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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9am-9pm Friday & Saturday: 9am - 6pm

Sunday: 1pm - 5pm

Teen Silent Book Club

1st and 3rd Saturday of Each Month (November 1 & 45)

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.

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

The Skills for Disagreeing Better workshop helps participants understand the values and concerns of those who differ from them politically.

Join us to learn essential skills for communicating across differences and finding common ground.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, League of Women Voters, and Braver Angels.

Conversation Circles

No meetups November 11 and November 25-29.

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

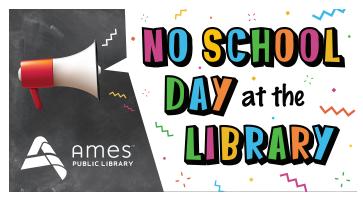
At the Library or via Zoom

Gather (in person or online) for casual conversations in different languages. Chat in your native language or get comfortable speaking in another language.



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.



Monday, November 3 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.



Monday, November 3 7pm, Auditorium

Join us for a free performance by Sarah McQuaid, a singer-songwriter in a tradition that spans cultures and genres with peerless musicianship.

Sarah's lush, chocolatey voice combines with her engaging personality and brilliant musicianship on acoustic and electric guitars, keyboards and (occasionally) drum to create a truly immersive experience.

Born in Spain, raised in Chicago, holding dual Irish and American citizenship and now settled in rural England, she brings the eclecticism of her background to her songwriting and choice of material, spanning genres and defying categorization.

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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.



1st Tuesday of Each Month (November 4) 10am-12pm, 2nd Floor Study Room

Staff from Heartland of Story County will be available in the Library to connect Story County residents who are 60+ and their caregivers with programs and services. Visitors may apply for Heartland programs, explore ways to stay active and independent, find low income assistance, and learn about other resources.

Kids Chess Club

$1^{\rm st}$ and $3^{\rm rd}$ Tuesday of Each Month (November $4 \not \in 18$) 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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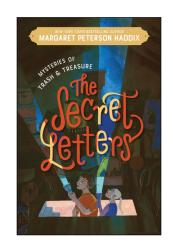
1st Thursday of Each Month 10am, Teen Space

Join us for a monthly book discussion and activities 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 also have next month's book available at each event.

November 6: **The Secret Letters** by Margaret Peterson Haddix



Fiber Arts Meetup

2nd Saturday of Each Month (November 8) 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.



Teen Videogames

1st Thursday of Each Month (November 6) 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.

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$1^{\rm st}$ and $3^{\rm rd}$ Friday of Each Month (November $7 \not \in 21$) 2-4pm, $2^{\rm nd}$ Floor Study Room

Staff from Optimae Life Services will be available in the Library to connect visitors with resources for mental health, home health, and community integration services.



Saturday, Nov. 8, 2-5:30pm, Auditorium

Join us for a cozy afternoon of paper crafting at the Library! Craft options include collage, junk journaling (BYOJ = bring your own journal), blackout poetry, and more.

Library staff will share some ideas on how to get started with these crafts. Then we'll have open work time.

Fall-themed paper and decorations will be provided, but feel free to bring your own supplies and projects!

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Pokémon Club

2nd and 4th Sunday of Each Month (November 9 & 23) 2-4pm, Library

Calling all school-aged Poké-Kids! Come learn how to play the Pokémon Trading Card Game and use a Librarysupplied 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 Pokéart 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!

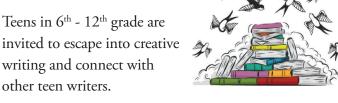
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Swift Youth Writers Group

2nd Sunday of Each Month (November 9) 2-4pm, PEO Room

invited to escape into creative writing and connect with



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.

Ames Public Library and the Bookmobile will be

CLOSED

Tuesday, November 11.

TAG: Teen Advisory Group

2nd Wednesday of Each Month (November 12) 5-6pm, PEO 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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Try a reading remix in 2025-26!

Adults are invited to join this year's "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 BOK 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





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Thursday, November 13 10am-1pm, Rotary Room

Join the Mainstream Living community for a monthly movie screening and related activity!

Selected movies are appropriate for adults who are neurodivergent and/or have an intellectual disability. Movies with Mainstream is open to all ages!

This month, we'll watch *The Garfield Movie* with a craft to follow in the Danfoss Room.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Mainstream Living.



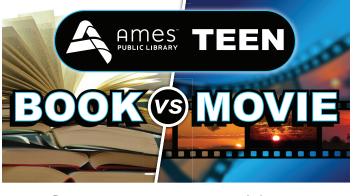
LITERARY GROUNDS Bookstore

Shop for gently-used books, puzzles, and more for all ages at Literary Grounds, located near the Library's lobby.

Literary Grounds also sells gift cards for those hard-toshop-for friends and family!



Proceeds from Literary Grounds are used to enhance Ames Public Library's services, programs, and collections.



