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LIBRARY HOURS

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

AMERICA IA

Along the Lincoln Highway Heritage Byway

Insights into Iowa's Transportation History

Friday, May 1, at 2:30pm
Ames Public Library Auditorium or Zoom

Join Bill Whittaker, Brennan Dolan, Ray Werner, and Libby Wielenga for insights into Iowa's transportation history—covering pre-settlement roads, early Highway Commission history, the Good Roads Movement, and key innovations.

Streamliners Across Iowa

Friday, May 1, at 4pm
Ames Public Library Auditorium or Zoom

Sleek railroad Streamliners criss-crossed Iowa from the mid-1930s through the 1950s.

Transportation consultant Bob Bourne will cover some of the important design elements characteristic of railroad streamlining and talk about the memorable trains that ran through Iowa on several railroads. There will be an emphasis on the Streamliners of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad through central Iowa.

Revolutionary Iowans Traveling Exhibit Guide

Saturday, May 2, at 11-11:30am
Ames Public Library Gallery

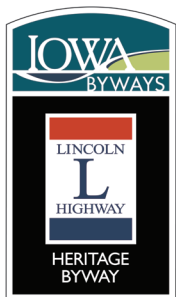
A library interpreter will be available to guide visitors and answer questions as they learn about Iowa's revolutionary history through this ongoing exhibit from Iowa PBS.

Prairie, Plows, and the People's College

Saturday, May 2, from 12-3pm
Farm House Museum (601 Farm House Lane, Ames)

Built in 1860, the Farm House was Iowa State University's first building and has been central to the development of campus, Iowa State heritage, education, innovation, and national policy.

This special America 250 exhibition honors key people, moments, objects, and experiences centered within the Farm House through more than 250 primary source objects that trace the land-grant university's heritage and the nation's evolution.



Presented by Ames Public Library, Ames: A Glimpse Inside, Ames History Museum, Iowa Department of Transportation, Iowa State University - University Museums, and Prairie Rivers of Iowa.



Teen Silent Book Club

1st & 2nd Friday of Each Month (May 1 & 8)
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 will be closed, so enter through the side door near the Young Adult book display wall.

Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

IN OUR BACKYARD: A New Eco-Play Festival



Saturday, May 2, Library Auditorium
10:30am: Ten-Minute Plays
2pm: The Monarchs

Join the EcoTheatre Lab for free performances as part of "In Our Backyard."

The morning will feature a collection of short plays inspired by the Ames Climate Action Plan. At the 2pm performance of *The Monarchs*, a game developer, a cartoon rabbit, and a colicky baby learn what it means to be a community.

For more information, visit
www.ecotheatrelab.com/in-our-backyard-festival

Support for this project is provided by the City of Ames Climate Action Grant Program, Discover Ames, Ames Public Library Friends Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Arts and the Iowa Arts Council, which exists within the Iowa Economic Development Authority.

STUDY SPACE

Need somewhere quiet to get ready for tests? We reserved space just for study time. Drop in any of the following times, or ask about our regular study rooms!

Monday, May 4:
9am-8:45pm, Danfoss Room

Tuesday, May 5:
9am-8:45pm, Board Room

Wednesday-Thursday, May 6-7:
9am-8:45pm, Danfoss Room

Friday-Saturday, May 8-9:
9am-5:45pm, Danfoss Room

Sunday, May 10:
1-4:45pm, Danfoss Room

Mon.-Wed., May 11-13:
9am-8:45pm, Danfoss Room

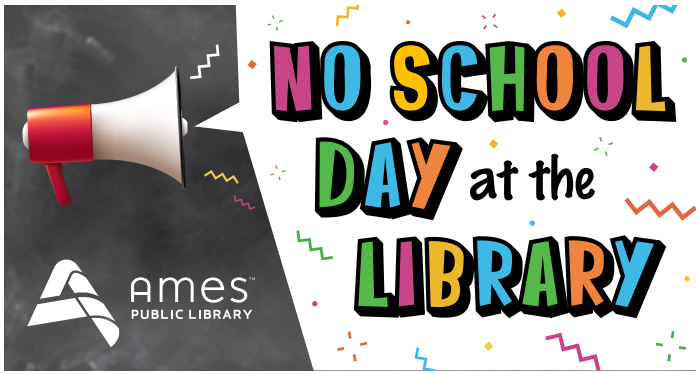
Thursday, May 14:
9am-5pm, Danfoss Room



Mary Greeley Medical Center: Behavioral Health

Mondays, 11am-1pm
2nd Floor Study Room

Staff from Mary Greeley Medical Center will be available in the Library to talk about inpatient and outpatient mental health services in the Ames community.



