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#### LIBRARY HOURS

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

# 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

**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.

## Revolutionary Iowans Exhibit

Now-Summer, Upstairs 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.



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

## Scenes from Student Life at Iowa State Exhibit

April 4 - May 31, Vestibule

Discover how generations of students have shaped and shared their Cyclone experience with a special exhibit in Ames Public Library's entryway.

Drawn from the rich holdings of the Iowa State University Special Collections and University Archives (SCUA), located in Parks Library, this exhibit invites you to explore memories, milestones, and moments that continue to define Iowa State's campus community.

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Iowa State University Special Collections and University Archives.*

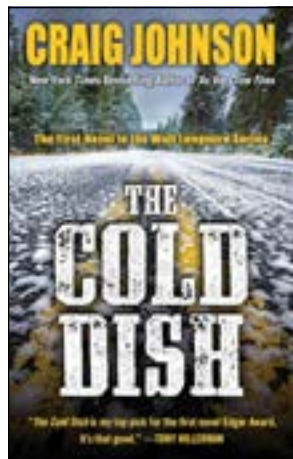
## MYSTERY LOVERS Book Group

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!

April 1: Craig Johnson

May 6: Mysteries set  
in Asia



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.

April 2: ***Lion of the Sky*** by Ritu Hemnani



## Community & Family Resources

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of Each Month  
(April 15):  
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.



1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of Each Month  
(April 2)  
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.



Friday, April 3, 10am-12pm, Danfoss Room

Older adults and their caregivers are invited to learn about maintaining safety, independence, and confidence while aging in place through education on adaptive and assistive equipment, with no obligation to purchase anything.

Led by an occupational therapy student, the program includes live demonstrations of equipment donated by Easter Seals, followed by optional consultations offering individualized, client-centered guidance tailored to participants needs and home environments.

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Aging Resources of Central Iowa.*

## Teen Silent Book Club

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of Each Month (April 3 & 10)  
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.

*Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.*



## 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.



## Mario Kart Tournament

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of Each Month  
\*Special date: Monday, April 6  
6:30-8:30pm, Auditorium

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.

Think you're the fastest on the track? Prove it at our Mario Kart Tournament! Race friends, dodge blue shells, and battle for the top spot. Whether you're a drifting master or just here for fun, everyone has a shot at the podium. Prizes, bragging rights, and chaotic hilarity await.

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## Heartland of Story County

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of Each Month (April 7)  
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.



Tuesdays, April 7-28  
1:30-3:30pm, PEO 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.

- April 7: Intro to Computers
- April 14: Intro to Web Browsers
- April 21: Intro to Computer Files
- April 28: Intro to E-mail

Join us again next month to learn about Microsoft Office software.

Check out  
**PARK PACKS**  
at Ames Public Library!

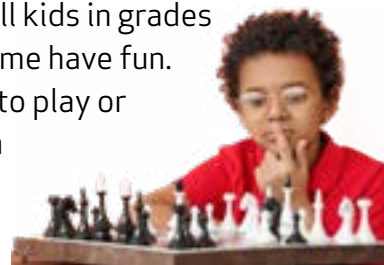


Go exploring outside with a Park Pack from your local library! Each backpack is filled with guidebooks, tools, and ideas for learning about a different topic.

## Kids Chess Club

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of Each Month  
(April 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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Tuesday, April 7  
6pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

Katelyn Rinicker, Pollinator Conservation Specialist with Prairie Rivers of Iowa, will present a free program called "Grow Native: Start with Our Seed Bank." Join us for an engaging presentation on planting native where you will 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 will be available while supplies last.

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Prairie Rivers of Iowa.*

## TAG: Teen Advisory Group

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of Each Month (April 8)  
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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## Iowa Aging and Disability Resource Center

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of Each Month (April 9):  
1-3pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Study Room

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of Each Month (April 23):  
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.

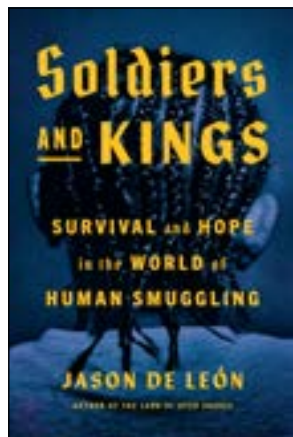
## 028: REAL READS Book Group

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.

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

May 14: **Smoke and Ashes**: *Opium's Hidden Histories* by Amitav Ghosh



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Thursday, April 9  
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 **Zootopia 2** with a craft to follow in the Danfoss Room.



Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Mainstream Living.

## Fiber Arts Meetup

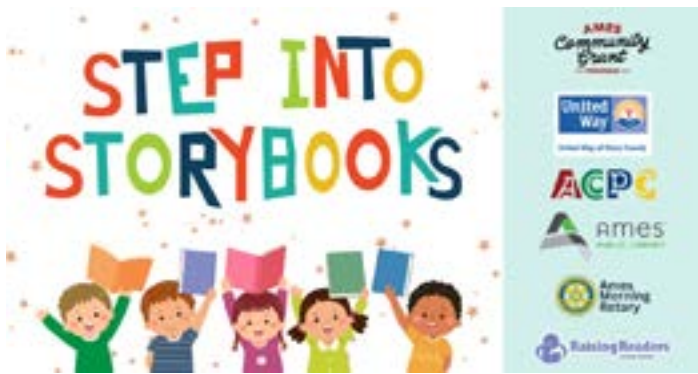
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of Each Month  
(April 11)  
10am-12pm, Rotary Room

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.



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**Saturday, April 11, 10am-1pm**  
**North Grand Mall (2801 Grand Ave.)**

Join us at the North Grand Mall for a fun, family event that includes free books, early childhood resources, and a whole morning full of engaging learning activities for children ages 0-5 and their families. See you there!

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, Story County Reads, Discover Ames, United Way of Story County, Ames Morning Rotary, Ames Community Preschool Center (ACPC), and Raising Readers in Story County.*

## Pokémon Club

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Each Month**  
**(April 12 & 26)**  
**2-4pm, Storytime Room**

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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## Swift Youth Writers Group

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Each Month**  
**(April 12)**  
**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.*

