Ames Public Library will be CLOSED Monday, Jan. 1.

January 2018

Upcoming Series
Outdoor Alliance
3rd Wednesday of Each Month
7pm, Auditorium
The Outdoor Alliance of Story County and Ames Public Library are teaming up to bring you a series of free presentations by local experts.
On January 17, Alan Spohnheimer will present "Along the Skunk." Explore downstream from the upper reaches of the South Skunk River with his stories, early history, and observations.
Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library, Outdoor Alliance of Story County, and Ames Historical Society.

Your Historians
Jan. 16, Feb. 13, March 19, April 16, & May 8
7pm, Auditorium
Hear free, fascinating lectures by faculty of ISU’s Department of History. Stay for a Q&A and refreshments after the presentation.
On Tuesday, January 16, John Monroe will present "Virtue and the Invention of Terror: Robespierre's French Revolution."
Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Iowa State University Department of History.

2018 Harry Potter
Yule Ball
Saturday, January 20
All Ages: 6:30-8pm
Teens Only: 8-9:30pm
Messrs. Moony, Wormtail, Padfoot, and Prongs invite you to the annual Yule Ball at Ames Public Library. Wizards and Muggles alike will enjoy an evening of dancing, music, food, and fun. Join a scavenger hunt for a chance to win prizes, too.
Costumes or formal attire are encouraged, but not required.
Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation Teen Advisory Group.

Cook Up a Storm
BOOK SALE
January 12-14
Literary Grounds During Library Open Hours
Stop by Literary Grounds for great deals on cookbooks! Select books are half price on Sunday. Watch for special sales featuring gardening books in February and biographies in March!
Presented by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation. Proceeds from the Book Sale are used to enhance Library programs and services.

Brrr-ing Home
THE BOOKS!
Family Reading Program
January 2-31
Smart families keep plenty of books around for cold winter days. Join the Family Reading Program and track your reading to earn a book for each child to keep!
Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

Ames Public Library Hours
Monday-Thursday: 9am - 9pm
Friday & Saturday: 9am - 6pm
Sunday: 1pm - 5pm
For more locations, see the Bookmobile Schedule on the back of this newsletter!
**Movie Night at the Library**

*Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.*

**Despicable Me 3**  
Thursday, January 11  
6:30pm, Auditorium

Families are invited to watch the third installment of the *Despicable Me* series on our big screen. Gru meets his long-lost charming, cheerful, and more successful twin brother Dru who wants to team up with him for one last criminal heist.

*(2017; 90 min.; MPAA Rating PG)*

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**Genealogy Research Fundamentals**

Fridays, January 12 - February 2  
10am-12pm, Location Varies

Register for a four-part class to learn the fundamentals of genealogy research. You’ll learn about filing systems, elements of documentation, proving your findings, and writing research plans. We’ll also show you where and how to find data resources about your family.

Please pre-register on Ames Public Library’s online calendar.  
*Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Story County Genealogical Society.*

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**Anti-Racism Series**

**History of Anti-Black Racism in Iowa**  
Monday, January 15  
6-8pm, Danfoss Room

The Anti-Racism Collaborative (ARC) of Ames and Ames Public Library will present a series of lectures and workshops focused on raising conscious awareness of racism and of systemic white supremacy, including the harms done to all peoples by these systems. We will learn and work together to combat and dismantle racist systems locally, statewide, and nationally.

The January 15 discussion will be presented by Dr. Katy Swalwell of Iowa State University.  
*Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and the Anti Racism Collaborative of Ames.*

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**Earth and Space Science**

**Community Impact Project Exhibition**  
Friday, January 5  
6:30-7:30pm, Auditorium

Students in Collin Reichert’s Earth and Space Science course have worked on applying the things they’ve learned in class to community issues at a local, state, national, and international scale. These projects apply an understanding of human use of natural resources like fossil fuels, soil, and water to environmental or economic issues in society. Some sections of this course have also explored the possibility of colonizing Mars.  
*Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames High School.*