**Monday, May 4
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, use the force to save your egg in our Star Wars Day egg drop.



**Tuesdays, May 5-26
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.

- May 5: Microsoft Word
- May 12: Microsoft PowerPoint
- May 19: Microsoft Excel
- May 26: Free Office Software

Heartland of Story County

**1st Tuesday of Each Month (May 5)
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.

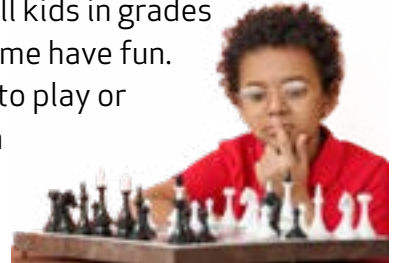
Visitors may apply for Heartland programs, explore ways to stay active and independent, find low income assistance, and learn about other resources.

Kids Chess Club

**1st and 3rd Tuesday of Each Month
(through May 5)
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.



Community & Family Resources

**1st Wednesday of Each Month (May 6):
10am-12pm, 2nd Floor Study Room**

**3rd Wednesday of Each Month (May 20):
4-6pm, 2nd 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.

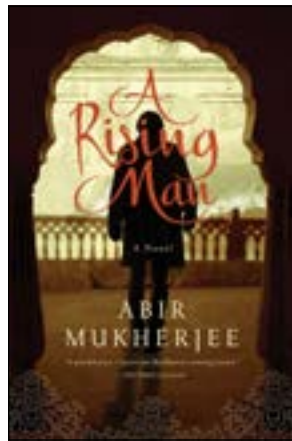
MYSTERY LOVERS Book Group

1st Wednesday
of Each Month
12pm, Rotary Room

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

May 6: Mysteries set
in Asia

June 3: Rachel Howzell Hall



1st Thursday of Each Month (May 7)
6pm, Rotary 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.



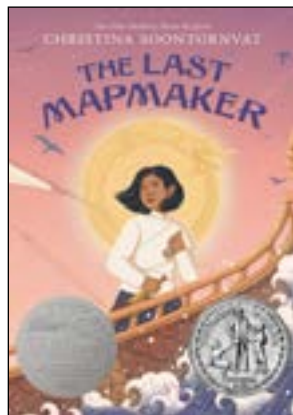
1st Thursday of Each Month
10am, Teen Space

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.

May 7: ***The Last Mapmaker***
by Christina Soontornvat



Fiber Arts Meetup

2nd Saturday of Each Month (May 9)
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, May 9
10am, Upstairs Gallery**

Join Ames Town & Gown and early music ensemble Twelfth Night for a special preview performance. Learn about 17th- and 18th- century music through performance and demonstration on authentic early musical instruments the violin, harpsicord, and therobo.

Twelfth Night was founded in New York City in 2021 by acclaimed early music performers Rachell Ellen Wong and David Belkovski. For this performance they will be joined by Kevin Payne.

Join Twelfth Night for their Ames Town & Gown performance on May 10 at 7:30pm at the Martha- Ellen Tye Recital Hall at Iowa State University.

Presented by Ames Public Library and Ames Town & Gown. This event is supported by an Ames Commission on the Arts (COTA) Special Project Grant and a Discover Ames Community Grant award.

Swift Youth Writers Group

**2nd Sunday of Each Month
(May 12)
2-4pm, PEO Room**

Teens in 6th - 12th grade are invited to escape into creative writing and connect with other teen writers.

Each month, attendees will be led through prompts and exercises to help develop and stretch their creative writing skills. Attendees will be given a chance to share their work and have a chance to support others.

No experience is necessary so all skill levels are encouraged to attend.

At the end of the school year, writers will be asked to submit 1 to 3 pieces (depending on genre) for inclusion in an anthology, and a celebratory reading will be held.