## LEGO® Builders

**2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of Each Month**  
**(April 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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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY																												
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>KEY</b></p> <p><b>Colors:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Ages/Mix</li> <li>Family Event</li> <li>Teen Event</li> <li>Adult Event</li> </ul> <p><b>Symbols:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Off Site</li> <li> Registration Required</li> <li> Available Online</li> <li> Entry/Ticket Price</li> </ul> </div>			<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>Revolutionary Iowans Exhibit</b> Now to Summer 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Gallery</p> <p><b>Community &amp; Family Resources</b> 10am-12pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</p> <p><b>Toddler Storytime</b> 10:30am, Storytime Rm.</p> <p><b>Baby Time</b> 11am, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>Mystery Lovers Book Group</b> 12pm, Board Room</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>Homeschool Book Club</b> 10am, Teen Space</p> <p><b>Family Storytime</b> 10:30am, Storytime Rm.</p> <p><b>Conversation Circles</b> ↑ Chinese: 6-7pm PEO Room or Zoom</p> <p><b>Tarot Meetup</b> 6-7:30pm, PEO Room</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>Aging in Place: Adaptive Solutions</b> 10am-12pm Danfoss Room</p> <p><b>Storybook STEM</b> 10:30am, Auditorium</p> <p><b>Teen Silent Book Club</b> 4-6pm, Teen Space</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>Scenes from Student Life at Iowa State Exhibit</b> April 4 - May 31</p> <p><b>Family Storytime</b> 10:30am, Storytime Rm.</p> <p><b>Conversation Circles</b> ↑ Japanese: 2-3pm ↑ Russian: 3-4pm ↑ French: 4-5:30pm Board Room or Zoom</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>Library CLOSED</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>Toddler Storytime</b> 10:30am, Storytime Rm.</p> <p><b>Mary Greeley Medical Center Behavioral Health</b> 11am-1pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</p> <p><b>Conversation Circles</b> English: 12:30-1:30pm Auditorium ↑ ASL: 5-6pm Board Room or Zoom</p> <p><b>That's Fun: Mario Kart Tournament</b> 6:30-8:30pm Auditorium</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Heartland of Story County</b> 10am-12pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</p> <p><b>Family Storytime</b> 10:30am, Storytime Rm.</p> <p><b>Baby Time</b> 1:30pm, Storytime Rm.</p> <p><b>Computer Classes</b> 1:30-3:30pm, PEO Room</p> <p><b>Kids Chess Club</b> 4pm, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>Grow Native: Start with Our Seed Bank</b> ↑ 6pm, Auditorium</p> <p><b>Conversation Circles</b> ↑ Spanish: 7-8:30pm Board Room or Zoom</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>Toddler Storytime</b> 10:30am, Storytime Rm.</p> <p><b>Baby Time</b> 11am, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>Teen Advisory Group</b> ↑ 5-6pm, PEO Room</p> <p><b>Conversation Circles</b> ↑ German: 7-8pm Board Room or Zoom</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>Movies with Mainstream: Zootopia 2</b> 10am-1pm, Rotary Rm.</p> <p><b>Family Storytime</b> 10:30am, Storytime Rm.</p> <p><b>Iowa Aging &amp; Disability Resource Center</b> 1-3pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</p> <p><b>Book Sale</b> \$ 5:30-8:30pm Auditorium</p> <p><b>Baby Time</b> 6:30pm, Storytime Rm.</p> <p><b>028: Real Reads</b> ↑ 7-8:30pm Board Room or Zoom</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>Book Sale</b> 9am-6pm, Auditorium</p> <p><b>Mothering Circle</b> 9:30-10:30am Teen Space</p> <p><b>Storybook STEM</b> 10:30am Storytime Room</p> <p><b>Teen Silent Book Club</b> 4-6pm, Teen Space</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>Book Sale</b> 9am-6pm, Auditorium</p> <p><b>Fiber Arts Meetup</b> 10am-12pm Rotary Room</p> <p><b>Step Into Storybooks</b> ↑ 10am-1pm North Grand Mall</p> <p><b>Family Storytime</b> 10:30am, Storytime Rm.</p> <p><b>Conversation Circles</b> ↑ Russian: 3-4pm ↑ French: 4-5:30pm Board Room or Zoom</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>Book Sale</b> \$ 12-5pm, Auditorium</p> <p><b>Pokémon Club</b> 2-4pm, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>Swift Youth Writers Group</b> 2-4pm, PEO Room</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>Toddler Storytime</b> 10:30am, Storytime Rm.</p> <p><b>Mary Greeley Medical Center Behavioral Health</b> 11am-1pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</p> <p><b>Conversation Circles</b> English: 12:30-1:30pm Auditorium ↑ ASL: 5-6pm Board Room or Zoom</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>Family Storytime</b> 10:30am, Storytime Rm.</p> <p><b>Baby Time</b> 1:30pm, Storytime Rm.</p> <p><b>Computer Classes</b> 1:30-3:30pm, PEO Room</p> <p><b>LEGO® Builders</b> 4pm, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>Book Discussion: The Year of Living Constitutionally</b> 7pm, Danfoss Room</p> <p><b>Conversation Circles</b> ↑ Spanish: 7-8:30pm Board Room or Zoom</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>Genealogy Plus</b> ↑ 10am-12pm Auditorium or Zoom</p> <p><b>Toddler Storytime</b> 10:30am, Storytime Rm.</p> <p><b>Baby Time</b> 11am, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>Community &amp; Family Resources</b> 4-6pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</p> <p><b>Bored? 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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.



**Tuesday, April 14  
7pm, Danfoss Room**

In *The Year of Living Constitutionally*, author A. J. Jacobs dons a tricorn hat and sets out to understand what exactly the Founders were thinking when they wrote the U.S. Constitution. Join us for a discussion of his hilarious and surprisingly educational book.

Then visit Iowa State University campus during First Amendment Days to hear the author in person at "America @ 250 Presents: Exploring Originalism: A Year of Living Constitutionally" on Tuesday, April 21, at 6pm in the Sun Room at the Memorial Union.

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## Bored? Games!

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of Each Month  
(April 15)  
6:30-8:30pm, Auditorium**

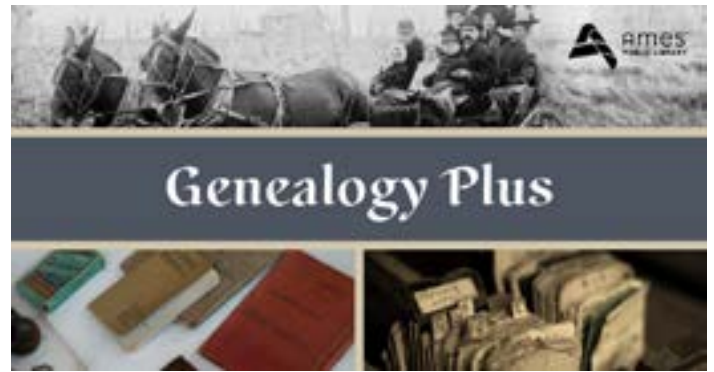
Will you punch your Ticket to Ride or will your Splendor attract noble patrons? Join us for adult game night every month to find out!