Book Club: Friday, November 14 4-6pm, Teen Space

Movie Night: Friday, November 21 4-6pm, Teen Space

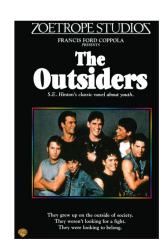
Hey teens, take a front row seat in the ultimate showdown: book vs. movie!

Every month, we'll feature a teen book that's been made into a movie. Come to the book club to chat about the book and eat snacks. OR come to movie night to watch

the movie version and eat snacks. OR, come to both!

Stop by the Teen Space or Youth Services Desk to let us know if you need a copy of the next book.

This Month: **The Outsiders**by S.E. Hinton
and the 1983 movie
(MPAA rating PG)



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LIBRARY EVENTS

NOVEMBER



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International Community Meetup

3rd Tuesday of Each Month (November 18) 5pm, Auditorium

Join fellow international residents on the third Tuesday of each month for fun activities and culture-sharing.

This month, we'll be joined by Drum Iowa for yoga and a drum circle! See below for more information.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Iowa State University's International Students and Scholars Office.



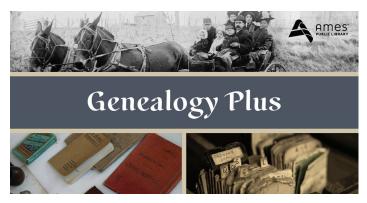
Tuesday, November 18 5-7pm, Auditorium

Join Drum Iowa for an afternoon of yoga and drumming!

We'll start with 45 minutes of yoga with a gentle djembe drum accompaniment. A community drum circle will follow.

Feel free to drop into the program anytime from 5-7 pm.

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



Wednesday, November 19 10am-12pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

Topic — Tales from Slovenia: A Visit to My Ancestral **Country**

Speaker — Dr. Peter Orazem

Dr. Orazem will share his experience of visiting his ancestral county of Slovenia and tell some family stories of his trips.

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

Bored? Games!

3rd Wednesday of Each Month (November 19) 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





Looking for the perfect book for a reader on your list? Fill out a Personalized Picks form online, and our expert librarians will curate a customized list of ideas!

Try it at www.AmesPL.org/PersonalizedPicks



Thursday, November 20 7pm, Rotary Room or via Zoom

Hear from Susan Benner, who has worked with the immigrant community in Ames for 20 years. Susan will share definitions and concepts to help us understand the immigrant and refugee status. She will bust myths about immigrants and refugees, sharing the realities and statistics and humanizing these members of our communities and workforce. There will also be discussion of current ICE and immigration enforcement across the country and in Iowa. Finally, we will hear what we can do to support our immigrant neighbors.

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



Sunday, November 23, at 2pm, Auditorium

Everyone is welcome to a special event about fostering, whether you are interested in starting or are experienced and looking to connect with other families and services.

A panel of current foster parents will talk about their journeys through the foster care system. Representatives from local organizations supporting foster families will be available to share information and answer questions.

Childcare will be available during the event.

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Generative Writing Workshop

4th Saturday of Each Month (November 22) 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.

Ames Public Library will be **CLOSED**

Thursday-Friday November 27-28

The Bookmobile will be CLOSED November 24-28.



LEGO® Builders

2nd and 4th Tuesday of Each Month (November 25 only) 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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Saturday, Nov. 29 - Monday, Dec. 1

Stop by Literary Grounds in the Library's Lobby for Small Business Weekend deals on gently-used books and more!

Enjoy \$1 off everything in the bookstore (except book bundles and items marked \$1).

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Winter Reading Challenge

December 1 - January 31

All ages can earn a prize by reading 30 days this winter! Pick up your reading log at the Library or the Bookmobile starting December 1, or sign up online at amespubliclibrary.beanstack.com.

Nutcracker Ballet + STEM

Saturday, December 6 10-11am, Auditorium

Families are invited to a sneak peak of The Nutcracker Ballet, coming to Stephens Auditorium December 13 and 14. Then explore STEM concepts with a Nutcracker-themed design challenge.

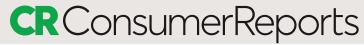
Taste of Tarot

Saturday, December 6 2-3:30pm, Auditorium

Are you fascinated by Tarot but not sure where to start? Join Dr. Susan Harper for A Taste of Tarot! This workshop will take you through the basics of Tarot, including a brief history, the building blocks of a Tarot deck, and the difference between Tarot and Oracle decks.

Your Library card gives you **free access to ConsumerReports** online, so you can research products, from air fryers and bed sheets to e-book readers and treadmills.

Visit www.amespubliclibrary.org/databases and look for the Consumer Reports link to get started.





STORYTIMES & MORE

No storytimes November 6, 11, 27, or 28

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.

Getting ready for a road trip?

Check out a Launchpad learning tablet loaded with educational games, books, and videos for children—no internet needed!





