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### LIBRARY HOURS

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



**Documents of the American Revolution Exhibit**  
**March 1-31, Ames Public Library Vestibule**

Celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Independence with this display of historical documents from the founding of the United States.

**Revolutionary Iowans Exhibit**  
**Begins March 4**  
**Ames Public Library Gallery**

Learn about Iowa's revolutionary history through an exhibit from Iowa PBS. Connect Iowa's local stories to the broader themes of American democracy and independence through the stories of Iowans.

**American Revolution Transcribe-a-thon**  
**Saturday, March 28, 10am-2pm, Ames Public Library Auditorium**

Celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence by helping history live on! You can bring the words of the people who lived during the American Revolution to life at the Library's Transcribe-a-thon. This event is part of the Library of Congress's "By the People" volunteer transcription program.

Drop in any time during the event, or come at 10am for a special presentation by Richard Kehrberg of the Iowa State University Department of History on Revolutionary War era handwriting and documents. Bring your own laptop or borrow one of ours. No account or sign up is required.

These events are funded by a grant from WETA in conjunction with the release of The American Revolution PBS documentary.

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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.

## **American Sign Language (ASL):**

**Mondays, 5-6pm**  
*(except March 16)*

**Spanish: Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm**

**German: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays**  
**of Each Month, 7-8pm**

**Chinese: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays**  
**of Each Month, 6-7pm**

**Japanese: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



**Sunday, March 1, 2pm, Storytime Room**

Join us for a joyful Storytime as we celebrate Purim, a Jewish holiday commemorating the bravery of Queen Esther and the saving of the Jewish people. Enjoy songs, crafts, and treats as we read the Purim Big Book!

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Chabad of Ames.*

## **Kids Chess Club**

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of Each Month**  
*(March 3 & 17)*

**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.

*Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.*



## **Getting ready for a road trip?**

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



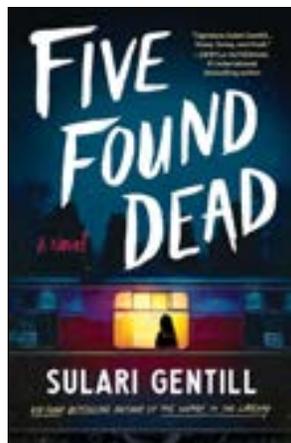
## MYSTERY LOVERS Book Group

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of  
Each Month  
12pm, Board Room

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

March 4: Locked Room  
Mysteries

April 1: Craig Johnson



1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of Each Month  
(March 5)  
6pm, Danfoss Room

Do you want to learn to read Tarot? Are you  
a Tarot reader looking to build community  
with others?

Join us for a monthly Tarot Meetup at the Ames  
Public Library! Bring your curiosity and your cards  
(if you have them) and spend the evening with like-  
minded folks.

No Tarot experience necessary. Anyone from the  
simply curious to the seasoned expert is welcome.



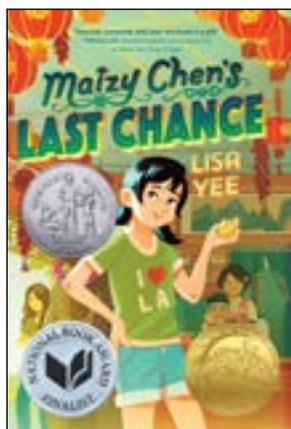
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of Each Month  
10am, Teen Space

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.

March 5: **Maizy Chen's Last Chance**  
by Lisa Yee



## Teen Silent Book Club

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of Each Month  
(March 6 & 13)  
4-6pm, 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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**Saturday, March 7  
10-11:30am, 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.*



**Saturday, March 7  
9-11am, Community Center Gym  
(515 Clark Ave., Ames)**

Looking ahead to summer fun? Join us for the Summer Camp Fair this March and get a head start on planning for summer break!

Families are invited to stop by, explore a variety of local organizations, and learn about youth programs, camps, and activities happening across Story County.

Whether your kiddo loves art, sports, science, the outdoors, or trying something totally new, there's something for everyone.

Come ask questions, gather info, and discover great options to make this summer one to remember.

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, The City of Ames, Story County Reads, and United Way of Story County.*

## Swift Youth Writers Group

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Each Month (March 8)  
2-4pm, PEO Room**

Teens in 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:info@ameswriterscollective.org).