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**Learn More Before**

**About the Estonian National Symphony Orchestra**  
Sunday, January 21  
2pm, Auditorium

Jeffrey Prater, professor of music at Iowa State University, will speak about the music being performed at the upcoming concert featuring the Grammy award-winning Estonian National Symphony Orchestra.  
*Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library, Ames International Orchestra Festival Association (AIOFA), KHOI Community Radio, and the Performing Arts Series at Stephens Auditorium.*

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**Monthly Presentations**

**Big Bluestem Audubon Society**  
Thursday, January 18  
7pm, Auditorium

Marlene Ehresman of the Iowa Wildlife Center will present "Bats Aren’t Birds, Bats Aren’t Rats.”  
*Provided in partnership with the Big Bluestem Audubon Society.*

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**Genealogy Plus**  
3rd Wednesday of Each Month  
10am-12pm, Auditorium

On January 17 Paul Lasley, Professor of Sociology at ISU, will present Technological Changes in Farming and Their Impact on Farm Families.  
*Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and the Story County Genealogical Society.*

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**Opera at the Library**  
3rd Saturday of Each Month  
1pm, Rotary Room

On January 20, watch the Metropolitan Opera’s *Il Trovatore* (2011) starring Sondra Radvanovsky and Marcelo Álvarez.  
*This encore presentation is being shown by special permission from the Metropolitan Opera. Event provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames Opera Guild with support from the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation and Dr. Indira Raman.*
Heartland Book Discussion
Tuesday, January 16 at 1pm
Heartland Senior Services
Join library staff at Heartland Senior Services and talk about Michelle Hoover’s Bottomland. Bottomland is a haunting story of pride, love, and betrayal, set among the rugged terrain of Iowa, the fields of war-torn Flanders, and the bustling Chicago streets.
Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Heartland Senior Services.

Bottomland
Michelle Hoover

Bryan Stevenson’s Just Mercy
Wednesday, January 24 7pm, Rotary Room
Join us to discuss Bryan Stevenson’s award-winning book, Just Mercy, prior to his visit to Iowa State University. Just Mercy is at once an unforgettable account of an idealistic, gifted young lawyer’s coming of age, a moving window into the lives of those he has defended, and an inspiring argument for compassion in the pursuit of justice. Check out your copy at Ames Public Library!
Provided in partnership with Ames Branch NAACP and supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption
Bryan Stevenson

Author Bryan Stevenson will give a free presentation at ISU’s Memorial Union Monday, January 29 at 7pm.

Dreamland: The True Tale of America’s Opiate Epidemic
by Sam Quinones
February 8
The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History by Elizabeth Kolbert
March 8
Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America by Ibram X. Kendi

About the January Selection:
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Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

Dreamland
Sam Quinones

Books at Noon
4th Wednesday of Each Month
12pm, The Studio
Share what you’ve read recently—fiction or nonfiction—and hear about what everyone else is reading. Be prepared to give a brief description and your opinion about one or two books you’ve listened to or read.

Great Books
3rd Sunday of Each Month
2pm, Board Room
Registration required.
Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

Mystery Lovers Book Club
1st Wednesday of Each Month
12pm, The Studio
Mystery readers, come talk about books by a selected author.
January 3: Henning Mankell
February 7: John LeCarre
March 7: Dorothy Gilman

Dreamland
Sam Quinones

Henning Mankell
An Event in Autumn
Mingling for the World
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Special Book Discussions
Monthly Book Discussions
028: Real Reads
2nd Thursday of Each Month
7pm, Board Room
028 focuses on recently published, popular nonfiction on a variety of topics.
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Homeschool Events

Homeschool: Math Literacy
1st Thursday of Each Month
10am, Location Varies
Learning and teaching math concepts can be intimidating. Using hands-on activities, kids and parents will both learn that math is fun! Our January 4 session will be about time.
Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Iowa State University’s School of Education

Homeschool Chess Club
2nd Monday of Each Month
1pm, PEO Room
Join a chess club for all ages and abilities at the Library!

Homeschool Meetup
2nd Tuesday of Each Month
7pm, Youth Makerspace
Parents and homeschool leaders, come to the youth area and chat about what is working, what is not, and anything else you care to discuss.

