**

**Thursday, October 9
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 the 2025 live action version of *Lilo & Stitch* followed by a craft activity.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Mainstream Living.



Mothering Circle

**2nd Friday and 4th Saturday of Each Month
(October 10 & 25)
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.



Fiber Arts Meetup

**2nd Saturday of Each Month
(October 11)
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.



**Sunday, October 12
2-4pm, Auditorium**

All ages are invited to the annual Chinese Traditional Culture Festival.

This free event is open to the public and will celebrate Chinese culture through crafts, games, and food.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames Chinese Language Academy.

Read Books in More Languages!

Ames Public Library has books in many languages for children and adults! Ask a librarian about our World Language Collections.



Pokémon Club

2nd and 4th Sunday of Each Month
(October 12 & 26)
2-4pm, 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 Poké-art activities, chat with other kids, and build a supportive community of friends!



Kids ages 8 and under need to bring a caregiver along to help. Caregivers: not sure what Pokémon is all about? This is a great opportunity to learn along with your kids!

Supported by Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

Swift Youth Writers Group

2nd Sunday of Each Month
(October 12)
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.

LEGO® Builders

2nd and 4th Tuesday of Each Month
(October 14 & 28)
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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BECOME A DEMENTIA FRIEND





Tuesday, October 14, at 7pm, Auditorium

Become a Dementia Friend by attending this one-hour informational session to learn about what dementia is, what it's like to live with it, and how to communicate with and support someone living with the disease.

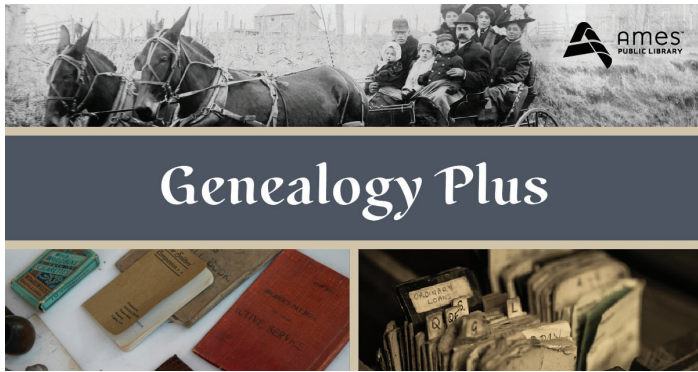
Join Maria Mendoza, Chief Operating Officer of Home Care Assistance and Dementia Champion, to gain practical tips that can help someone living with dementia.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Dementia Friendly Iowa.

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Mometrix eLibrary delivers the most comprehensive list of study guides and practice questions on the market, all at your fingertips, anywhere, anytime you have an internet connection.



Genealogy Plus

Wednesday, October 15
10am-12pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

Topic — The Faces of Agriculture

Speaker — Dr. Paul Lasley

Through photographs of rural life, Dr. Lasley will help genealogists envision the life of their ancestors and their neighbors in rural areas.

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



3rd Wednesday of Each Month (October 15)
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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Research your **GENEALOGY** *like the pros.*

Your Ames Public Library card gets you free access to **Ancestry Library Edition** (*in Library only*) and **Heritage Quest**—no subscription needed! Make connections, find the stories of your ancestors, and fill out your family tree.

You can also access **Family Search** locked records from Ames Public Library's computers or Wi-Fi.

Visit www.AmesPL.org/databases to get started.



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!

We'll also have fun raffle prizes at the event.
 (Cash only.)

Register online at bit.ly/APLFFTrivia2025

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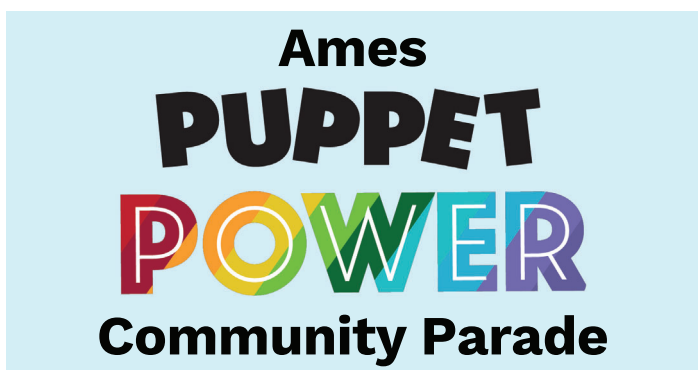
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Thursday, October 16
7pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

Join us for a panel discussion on the important topic of homelessness in our Ames community. Moderated by Anne Kinzel, the panel will include Ames resident Dave Carter, Ames Public Library Adult Services Manager Megan Klein-Hewett, Salvation Army Service Center Administrator Kathy Pinkerton, and Story County Housing Stability Case Manager/Liaison Josh Oren.