If you have any questions, please reach out to info@ameswriterscollective.org.

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



Come celebrate World Collage Day with a hands-on collage workshop. Local collage artists will start the day by showing examples of their work and introducing techniques. Attendees can use a wide array of provided materials to create their own artwork to bring home.

No experience necessary. It will be a leisurely day of crafting, creating, and experimenting. Participants must be age 14 or older.

Bring a bag lunch if desired, and a good pair of scissors. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information on World Collage Day around the globe, visit: kolajinstitute.org/worldcollageday



Progressive Puzzle Competition

2nd Monday of Each Month (*May 11*)

6:30-8:30pm, Auditorium

Register at www.AmesPL.org/events

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.

Join our Progressive Jigsaw Puzzle Competition and see how far you can go in two hours or less! We will start with 100-pieces, then level up through increasingly challenging puzzles as the clock ticks down.

It's all about speed, strategy, and a sharp eye for detail—plus plenty of laughs along the way. Bring your team of up to four people or come solo and meet fellow puzzle lovers ready to piece it all together.

Everyone will do the same puzzles, with prizes for the three fastest teams. Every team keeps their completed puzzles.

Registration is required. For more details visit www.AmesPL.org/events or call 515-239-5646 extension 4. Individuals: please note in the registration comments that you would like to be placed on a team. This event is for ages 18 and older.

Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.



Tuesday, May 12
6pm, Auditorium

Join Ames Middle School students as they celebrate and demonstrate their projects from National History Day.

National History Day is a national competition that asks students to research a topic of their choice, make a historical argument related to the annual theme, and present their evidence as a website, film documentary, exhibit, performance, or research paper.

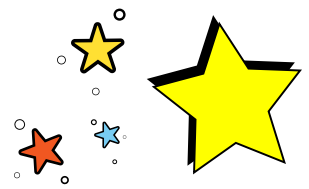
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TAG: Teen Advisory Group

2nd Wednesday of Each Month
(*May 13*)

5-6pm, PEO Room

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



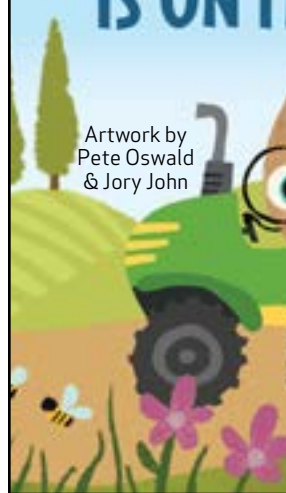

Hey 6th-12th graders, help plan exciting Library events for teens, share what you're reading, make new friends, and eat some food!

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Looking for gardening inspiration?

