Preparing for Renewal

Ames Public Library staff and volunteers spent much of their time and energy this year preparing for the Library Renewal Project.

After the citizens approved the bond issue to fund the expansion and renovation project, we worked with architects and designers to create the final floorplans and schematics for the renewed library.

Then we turned our attention to the temporary location that will house the Library during the construction phase of the project.

Located in Lincoln Center at 620 Lincoln Way, the former Hastings space will become Ames Public Library for about 18 months. From these temporary quarters, library staff will provide access to the majority of library services and resources.

We hope to move back to the renewed library at 515 Douglas Avenue in the summer of 2014. With an additional 30,000 square feet, the restoration of the historical sections and renovation of the entire building, and a more open and friendly design, the renewed library promises to be a source of pride in Ames for many years to come.

For more information about the Renewal Project, visit www.amespubliclibrary.org.

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2011-2012 Highlights

Library Renewal Project
Of course this year’s biggest highlight at Ames Public Library was the progress of the Library Renewal Project. From the overwhelming support for the $18 million bond to the completion of the design, the Renewal Project has passed many important milestones.

Let’s Talk About It: Making Sense of the American Civil War
Ames spent the winter and spring “Making Sense of the American Civil War” through the Let’s Talk About It book discussion group, films, presentations, performances, and more. This special series, which commemorated the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, was funded by Humanities Iowa (an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities) and by a grant from the Iowa Community Cultural Grant Program administered by the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs.

Library Launches App
This spring, Ames Public Library launched its mobile app powered by Boopsie. Now you can take the Library wherever you go, search the catalog, check your account, download e-books, and more!

Change in Leadership
With the retirement of Library Director Art Weeks this summer, Assistant Director Lynne Carey has stepped up to take on the duties of Interim Director.