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames Writers Collective.*

## Pokémon Club

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Each Month  
(March 8 & 22)  
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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### Get ready for an adventure!

Check out a free family pass to attractions like:

- African American Museum of Iowa
- Blank Park Zoo
- Des Moines Children's Museum
- Greater Des Moines Botanical Gardens
- Reiman Gardens
- Science Center of Iowa

All you need is your Ames Public Library card!  
To learn more, visit us online at:  
[www.amespubliclibrary.org](http://www.amespubliclibrary.org)



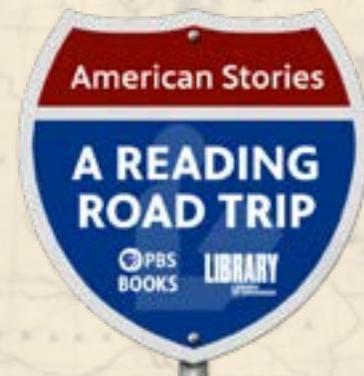
## Estate Planning The Best Plan for Your Clan



Tuesday, March 10, 7pm, Danfoss Room

Estate planning isn't just about documents—it's about people. Join attorney Merlaine Mosley for an engaging session exploring how to create a clear, practical plan that protects your loved ones, preserves family harmony, and ensures your wishes are honored.

Learn how wills, trusts, powers of attorney, and beneficiary designations work together to form a plan that truly fits your family—no matter its size, structure, or stage of life.



Iowa Episode Premieres:  
Wednesday, March 11, at 7pm

PBS Books and the Library of Congress are hitting the road on American Stories: A Reading Road Trip. Their next stop...Iowa!

Watch for Ames Public Library director Sheila Schofer along with Iowa authors, bookstores, and more.

The episode premieres March 11 at 7pm CST on the PBS Books Facebook page, YouTube channel, and the PBS app.

## LEGO® Builders

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of Each Month  
(March 10 & 24)  
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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2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of Each Month  
6:30-8:30pm, Auditorium  
March 11: 2000s Music BINGO

Adulthood isn't always fun, but at the Library it can be. Connect with other adults for a different fun-filled activity each month to build community.

This month, turn back the clock with 2000s Music BINGO. From pop princess anthems to emo sing-alongs, this high-energy BINGO night swaps numbers for the biggest hits of the 2000s.

Sing along, mark your card, and relive the era of burned CDs and MTV's TRL. Prizes, laughs, and Y2K nostalgia guaranteed.

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## TAG: Teen Advisory Group

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of Each Month  
(March 11)  
5-6pm, PEO Room

Register online at  
[www.AmesPL.org/learn-explore/teens](http://www.AmesPL.org/learn-explore/teens)

Hey 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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, March 12  
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 Fantastic Four: First Steps** with a craft to follow.