Flip through gardening magazines at the Library or online in Libby/Overdrive to get ideas for your 2024 garden! The Library also has a large selection of books on gardening available to check out.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>COMING JUNE 1 SUMMER READING IS ON ITS WAY</p>  <p>Artwork by Pete Oswald & Jory John</p>	<p>KEY</p> <p>COLORS: All Ages/Mix Family Event Teen Event Adult Event</p> <p>SYMBOLS: 📍 Off Site 📅 Registration Required 👉 Available Online</p>	<p>Current Exhibits at the Library:</p> <p>Scenes from Student Life at Iowa State Exhibit Now to May 31, Library Vestibule</p> <p>Revolutionary Iowans Exhibit Now to Summer, 2nd Floor Gallery</p> 			<p>1</p> <p>Storybook STEM 10:30am, Auditorium</p> <p>America 250: Insights into Iowa's Transportation History 👉 2:30pm-3:30pm Auditorium</p> <p>America 250: Streamliners Across Iowa 👉 4-5pm, Auditorium</p> <p>Teen Silent Book Club 4-6pm, Teen Space</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Family Storytime 10:30am, Storytime Rm.</p> <p>America 250: Revolutionary Iowans Traveling Exhibit Guide 11-11:30am, Gallery</p> <p>In Our Backyard: A New Eco-Play Festival 10:30am: Short Plays 2pm: The Monarchs Auditorium</p> <p>America 250: Prairie, Plains, and the People's College 📍 12-3pm Farm House Museum</p> <p>Conversation Circles 👉 Japanese: 2-3pm 👉 Russian: 3-4pm 👉 French: 4-5:30pm Board Room or Zoom</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Study Space 9am-8:45pm Danfoss Room</p> <p>Toddler Storytime 10:30am, Storytime Rm.</p> <p>Mary Greeley Medical Center Behavioral Health 11am-1pm, 2nd Floor</p> <p>No School Day at the Library 1pm, Storytime Room</p> <p>Conversation Circles English: 12:30-1:30pm Auditorium 👉 ASL: 5-6pm Board Room or Zoom</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Study Space 9am-8:45pm Board Room</p> <p>Heartland of Story County 10am-12pm, 2nd Floor</p> <p>Family Storytime 10:30am, Storytime Rm.</p> <p>Baby Time 1:30pm, Storytime Rm.</p> <p>Computer Classes 1:30-3:30pm, PEO Room</p> <p>Kids Chess Club 4pm, Storytime Room</p> <p>Conversation Circles 👉 Spanish: 7-8:30pm Board Room or Zoom</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Study Space 9am-8:45pm Danfoss Room</p> <p>Community & Family Resources 10am-12pm, 2nd Floor</p> <p>Toddler Storytime 10:30am, Storytime Rm.</p> <p>Baby Time 11am, Storytime Room</p> <p>Mystery Lovers Book Group 12pm, Rotary Room</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Study Space 9am-8:45pm Danfoss Room</p> <p>Homeschool Book Club 10am, Teen Space</p> <p>Family Storytime 10:30am, Storytime Rm.</p> <p>Conversation Circles 👉 Chinese: 6-7pm PEO Room or Zoom</p> <p>Tarot Meetup 6-7:30pm, Rotary Room</p> <p>Baby Time 6:30pm, Storytime Rm.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Study Space 9am-5:45pm Danfoss Room</p> <p>Mothering Circle 9:30-10:30am Teen Space</p> <p>Storybook STEM 10:30am, Auditorium</p> <p>Teen Silent Book Club 4-6pm, Teen Space</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Study Space 9am-5:45pm Danfoss Room</p> <p>Music of the Baroque: A Preview 10am, The Gallery</p> <p>Fiber Arts Meetup 10am-12pm Rotary Room</p> <p>World Collage Day 📅 10am-3pm Auditorium</p> <p>Family Storytime 10:30am, Storytime Rm.</p> <p>Conversation Circles 👉 Russian: 3-4pm 👉 French: 4-5:30pm Board Room or Zoom</p>
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<p>24</p> <p>Pokémon Club 2-4pm, Auditorium</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Library CLOSED Bookmobile CLOSED May 25-29</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Computer Classes 1:30-3:30pm, PEO Room</p> <p>Conversation Circles 👉 Spanish: 7-8:30pm Board Room or Zoom</p> <p>Deep Roots Book Group 7pm, PEO Room</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Community Update on Homelessness Action Plan 1-3pm, Auditorium</p> <p>Conversation Circles 👉 German: 7-8pm Board Room or Zoom</p> <p>View from the Margins 👉 7pm, Danfoss Room or Zoom</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Iowa Aging & Disability Resource Center 10am-12pm, 2nd Floor</p> <p>Dementia Caregiver Support Group 6pm, Board Room</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Conversation Circles 👉 Russian: 3-4pm 👉 French: 4-5:30pm Board Room or Zoom</p>

If you are a person with a disability who requires special assistance, please call (515) 239-5646 in advance of a program.



Thursday, May 14
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 **Smurfs (2025 version)** with a craft to follow.

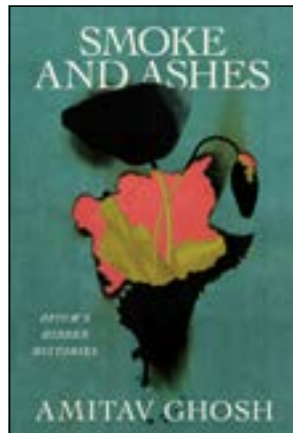
Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Mainstream Living.

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.