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

**Topic — The Disappearance of German-Americans**

**Speaker — Dr. Jeremy Best**

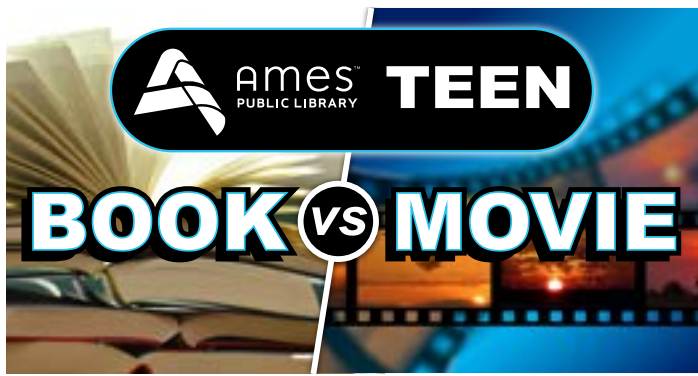
During the 1800s, nearly 6 million Germans immigrated to the United States. Many of them settled in Iowa and lively German-speaking communities emerged in every county of the state, proudly declaring their heritage. Where did they go? Dr. Jeremy Best will offer a presentation explaining why so many Iowans' German ancestors "disappeared."

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



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!



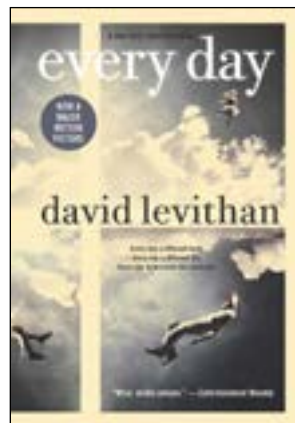
**Book Club:** Friday, April 17, 4-5pm  
**Movie Night:** Friday, April 24, 4-6pm  
 Teen Space

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.

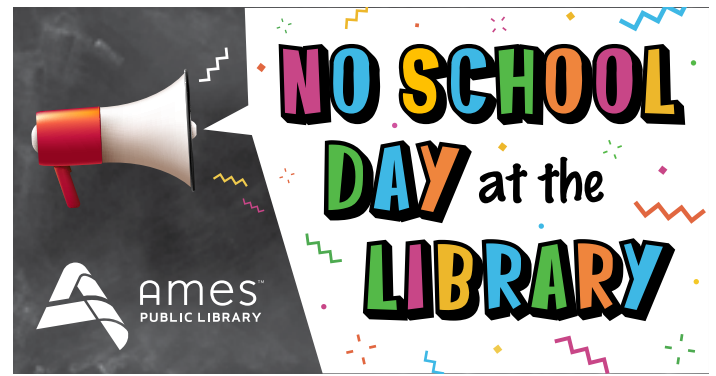
Come to the book club to chat about the book and eat snacks. OR come to movie night to watch the movie version and eat snacks. OR, come to both!

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

This Month:  
**Every Day**  
 by David Levithan  
 and the 2018 movie  
 (MPAA rating PG-13)



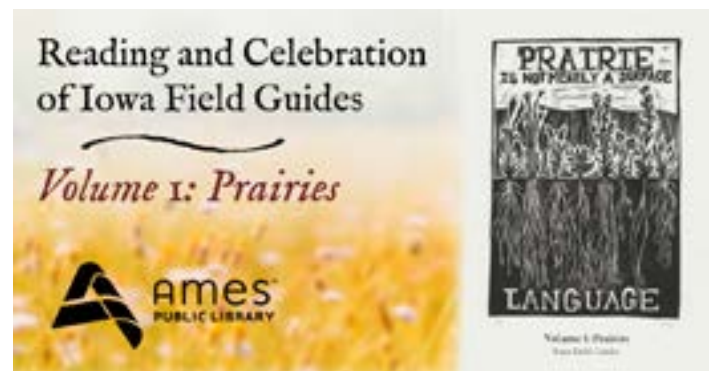
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**Monday, April 20**  
 1pm, Storytime Room

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.

This month, make a friendship bracelet or a cool creation with perler beads!



**Monday, April 20**  
 7:30pm, Auditorium

Join in celebrating the release of Iowa Field Guides Volume I: Prairies. This small-batch literary journal includes artwork, poetry, and prose from thirty contributors with heartfelt connections to prairies across the state of Iowa.

Come enjoy a reading featuring a group of local contributors and artists. Copies will be for sale during the event.