*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Mainstream Living.*

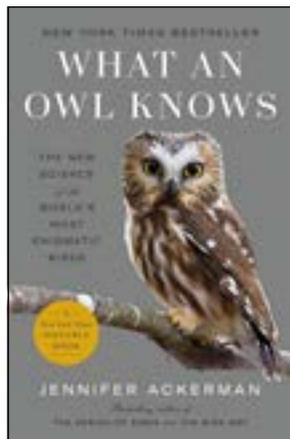
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<b>1 Documents of the American Revolution Exhibit</b> March 1-31 Library Vestibule <b>Purim Storytime</b> 2pm, Storytime Room	<b>2 Toddler Storytime</b> 10:30am, Storytime Rm. <b>Mary Greeley Medical Center Behavioral Health</b> 11am-1pm, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor <b>Conversation Circles</b> English: 12:30-1:30pm Auditorium ASL: 5-6pm Board Room or Zoom	<b>3 Heartland of Story County</b> 10am-12pm, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor <b>Family Storytime</b> 10:30am, Storytime Rm. <b>Baby Time</b> 1:30pm, Storytime Rm. <b>Kids Chess Club</b> 4pm, Storytime Room <b>Conversation Circles</b> Spanish: 7-8:30pm Board Room or Zoom	<b>4 Revolutionary Iowans Exhibit</b> Begins March 4 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Gallery <b>Community &amp; Family Resources</b> 10am-12pm, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor <b>Toddler Storytime</b> 10:30am, Storytime Rm. <b>Baby Time</b> 11am, Storytime Room <b>Mystery Lovers Book Group</b> 12pm, Board Room	<b>5 Homeschool Book Club</b> 10am, Teen Space <b>Family Storytime</b> 10:30am, Storytime Rm. <b>UnityPoint Health - Eyerly Ball</b> 2-3pm, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor <b>Conversation Circles</b> Chinese: 6-7pm PEO Room or Zoom <b>Tarot Meetup</b> 6-7:30pm, Danfoss Rm. <b>Baby Time</b> 6:30pm, Storytime Rm.	<b>6 Storybook STEM</b> 10:30am, Auditorium <b>Teen Silent Book Club</b> 4-6pm, Teen Space	<b>7 2026 Summer Camp Fair</b> 9-11am City Hall Gymnasium <b>International Friendship Fair</b> 10-11:30am Auditorium <b>Family Storytime</b> 10:30am, Storytime Rm. <b>Conversation Circles</b> Japanese: 2-3pm Russian: 3-4pm French: 4-5:30pm Board Room or Zoom	
<b>8 Pokémon Club</b> 2-4pm, Auditorium <b>Swift Youth Writers Group</b> 2-4pm, PEO Room	<b>9 Toddler Storytime</b> 10:30am, Storytime Rm. <b>Mary Greeley Medical Center Behavioral Health</b> 11am-1pm, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor <b>Conversation Circles</b> English: 12:30-1:30pm Auditorium ASL: 5-6pm Board Room or Zoom	<b>10 Family Storytime</b> 10:30am, Storytime Rm. <b>Baby Time</b> 1:30pm, Storytime Rm. <b>LEGO® Builders</b> 4pm, Storytime Room <b>Conversation Circles</b> Spanish: 7-8:30pm Board Room or Zoom <b>Estate Planning: The Best Plan for Your Clan</b> 7pm, Danfoss Room	<b>11 Toddler Storytime</b> 10:30am, Storytime Rm. <b>Baby Time</b> 11am, Storytime Room <b>Teen Advisory Group</b> 5-6pm, PEO Room <b>That's Fun: 2000s Music BINGO</b> 6:30-8:30pm Auditorium <b>American Stories: A Reading Road Trip Iowa Premier</b> 7pm, PBS Online <b>Conversation Circles</b> German: 7-8pm Board Room or Zoom	<b>12 Movies with Mainstream: The Fantastic Four: First Steps</b> 10am-1pm, Auditorium <b>Family Storytime</b> 10:30am, Storytime Rm. <b>Iowa Aging &amp; Disability Resource Center</b> 1-3pm, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor <b>UnityPoint Health - Eyerly Ball</b> 2-3pm, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor <b>Baby Time</b> 6:30pm, Storytime Rm. <b>028: Real Reads</b> 7-8:30pm Board Room or Zoom	<b>13 Mothering Circle</b> 9:30-10:30am Teen Space <b>Storybook STEM</b> 10:30am, Auditorium <b>Teen Silent Book Club</b> 4-6pm, Teen Space	<b>14 Fiber Arts Meetup</b> 10am-12pm Rotary Room <b>Family Storytime</b> 10:30am, Storytime Rm. <b>Des Moines Metro Opera presents The Billy Goats Gruff</b> 3-4pm, Auditorium <b>Conversation Circles</b> Russian: 3-4pm French: 4-5:30pm Board Room or Zoom	