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



June 11: **Hi Honey, I'm Homo!: Sitcoms, Specials, and the Queering of American Culture** by Matt Baume

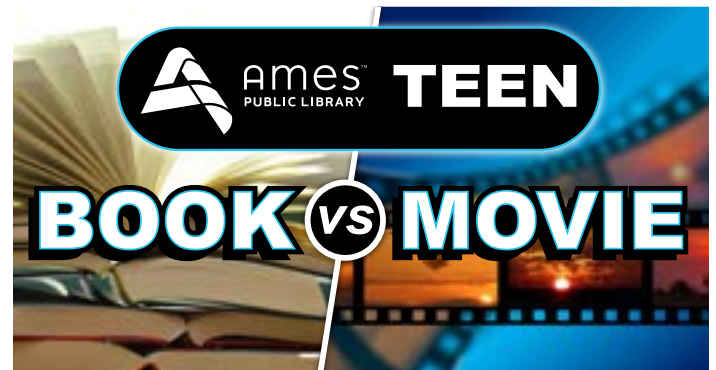
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Iowa Aging and Disability Resource Center

2nd Thursday of Each Month (May 14):
1-3pm, 2nd Floor Study Room

4th Thursday of Each Month (May 28):
10am-12pm, 2nd 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.



Book Club: Friday, May 15, 4-5pm
Movie Night: Friday, May 22, 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:
A Monster Calls
 by Patrick Ness
 and the 2016 movie
 (MPAA rating PG-13)

Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.





Friday, May 15, Downtown Ames

515 Day is a spring celebration in Downtown Ames for those who live, work, and play in the 515 area code.

Get great deals on gently-used books and more in Ames Public Library's Literary Grounds Bookstore! Enjoy \$1 off everything in the bookstore (except book bundles and items marked \$1).

Stop by Ames Public Library's children's area on May 15 for a family scavenger hunt and craft that celebrate how we live, work, and play in Ames!

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library Friends Foundation and Downtown Ames. Proceeds are used to enhance Ames Public Library's collections, programs, and services.

DOG-EARED BOOKS THRILLS & CHILLS Book Group

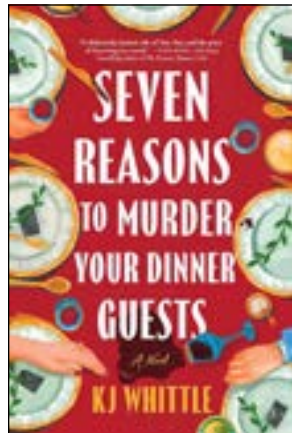
3rd Tuesday of Each Month
5:30pm, PEO Room

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.

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



June 16:
The Midnight Taxi
by Yosha Gunasekera

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



Tuesday, May 19
7pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

Register at ameshistory.org to receive the Zoom link by e-mail.

Topic — Ames' Athletes Who Made it to the Big Time

Speaker — Tom Kroeschell, former Iowa State Athletics Communications Director

Ames has been an outsized source of athletic talent that rose far above their Story County roots. Kroeschell talks about the achievement of Ames natives beyond the exploits of Fred Hoiberg and Harrison Barnes.

This includes pioneering women's competitors from Karen Koellner to Erica Lynn-Douglas who put Ames on the map in high school and collegiate competition.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames History Museum.

Trauma Informed Care



Wednesday, May 20
5pm, Rotary Room or via Zoom

Discover how trauma impacts individuals and learn about ways you can support healing in your community.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, Community and Family Resources, and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Bored? Games!

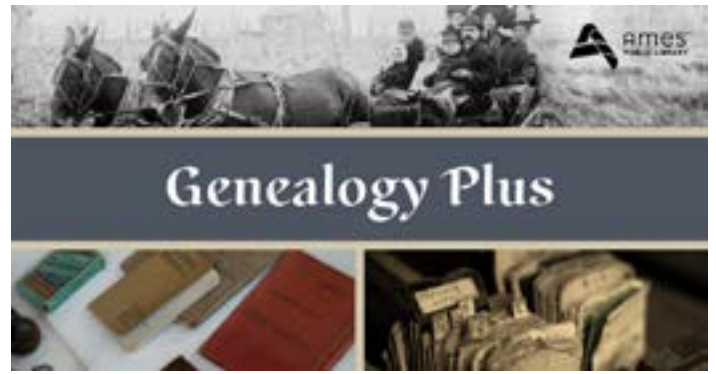
3rd Wednesday of Each Month
(May 20)
6:30-8:30pm, Auditorium

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.