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, Iowa Center for the Book, and Iowa Field Guides.*

## International Community Meetup

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of Each Month (April 21)**  
 5pm, Danfoss Room

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

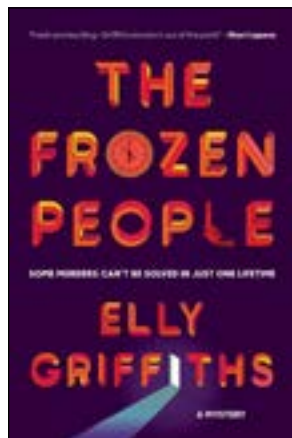
Thrills & Chills is the book club you'll want to join if you love a bit of spookiness while reading. It's led by Jordan, a fan of all types of mystery and thriller novels.

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

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

May 19:  
**Seven Reasons to  
Murder Your Dinner  
Guests** by KJ Whittle

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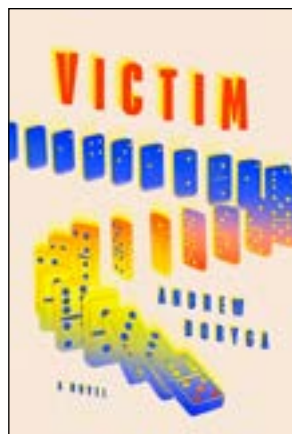
## VIEW FROM THE MARGINS Book Group

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.

April 22: **Victim** by  
Andrew Boryga

May 27: **Hijab Butch  
Blues: A Memoir**  
by Lamya H



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Wednesday, April 22  
7pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

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

**Topic — American Dreamer: The Life and Times  
of Henry A. Wallace**

**Speaker — Tom Milligan, actor, director,  
theatrical producer**

In this one-act play based on the award-winning book of the same name by Senator John C. Culver and John Hyde, actor Tom Milligan portrays Henry A. Wallace, the agricultural innovator and founder of Pioneer Hi-Bred seed corn company who became US Secretary of Agriculture and later Vice President under Franklin Roosevelt.

Admired by many and later branded as a Socialist during his controversial 1948 campaign for the presidency, Wallace always held out a vision for the future.

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

**Topic — Managing Behavioral and Mood Changes**

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 talk about coping with agitation, anxiety, wandering, sleep changes, and personality shifts.

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

**Generative Writing Workshop**

**4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of Each Month (April 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.

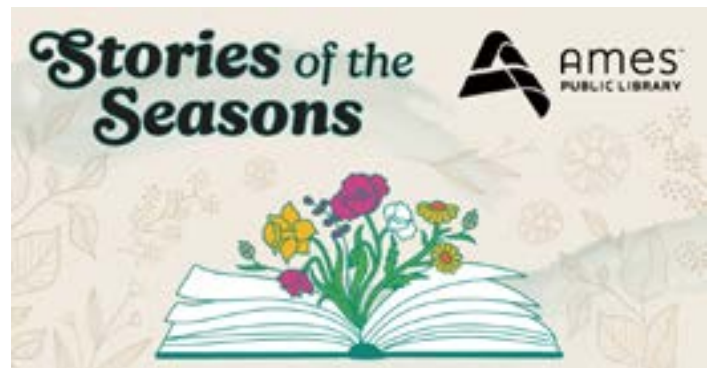
*Presented by the Iowa Center for the Book and Ames Public Library in partnership with the Ames Writers Collective.*



**Saturday, April 25  
10am-12pm, Auditorium**

Join local service providers from a variety of community organizations who will share valuable resources for individuals and families.

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



**Saturday, April 25  
2-5:30pm, Auditorium**

Come engage in a hands-on, interactive workshop about gathering seasonal noticings of spring and create a one-of-a-kind ecological calendar to take home. These calendars connect environmental cues with our relationship to the world around us.

Participants will tap into personal experience, collective knowledge, and the seasonal rhythms of the earth for their creations. Focusing on the transition to spring, we will explore participant stories to mark the passage of the seasons and annual cycles through writing prompts and discussion.

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Landscapes of Hope. Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.*

## 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.

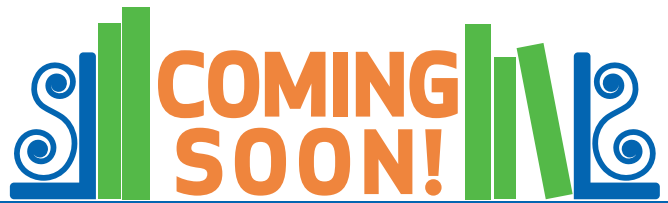
Topics will touch on seeds and plants, gardening, community-building, and the relationship between humans, animals, and plants.