<b>15 Pop Up Book Sale</b> March 15-22 Library Lobby	<b>16 Bookmobile Closed March 16-20</b> <b>Toddler Storytime</b> 10:30am, Storytime Rm. <b>Mary Greeley Medical Center Behavioral Health</b> 11am-1pm, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor <b>Conversation Circles</b> English: 12:30-1:30pm Auditorium	<b>17 Family Storytime</b> 10:30am, Storytime Rm. <b>Baby Time</b> 1:30pm, Storytime Rm. <b>Kids Chess Club</b> 4pm, Storytime Room <b>International Community Meetup</b> 5pm, Auditorium <b>Dog-Eared Books Thrills &amp; Chills Book Club</b> 5:30pm, PEO Room <b>Conversation Circles</b> Spanish: 7-8:30pm Board Room or Zoom <b>Protecting Assets from Nursing Home Care Costs</b> 7pm, Danfoss Room	<b>18 Genealogy Plus</b> 10am-12pm Auditorium or Zoom <b>Toddler Storytime</b> 10:30am, Storytime Rm. <b>Baby Time</b> 11am, Storytime Room <b>Community &amp; Family Resources</b> 4-6pm, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor <b>Bored? Games!</b> 6:30-8:30pm Auditorium	<b>19 Family Storytime</b> 10:30am, Storytime Rm. <b>UnityPoint Health - Eyerly Ball</b> 2-3pm, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor <b>Colorful Crafting &amp; Cupcakes for Teens</b> 2-4pm, Teen Space <b>Conversation Circles</b> Chinese: 6-7pm PEO Room or Zoom <b>Baby Time</b> 6:30pm, Storytime Rm. <b>Learn with the League: Ames Electric Utility</b> 7pm, Rotary Room or Zoom <b>Library Board of Trustees Meeting</b> 7pm, Board Room	<b>20 Storybook STEM</b> 10:30am, Auditorium <b>Teen Book vs. Movie: Book Club</b> 4-5pm, Teen Space	<b>21 Family Storytime</b> 10:30am, Storytime Rm. <b>Conversation Circles</b> Japanese: 2-3pm Russian: 3-4pm French: 4-5:30pm Board Room or Zoom	
<b>22 Pokémon Club</b> 2-4pm, Auditorium	<b>23 Toddler Storytime</b> 10:30am, Storytime Rm. <b>Mary Greeley Medical Center Behavioral Health</b> 11am-1pm, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor <b>Conversation Circles</b> English: 12:30-1:30pm Auditorium ASL: 5-6pm Board Room or Zoom <b>Dementia Caregiver Support Group</b> 6pm, Board Room <b>Author Event with Art Cullen</b> 7pm, Auditorium or Zoom	<b>24 Family Storytime</b> 10:30am, Storytime Rm. <b>Baby Time</b> 1:30pm, Storytime Rm. <b>LEGO® Builders</b> 4pm, Storytime Room <b>Ames History Museum Lecture Series</b> 7pm, Auditorium or Zoom <b>Conversation Circles</b> Spanish: 7-8:30pm Board Room or Zoom <b>Deep Roots Book Group</b> 7pm, PEO Room	<b>25 Toddler Storytime</b> 10:30am, Storytime Rm. <b>Baby Time</b> 11am, Storytime Room <b>Conversation Circles</b> German: 7-8pm Board Room or Zoom <b>Menopause 101: Symptoms, Treatments, and What to Expect</b> 7pm, Auditorium <b>View from the Margins</b> 7pm, Danfoss Room or Zoom	<b>26 Iowa Aging &amp; Disability Resource Center</b> 10am-12pm, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor <b>Family Storytime</b> 10:30am, Storytime Rm. <b>UnityPoint Health - Eyerly Ball</b> 2-3pm, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	<b>27 Storybook STEM</b> 10:30am, Auditorium <b>Teen Book vs. Movie: Movie Night</b> 4-6pm, Teen Space	<b>28 Generative Writing Workshop</b> 10am-12pm, PEO Rm. <b>American Revolution Transcribe-a-thon</b> 10am-2pm, Auditorium <b>Family Storytime</b> 10:30am, Storytime Rm. <b>Conversation Circles</b> Russian: 3-4pm French: 4-5:30pm Board Room or Zoom	
<b>29</b>	<b>30 Toddler Storytime</b> 10:30am, Storytime Rm. <b>Mary Greeley Medical Center Behavioral Health</b> 11am-1pm, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor <b>Conversation Circles</b> English: 12:30-1:30pm Auditorium ASL: 5-6pm Board Room or Zoom <b>No School Day at the Library</b> 1pm, Storytime Room	<b>31 Family Storytime</b> 10:30am, Storytime Rm. <b>Baby Time</b> 1:30pm, Storytime Rm. <b>After School Adventures</b> 4pm, Storytime Room <b>Conversation Circles</b> Spanish: 7-8:30pm Board Room or Zoom	<b>KEY</b> <b>Colors:</b> All Ages/Mix Family Event Teen Event Adult Event <b>Symbols:</b> Off Site Registration Required Available Online			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: <a href="http://www.AmesPL.org">www.AmesPL.org</a> .	