Wednesday, May 20
10am-12pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

Topic — Telling the Story of Sgt. Robert W. Wilson in WWII

Speaker — John Wilson

Learn about the WWII service, travels, and stories of Sgt. Robert W. Wilson through the eyes of his son, John.

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



Thursday, May 21
7pm, Rotary Room or via Zoom

Join the League of Women Voters of Ames & Story County and Ames Public Library for a presentation on the history of 4-H, America's largest youth development organization.

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



Tired of tiny text?

Check out books from the Library's **Large Print** collection for larger font sizes! Be sure to ask a librarian about reading **e-books** with larger text, too.



Part 1

Thursday, May 21, 10am, Online via Zoom

This session introduces Medicare and the enrollment process. A Social Security Office representative will offer an overview of the electronic Medicare application, including a live demonstration on how to complete the application.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will then provide an overview of Medicare Part A (Hospital Insurance) and Medicare Part B (Medical Insurance), along with the different enrollment options available to beneficiaries.

The presentation will also be played live on a screen in the Danfoss Room.

Part 2

Friday, May 22, 10am, Online via Zoom

This session dives deeper into additional Medicare coverage options and fraud prevention. Attendees will learn about Medicare Part C (Medicare Advantage), Medicare Part D (Prescription Drug Coverage), and other Medicare health plan options.

A Senior Medicare Patrol Director will also provide important information on Medicare fraud detection and awareness. Additionally, this session will cover resources available for people with limited income and resources.

The presentation will also be played live on a screen in the Danfoss Room.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, and Social Security Administration.

Generative Writing Workshop

**4th Saturday of Each Month (May 23)
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. Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

Pokémon Club

**Sunday, May 24
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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Ames Public Library will be
CLOSED
Monday, May 25.

The Bookmobile will be **CLOSED**
May 25-29.

DEEP ROOTS Book Group

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

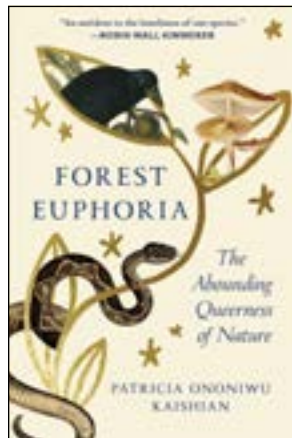
Join gardeners and nature enthusiasts for deep discussion of books in connection with the Ames Seed Library.

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

May 26:

Forest Euphoria:

The Abounding Queerness of Nature
by Patricia Ononiwu Kaishian



June 23:

Wedding of Foxes:

Essays
by Katherine Larson

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Working on your resume? Try this online resource free with your Library card! You can create professional-quality resumes in three quick and simple steps online with Cypress Resume builder.

Community Update on Homelessness Action Plan

Wednesday, May 27
1-3pm, Auditorium

Join us for an open-house-style event following up on the April 2025 Homelessness Action Plan report commissioned by the City of Ames and Story County. The report provided recommendations on service gaps, collaboration opportunities, and best practices in assisting the unsheltered population in Story County.

Individuals and service providers in attendance will learn about the progress made in assisting individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Additionally, attendees will have the opportunity to learn how they can contribute to continued efforts to address homelessness.

This event will bring together several direct service providers and funders that support those experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, City of Ames, United Way of Story County, and Iowa State University Student Government.

12 to TRY



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 to get started!

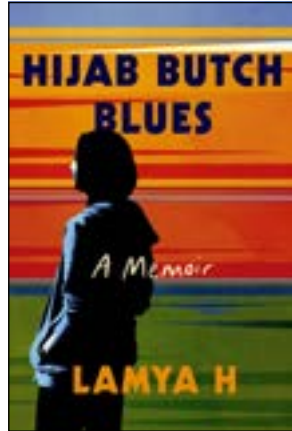
VIEW FROM THE MARGINS Book Group

4th Wednesday of Each Month
7pm, Danfoss Room or via Zoom

Check out this book group for fresh insights and lively discussion about topics relating to society, identity, and culture.