Fridays at 10:30am Auditorium or Storytime Room

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



2^{nd} Friday and 4^{th} Saturday of Each Month (November $14 \not\in 22$) 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



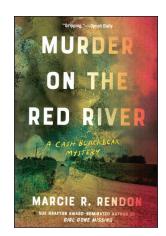
MYSTERY LOVERS Book Group

1st Wednesday of Each Month 12pm, Rotary Room

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

November 5: Marcie Rendon

December 3: Mary Higgins Clark



DEEP ROOTS Book Group

4th Tuesday of Each Month

* Special dates in November and December 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.

*November 18:

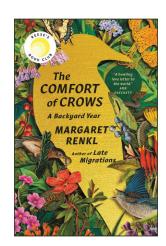
The Comfort of Crows: A Backyard Year by Margaret Renkl

* December 16:

Migrations

by Charlotte McConaghy

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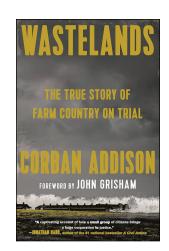
028: REAL READS Book Group

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

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

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

December 11: **Eight Bears:** Mythic Past and Imperiled Future by Gloria Dickie



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VIEW FROM THE MARGINS Book Group

4th Wednesday of Each Month * Special dates in November and December 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.

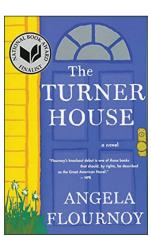
Book selections include fiction and non-fiction from a wide variety of perspectives

and marginalized identities.

*November 19: **The Turner House** by Angela Flournoy

* December 17: **Fire Exit** by Morgan Talty

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AMES/STORY COUNTY COMMUNITY

MIKIDAY₂₀₂₆ Celebration

Equality, Justice and Unity

6th Annual high school MLK Essay Contest NOW OPEN

Entries are due Sunday, December 7.

For more information about the essay contest and the January 19 MLK Day Celebration, visit www.CityOfAmes.org/MLKDay or our Facebook and Instagram pages.

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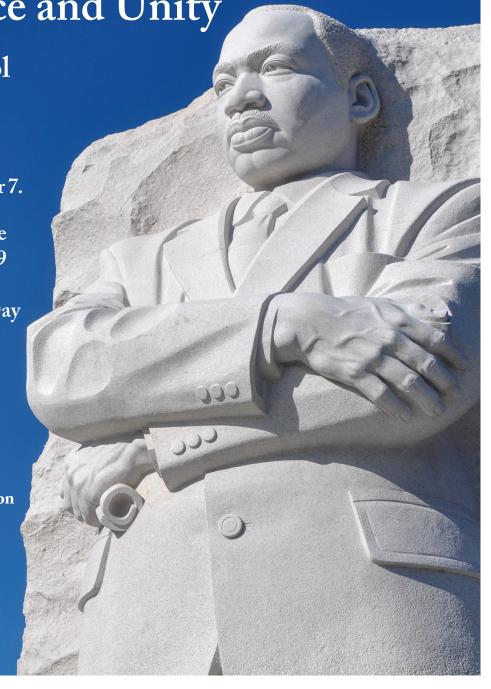
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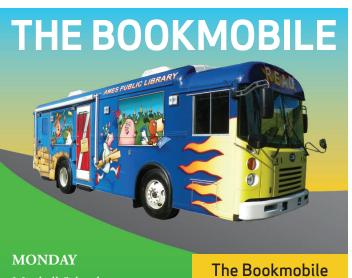


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or Scan QR code for more information





Mitchell School: 2:30-3:30pm (3521 Jewel)

Sawyer School: 5-8pm (4136 Ontario) The Bookmobile will be CLOSED November 11 and November 24-28.

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)

Thank You for Brains & Brews

by Lucy Carlson, Development Director Ames Public Library Friends Foundation

Thank you to everyone who came out for Brains & Brews Trivia Night on October 15—a fundraiser for the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation. We loved seeing a great mix of new faces and trivia night regulars enjoying tough questions, the tasty Library Lager, fun raffle prizes, and showing generous support of the library.

A special shoutout to our trivia hosts—Cody, Brady, and Jordan—and to Alluvial Brewing Company for generously donating their space and naming the Library Lager just for us. We're also grateful for Stephens Auditorium, Aunt Maude's, Provisions Lot F, Bar La Tosca, and Best Spudz Food Truck for contributing raffle items.

Couldn't make it? No worries, you can still join the fun:

- Check out event photos on Facebook and Instagram
- Buy a library t-shirt at bit.ly/RaygunAPL (40% of purchase benefits Ames Public Library)
- Make a donation on our website: APLFF.org

Events like this remind us how lucky we are to have such a fun, generous, and supportive community. Your backing puts books in the hands of readers of every age, enhances programming, and keeps our library growing with new technology and resources.

Thank you for making a difference—and making it fun!

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