## 028: REAL READS Book Group

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of Each Month  
7pm, Board Room or via Zoom

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

March 12: **What An Owl Knows: The New Science of the World's Most Enigmatic Birds** by Jennifer Ackerman



April 9: **Soldiers and Kings: Survival and Hope in the World of Human Smuggling** by Jason de León

*Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.*



Saturday, March 14  
3pm, Library Auditorium

All ages are welcome to attend Des Moines Metro Opera's free performance at the Library of The Billy Goats Gruff.

The show takes a familiar tale and adds a fun operatic twist with a strong anti-bullying message. On the way home from school, three little billy goats encounter a steep bridge, a mean troll and a sticky situation that they must try to solve—and all set to some of the greatest classical music by Mozart, Rossini and Donizetti!

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and the Ames Chapter of the Des Moines Metro Opera Guild. Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.*

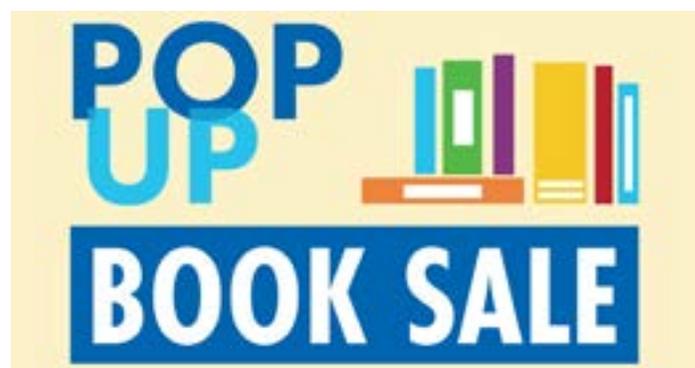
## Fiber Arts Meetup

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of Each Month  
(March 14)  
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, March 15 - Sunday, March 22  
Library Lobby

Stop by Literary Grounds for a sale featuring book bundles and select children's books for \$1.

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

## International Community Meetup

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of Each Month  
(March 17)  
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.*

## DOG-EARED BOOKS THRILLS & CHILLS Book Group

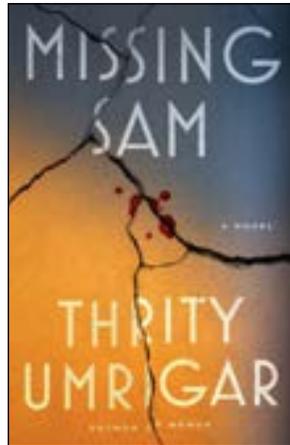
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of Each Month  
5:30pm, PEO Room

Thrills & Chills is the book club you'll want to join if you love a bit of spookiness while reading. It's led by Jordan, a fan of all types of mystery and thriller novels.

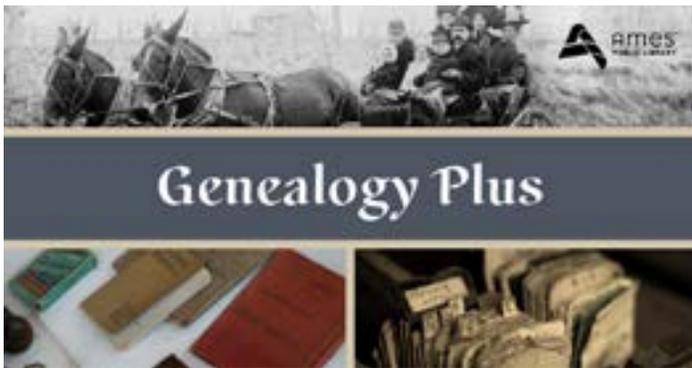
Explore the mystery/thriller genre with each read in this chilling but super chill book club.

March 17:  
**Missing Sam**  
by Thrity Umrigar

April 21:  
**The Frozen People**  
by Elly Griffiths



*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Dog-Eared Books.*



Wednesday, March 18  
10am-12pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

**Topic — Where the Librarians are also  
Genealogists**

**Speaker — Lynette Spicer**

Learn what the Genealogy Center of the Allen County Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana has to offer.