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



Saturday, October 18, 10am, Auditorium

Bring your puppet to life in a joyful community parade! Whether you built your puppet at the October 4 workshop at the Ames Public Library, at the Octagon Art Festival, or created your own at home, you're invited to join families, artists, and puppet enthusiasts in a colorful procession through Bandshell Park.

We'll gather at the Ames Public Library at 10am, then parade together to Bandshell Park in a celebration of creativity, collaboration, and the magic of puppetry in communities. This whimsical event is part of Puppet Power 2025: Applied Puppetry Conference.

Presented in partnership with ISU Department of Music and Theatre, Ames Public Library, and Octagon Center for the Arts.



3rd Tuesday of Each Month
(October 21)
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.

Generative Writing Workshop

4th Saturday of Each Month
(October 25)
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.

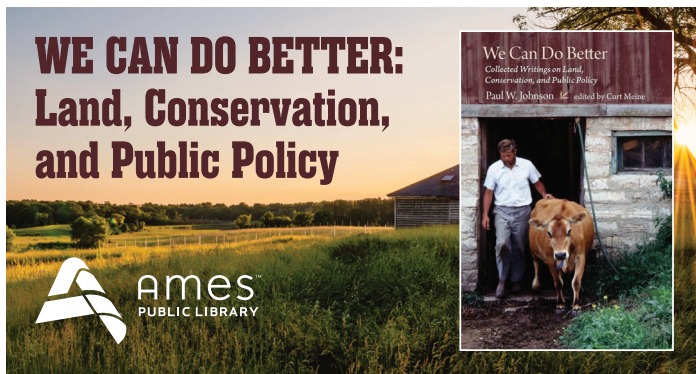
Join this free monthly writing workshop for adults, which provides a safe space for writers of all stages and genres to generate stories inspired by prompts running the gamut from phrases, poems, photography, guest authors and their prompts, or a piece of artwork.

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.





Thursday, October 30
Reception at 6pm, Program at 6:30pm
Auditorium or via Zoom

Come to Ames Public Library for a book release and panel discussion featuring *We Can Do Better: Collected Writings on Land, Conservation, and Public Policy*.

This book collects writing by Paul Johnson, who was a farmer, conservationist, and Iowa state legislator. Johnson also served as chief of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. In Ames, he is especially remembered as the co-creator of the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture at Iowa State University.

Curt Meine, conservation biologist and editor of *We Can Do Better* will discuss and read from the book. A panel of guests will explore Johnson's legacy and the relevance of his writings for today's conservation and agricultural policies.

Books will be available for purchase and signing courtesy of Dog-Eared Books.

Presented by Ames Public Library, Iowa Center for the Book, the Johnson Center for Land Stewardship Policy, the Aldo Leopold Foundation, and Dog-Eared Books.

PARK PACKS



Go exploring outside with a Park Pack from your local library!

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

Find out more at www.AmesPL.org



Satellite Voting at the Library

Saturday, November 1
9am-4pm, Auditorium

Skills for Disagreeing Better

Sunday, November 2
2-4:30pm, Auditorium

Sarah McQuaid Concert

Monday, November 3
7pm, Auditorium

12^{to} TRY



**Reading
Challenge**
for Adults



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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 now and next August to earn a prize.

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

Ames Public Library

BOOK SALE

515 Douglas Avenue • Auditorium

Thursday

NOV. 13

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.

Fri. & Sat.

NOV. 14-15

9am-6pm

FREE Admission

Sunday

NOV. 16

12-5pm

\$1 Admission

Everything FREE!
(Auditorium Only)

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THE BOOKMOBILE



MONDAY

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

Visit the
**Bookmobile at the
October 11
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)

Pleased to Meet You!

*by Lucy Carlson, Development Director
Ames Public Library Friends Foundation*

I'm excited to share that I've joined the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation as the new Development Director! I'm honored to support the Ames Public Library and our community in this role.

Although I grew up mostly in South Dakota, I spent part of my childhood here in Ames, and I have fond memories of visiting this very library. I would race to the children's diorama and get lost in whatever new world was on display. Years later, I returned to Ames for college, worked at the ISU Library, met my husband, and we decided to make this our home. Now, as new parents, we love exploring the Ames area with our daughter.