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



May 26:  
**Forest Euphoria:**  
*The Abounding  
Queerness of Nature*  
by Patricia Ononiwu  
Kaishian

Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.



### Iowa's America 250: Along the Lincoln Highway

May 1 at 2:30pm: Insights into Iowa's  
Transportation History

May 1 at 4pm: Streamliners  
Across Iowa

May 2 at 11am: Revolutionary Iowans  
Traveling Exhibit Guide

### EcoTheatre Lab presents In Our Backyard

Saturday, May 2, at 10:30am & 2pm

### World Collage Day

Saturday, May 9, 10am-3pm  
Registration Required



## Get local history from your local library wherever you are, 24/7!

The online Ames Tribune Archive lets you search issues of the Ames newspaper dating all the way back to 1877 online for free!

Glimpse the past with the Farwell T. Brown Photographic Archive, including hundreds of original photographs, postcards, advertisements, and news articles which chronicle the history of the Ames area.

Get started at:

[www.AmesPL.org/learn-explore/local-history](http://www.AmesPL.org/learn-explore/local-history)



# STORYTIMES & MORE



## Baby Time

Tuesdays at 1:30pm  
Wednesdays at 11am  
Thursdays at 6:30pm (except April 2)  
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  
(April 10)  
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.



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!

**Got Homework?**

Ames Public Library has free tools for school, including kid-friendly research tools, Wi-Fi hotspots and more! Visit [AmesPL.org](http://AmesPL.org) and go to our family page to get started!

# THE BOOKMOBILE



## MONDAY

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

Sawyer School:  
5-8pm (4136 Ontario)

## 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)

## National Library Week: Find your joy!

by Lucy Carlson, Development Director  
Ames Public Library Friends Foundation

What are some things that bring you joy?  
I'll go first:

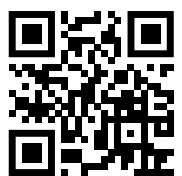
- When the sun shines through a window and makes a rainbow prism
- A good cup of freshly brewed coffee in the morning
- Getting a surprise call from a good friend
- Having all my emails read and responded to
- And of course... walking through the Library and hearing and seeing all the wonderful people and programs

This month we get to celebrate National Library Week, April 19-25, with the theme "Find your Joy." Celebrate National Library Week by spending time at the Library and noticing the things that bring you joy.

You can also celebrate by making a donation to the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation (APLFF), helping our entire community find joy at APL through programs, books, and the many resources the Library offered. You can make a donation online at [www.APLFF.org](http://www.APLFF.org) or write a check.

Thank you for your friendship, your support, and for helping bring joy to Ames through your gifts!

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Ames Public Library

# BOOK SALE

515 Douglas Avenue • Auditorium

Thursday

**APRIL 9**

**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.

**APRIL 10-11**

**9am-6pm**

**FREE Admission**

Sunday

**APRIL 12**

**12-5pm**

**\$1 Admission (Cash Only)**

**Everything FREE!**

*(Auditorium Only)*

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# Ames Repair Café



**Saturday, April 18, from 10am-4pm**

*(Items for repair must be at the Library by 3:30pm)*

**Ames Public Library**

*515 Douglas Avenue, Ames*



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

## Plant & Seed Swap, 10am-2pm



Join the Ames Seed Library to trade and swap seeds and plants! Browse our selection, bring seeds to exchange or donate, and share plants needing a new home. Please bring only healthy, pest-free plants, potted for easy transport. Each participant can take up to three plants. Bulbs and tubers are welcome, with house plants accepted but not our main focus.

## Small Group Learning, 10am-2pm

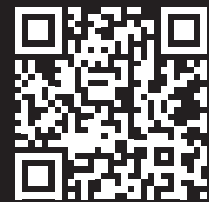


Do you wish you knew more about basic clothing mending, basic bike maintenance, or how to maintain your kitchen appliances? Join Ames Repair Café volunteers to learn the basics and become more self-sufficient and sustainable!

## WHAT CAN YOU BRING FOR REPAIRS?

- Computers & Laptops
- Jewelry & Accessories
- Portable Electronics
- Sewing & Mending
- Small Home & Kitchen Appliances
- Bicycles & Skateboards
- Garden Tools
- Small Engines
- Brake Light Repair (signup required)

## Brake Light Repair sign-up:



[bit.ly/AmesRepair26](https://bit.ly/AmesRepair26)

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