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

## Protecting Assets from Nursing Home Care Costs



Tuesday, March 17  
7pm, Danfoss Room

The cost of long-term care can quickly erase a lifetime of savings, but proper planning can make a powerful difference.

Attorney Merlaine Mosley breaks down Medicaid planning in plain language and explains lawful strategies to protect your home and assets while still qualifying for care.

Discover what planning options exist, common mistakes to avoid, and why timing matters when preparing for potential nursing home or long-term care needs.

## Bored? Games!

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of Each Month  
(March 18)  
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.*

**Colorful Crafting & Cupcakes**  
FOR TEENS  
Ames PUBLIC LIBRARY

Thursday, March 19  
2-4pm, Teen Space

Celebrate spring break with some fun at the Library! Come hang out and make cards or other crafts from the Teen Space's collection of kits. We'll also have cupcakes and other confections to fuel your creativity.

All supplies are provided, but feel free to bring your own projects if you like. Need more time? The Teen Space will be open until 8pm, so you can keep crafting to your heart's content.

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Learn with the League:  
**Ames Electric Utility**  
Ames PUBLIC LIBRARY LWV

Thursday, March 19  
7pm, Rotary Room or via Zoom

**Topic — Ames Electric Utility - Past, Present and Future**

**Speaker — Don Kom, Director of Electric Services, City of Ames**

Since 1896, the city has been providing electricity to its residents, and for the past 50 years operated a waste-to-energy facility.

Today and into the future we focus on a balance “Reliable, Renewable, and Rates”. Don will discuss how Ames is uniquely positioned to blend these three cornerstones of utility preparedness.

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

**Did you know...**  
The Teen Space has Virtual Reality games!  
Teens in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade can come in and try them out any time the Teen Space is open.

Ames PUBLIC LIBRARY **TEEN**  
**BOOK VS MOVIE**

**Book Club:** Friday, March 20, 4-5pm

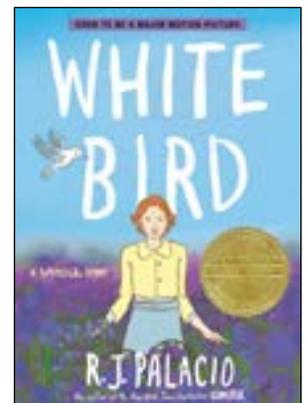
**Movie Night:** Friday, March 27, 4-6pm  
Teen Space

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:  
**White Bird: A Wonder Story** (graphic novel)  
by R. J. Palacio  
and the 2023 movie  
(MPAA rating PG-13)



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**4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of Each Month**  
*(Special Date Monday, March 23)*  
**6-7pm, Board Room**

**Topic — Communication Strategies  
 That Actually Help**

Caring for someone with dementia can bring challenging moments. Join others who understand the journey and share your experiences, and leave with practical, confidence-building tools you can use right away. All caregivers are welcome.

This month, we'll share how to talk with someone who has memory loss, handle repetition, and reduce frustration.

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, Dementia Friendly Iowa, and Home Care Assistance.*



**Monday, March 23**  
**7pm, Auditorium or via Zoom**

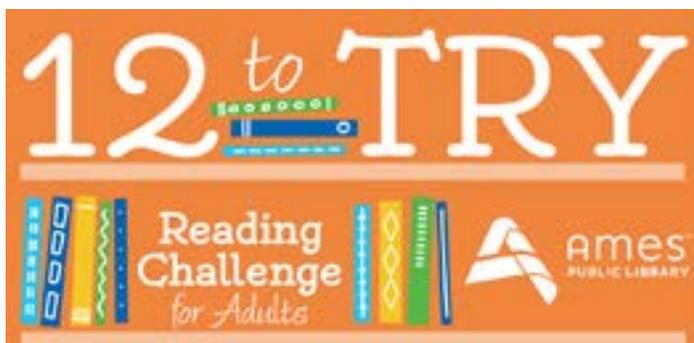
Join us for an evening with Pulitzer Prize-winning editor, author and journalist Art Cullen, to celebrate his new book, *Dear Marty, We Crapped in Our Nest: Notes from the Edge of the World*.

In *Dear Marty*, Cullen explores the relationship between farming and the environment, and the devastating effects of agriculture on Iowa's rural communities.