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

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



June 24:
Death of the Author
by Nnedi Okorafor

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4th Thursday of Each Month (May 28)
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 burnout prevention, setting boundaries, and letting go of guilt.

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

Artwork by Hatem Aly

Plant a Seed, read

Summer Reading Challenge for All Ages

Earn prizes in our Summer Reading Challenge for all ages starting June 1.

Free Summer Meals for Kids & Teens

Youth 18 years and younger can eat a free lunch weekdays at the Library this summer, starting June 8.

Family Fun

Chill out at the Library with a variety of special events throughout the summer featuring magicians, artists, animals, movies, and more.

Watch for more information at www.AmesPL.org.

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)

Many Celebrations of May

by Lucy Carlson, Development Director
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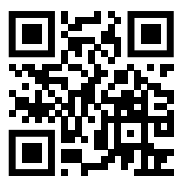
There are many wonderfully surprising, special days to celebrate in the month of May. There are the well-known occasions like Mother's Day, Cinco de Mayo and Memorial Day—but there are many others, too, with something for everyone! For instance, May 1 is National Mother Goose Day, May 9 is National Make a Book Day, May 16 is National Biographers Day, and May 22 is National Sherlock Holmes Day.

These days are the perfect excuse to visit the Library. Just like the variety of celebrations in May, there is something for everyone at Ames Public Library. You might even find inspiration at the Library or in Literary Grounds Bookstore to help celebrate fun occasions like National Crouton Day on May 13 or National Flip Flop Day on May 28.

Your donations make it possible to serve each library visitor's unique interests and information needs. We are so grateful for your generous responses to the Spring Mailing Campaign. If you haven't yet donated, would you consider making a gift this month? You can visit aplff.org or mail a check to the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

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Conversation Circles

American Sign Language (ASL):
Mondays, 5-6pm (through May 4)

Spanish: Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm

German: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays
of Each Month, 7-8pm

Chinese: 1st and 3rd Thursdays
of Each Month, 6-7pm

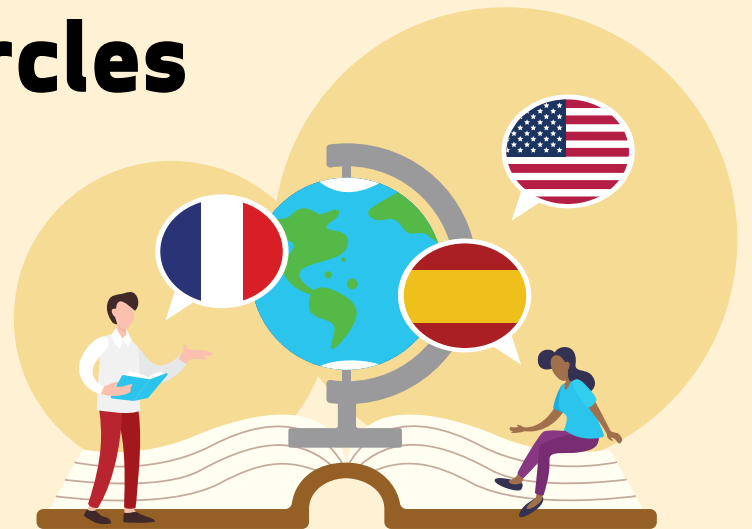
Japanese: 1st and 3rd Saturdays
of Each Month, 2-3pm

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 (except May 25)
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.

Revolutionary Iowans Exhibit

Now to 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

Now to May 31, Vestibule

Drawn from the rich holdings of the Iowa State University Special Collections and University Archives, 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.



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



STORYTIMES & MORE



No storytimes May 11 - 31.

Watch for our summer schedule starting June 1!

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.

Storybook S.T.E.M.

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!



2nd Friday of Each Month (May 8)
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.

Sign Up for SMALL TALK

If your baby is between 2 and 30 months, sign up for Small Talk and learn how to make your baby's brain stronger and get them ready for school success. Find out more at <https://bit.ly/AmesSmallTalkSignup>

This Summer: Vision to Learn No-Cost Eye Exams

This June, children and teens in grades K-12 are invited to sign up for a free eye exam and prescription glasses (if needed)! Find out more at www.AmesPL.org/VisionToLearn2026