We brought her to the library when she was just three weeks old. I was so excited! We hope she grows up loving to learn and feeling at home in this community. That's one of the reasons I'm so enthusiastic about this role: I want the library to continue being a place where people come to learn, connect, and feel a sense of belonging.

One upcoming event I'm especially excited about is Brains and Brews on October 15 at Alluvial Brewing. Join us for trivia, conversation, and some raffle prizes—they really are sweet and are \$5 each! Watch the APLFF Facebook page for more details.

I look forward to meeting patrons, donors, and volunteers and serving the Ames community in this new role. Come say hi at Brains and Brews!

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STORYTIMES & MORE



Baby Time

Tuesdays at 1:30pm
Wednesdays at 11am
Thursdays at 6:30pm
Storytime Room

Bring your pre-walker to the Library for stories, songs, and baby sign language. Join with other caregivers and older siblings for 20 minutes of fun and learning. Feel free to bring a stuffed animal or doll for the older sibling to learn along with you. Babies and caregivers are welcome to stay and play after the event!

Toddler Storytime

Mondays and Wednesdays
10:30am, Storytime Room

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

Family Storytime

Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays
10:30am, Storytime Room

Preschool-age children and their grown-ups are invited to enjoy stories, songs, and movement activities while building early literacy skills.



Family Storytime on October 30 and Storybook STEM on October 31 will have a Halloween theme!

Visit us at Malloween

Wednesday, October 29
4:30-6:30pm, North Grand Mall

Stop by the Library's table at Malloween Trunk or Treat!

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Fridays at 10:30am
Auditorium

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



Thursday, October 30
10am-1pm, Library

Stop by the Library during the Trick-or-Treat event in Downtown Ames for a treat and a free book for young children (while supplies last) provided by Altrusa of Ames. Babies, toddlers, kids, and parents... everyone is encouraged to dress up.

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Trick-or-Treat at the Library

Friday, October 31
9am-6pm, Library

Come to the Library in costume on Halloween for a treat!

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BOOK GROUPS

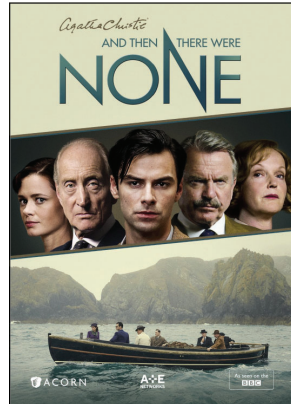
MYSTERY LOVERS Book Group

1st Wednesday of Each Month
12pm, Rotary Room

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

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

November 5:
Marcie Rendon



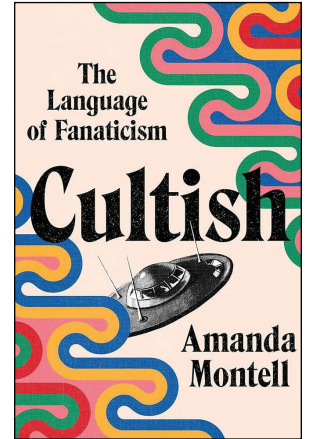
028: REAL READS Book Group

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

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

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

Nov. 13: **Wastelands:**
The True Story of Farm Country on Trial by Corban Addison



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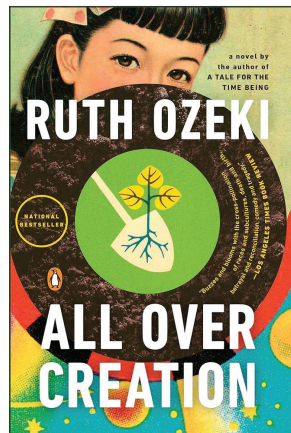
DEEP ROOTS Book Group

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.

October 28:
All Over Creation
by Ruth Ozeki



November 18: **The Comfort of Crows:**
A Backyard Year by Margaret Renkl

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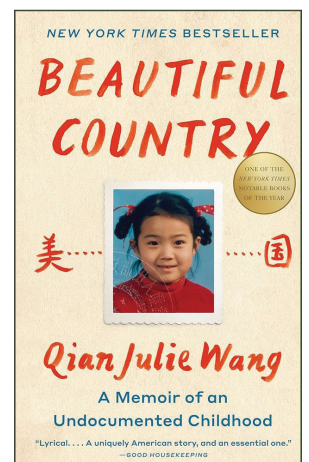
VIEW FROM THE MARGINS Book Group

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.

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

November 19:
The Turner House
by Angela Flournoy



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