The author will read from his new book, then be joined by Dr. Lisa Schulte Moore for a conversation and audience Q&A. Cullen will be available to sign books after the presentation.

Books will be available for purchase on site through Ice Cube Press.

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, Iowa Center for the Book, Ice Cube Press, Western Iowa Journalism Foundation, and Ames Voice.*



There's still plenty of time to join the "12 to Try" reading challenge for adults! Read your way through 12 books that fit the 12 challenge categories between now and August to earn a prize.

Pick up a tracking sheet at Ames Public Library or the Bookmobile, or sign up at [AmesPublicLibrary.Beanstack.org](http://AmesPublicLibrary.Beanstack.org) to get started!



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## DEEP ROOTS Book Group

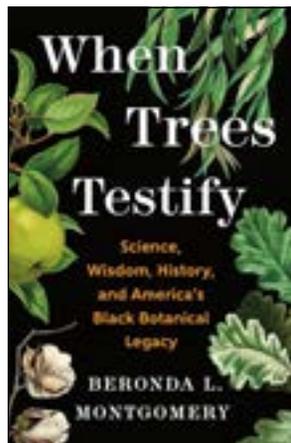
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of Each Month  
7-8:30pm, PEO Room

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.

March 24:

**When Trees Testify:**  
*Science, Wisdom, History, and America's Black Botanical Legacy*  
by Beronda Montgomery



April 28: **Last Garden in England**  
by Julia Kelly

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## VIEW FROM THE MARGINS Book Group

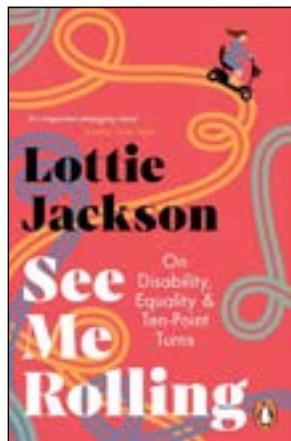
4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of Each Month  
7pm, Danfoss Room or via Zoom

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.

March 25:

**See Me Rolling:**  
*On Disability, Equality & Ten-Point Turns*  
by Lottie Jackson



April 22: **Victim** by Andrew Boryga

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AHM AMES HISTORY MUSEUM

## A Visit from a Civil War Soldier



Tuesday, March 24  
7pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

Register at [ameshistory.org](http://ameshistory.org) to receive the Zoom link by e-mail.

**Topic — Just Before the Battle Mother: A Visit from a Civil War Soldier**

**Speaker — O.J. Fargo, historian, writer, Civil War re-enactor**

Dressed in full Union Army regalia, O.J. Fargo focuses his first person presentation on an individual Iowa soldier's Civil War experience. After a brief overview of the state's involvement, the audience is introduced to a returning Civil War veteran (played by Fargo). He will detail the experiences of an Iowan during the conflict.

During and after the presentation, the audience is encouraged to ask questions and engage in a dialogue with the "soldier," who stays in character.

The speaker will bring an artifact display and full electronic Civil War roster of all men who served in and from Iowa, searchable by name, city, county and/or birthplace.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames History Museum. Program funded by Humanities Iowa, a private, non-profit state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities and the State Historical Society of Iowa.



Be Sure It's CL Approved

### Health, Wellness, & Nutrition

Your Ames Public Library card gets you free access to ConsumerLab.com for health product reviews, recalls and warnings, vitamin and mineral intake calculator, and more.



**Wednesday, March 25**  
**7pm, Auditorium or via Zoom**  
*(No recording will be saved for later viewing.)*

Join us for a clear, straightforward overview of menopause and perimenopause presented by Rachel Frederick.

We'll discuss typical symptoms, myths and misconceptions, and modern approaches to care.

Whether you're just starting to notice changes or are well past your last period, this session offers practical guidance and answers to common questions in a judgment-free setting.

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## Generative Writing Workshop

**4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of Each Month (March 28)**  
**10am-12pm, PEO Room**

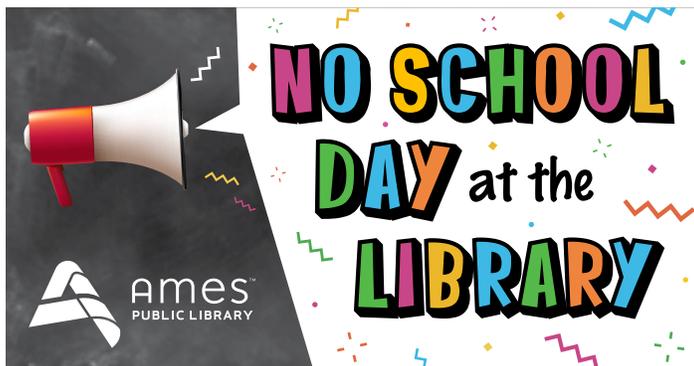
Do you dream of writing "someday," but don't know where to start? Perhaps you already write, but you're stuck.



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.*



**Monday, March 30**  
**1pm, Storytime Room**

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.

This month, come learn about recycling and play recycling/sustainability bingo with the Ames Green Iowa AmeriCorps staff! Learn something new, play BINGO and try to win prizes.

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**Tuesday, March 31, 4pm, Storytime Room**

Kids in 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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.

# THE BOOKMOBILE



## MONDAY

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

The Bookmobile  
will be **CLOSED**  
March 16 - 20.

## TUESDAY

St. Cecilia School: 3-4pm (Hoover & 30th Street)

## WEDNESDAY

Edwards School: 2:30-3:30pm (820 Miller)  
Fareway on Stage: 5-8pm (Stange & Bloomington)

## THURSDAY

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



## Grow Native: Start with Our Seed Bank

Tuesday, April 7, at 6pm

Learn what the native seed bank is, how it supports native pollinators, and how community members can plant their own native garden.

Free native seed mix available!

## Book Sale

April 9-12

Find great deals on thousands of used items, including books, movies, music, and more at our spring book sale!

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# STORYTIMES & MORE



## Baby Time

Tuesdays at 1:30pm  
Wednesdays at 11am  
Thursdays at 6:30pm (except March 26)  
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.



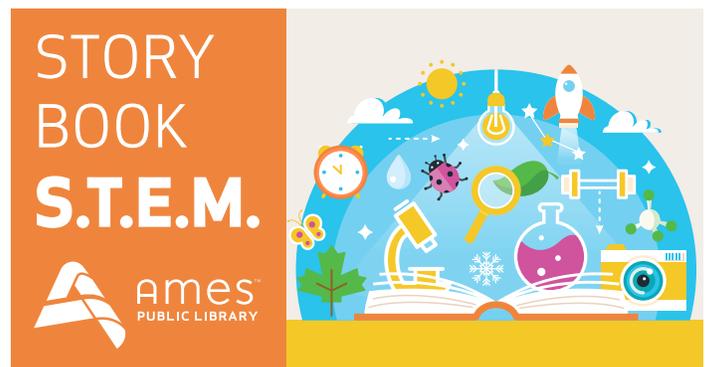
2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of Each Month  
(March 13)  
9:30-10:30am, Teen Space

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.

Our March 20 Storybook S.T.E.M. will feature an environmental sustainability book and activity with DiMaucia Phanfil, Engagement Coordinator for Green Iowa AmeriCorps member serving with the City of Ames.



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!

# SOCIAL SERVICES at the LIBRARY

## Mary Greeley Medical Center: Behavioral Health

**Mondays, 11am-1pm**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## Heartland of Story County

**1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Each Month**  
*(March 3)*  
**10am-12pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## Iowa Aging and Disability Resource Center

**2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of Each Month**  
*(March 12):*  
**1-3pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Study Room**

**4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of Each Month**  
*(March 26):*  
**10am-12pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Study Room**

Community Support Advocates will be available to help older adults, people with disabilities, and their caregivers connect with local services and support.

## Community & Family Resources

**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of Each Month**  
*(March 4):*  
**10am-12pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Study Room**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of Each Month**  
*(March 18):*  
**4-6pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Study Room**

Staff from Community and Family Resources will be available in the Library to provide information about addiction, substance abuse treatment, problem gambling treatment, and mental health therapy.

They can also provide assistance in getting started in any of these services including filling out some pre-appointment forms.

## UnityPoint Health: Community Mental Health Services

**Thursdays, 2-3pm**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Study Room**

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

### Read in More Languages!

Ames Public Library has books in many languages for adults and for!

Ask a librarian about our World Language Collections.