Technology

Apple Users Group
Every Friday, 10:30am-12pm, The Studio
The purpose of the group is to support and improve participants’ use of Apple technology—iPhone, iPad, and Mac specifically. Participants can bring questions or issues they have using Apple devices.

Computer Basics
Wednesdays, January 10-31, 10am-12pm, PEO Room
Drop into any of our computer classes! Classes are about two hours long. 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.
Jan. 10: Intro. to Computers
Jan. 17: Web Browsers
Jan. 24: Computer Files
Jan. 31: E-Mail

First Friday PC Help Session
1st Friday of Each Month, 10:30am-12pm, Danfoss Room
Learn and share tips and ideas for using personal computers (PCs) with Microsoft Windows. Participants can bring questions or issues they have with using a Windows PC.

Computer & Research Help Genealogy Group
4th Wednesday of Each Month
10am-12pm, Auditorium
Stop into a monthly meetup to get help with your genealogy research and genealogy software.
Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and the Story County Genealogical Society.
Regular Meetups

Drop-In Crafts for Teens
Mon.-Fri., 3-8pm, Teen Space
Stop by and craft something you can take with you! January 15-19, we’ll have Harry Potter wand-making sessions to prepare for the Yule Ball!
Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

Girls Who Code
Mondays at 6:30pm, The Studio
Teens are invited to a coding club to talk about a different topics like robotics, video games, web sites, and apps. Meet other people interested in coding, hear from experts, and get hands-on.

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)
1st and 3rd Saturday of Each Month
11am-12:30pm, Location Varies
Help plan exciting library events for teens, share what you’re reading, and make new friends. There’s free pizza, too!

Teen Writers’ Workshop
2nd Sunday of Each Month
2-4pm, Board Room
6th-12th graders, join author David Zimmerman for writing exercises to finesse your creative writing skills.
Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Iowa State University’s Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing and Environment.

Art Club
3rd Tuesday of Each Month
1-3pm, Board Room
Discuss art, artists, and creativity. This is a great opportunity to share your work and get some suggestions and gentle critiques. Feel free to bring an art project to work on (using non-messy materials).

Crochet & Knitting Group
2nd & 4th Saturdays of Each Month
10am-12pm, The Studio
All ages are invited to hang out and knit or crochet. Bring your own materials.

Inkspots
3rd Wednesday of Each Month
1:30-3pm, The Studio
This writers’ group meets monthly to discuss and gently critique members’ writing. For more information, please visit the Library’s Adult Services Desk or call (515) 239-5646 ext. 4.

Play Games Ames
4th Saturday of Each Month
2-5pm, Auditorium
All ages are welcome to play, chat, or watch. Experienced board gamers will be on hand to teach you how to play a variety of games.
Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Play Games Ames.

Parents & Parents-To-Be
Best Start Breastfeeding Class & Next Step Pumping
3rd Monday of Each Month
Location Varies
Breastfeeding: 6-7:30pm
Pumping: 7:35-8:35pm
Join us for a free two-part prenatal class on breastfeeding and pumping. Come to one or both parts. Support persons are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to AmesBreastfeedingHelp@yahoo.com.
Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library, Mid-Iowa Community Action (MICA), and Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).

The Mothering Circle
3rd Thursday of Each Month
9:30am, Teen Space
All mothers are invited to come together to connect, explore issues, deepen intuition, and share their parenting journeys. We will address the needs and concerns of each mother so she can find compassionate support and inspiration.

Conversations in...
American Sign Language (ASL)
1st Thursday of Each Month, 6:30-8pm, Danfoss Room
Chinese: 3rd Wednesday of Each Month at 6pm, The Studio
English: Mondays at 11am, Auditorium
French: Saturdays at 4pm, The Studio
Russian: Saturdays at 3pm, The Studio
Spanish: Thursdays at 7-8:30pm, The Studio
Gather for casual conversations in different languages. Chat in your native language or get comfortable talking in another language.
Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library, the ASL Club at ISU, and Ames Chinese Language Academy.

TWEEN Roleplaying Club
2nd Saturday of Each Month
2-4pm, PEO Room
3rd-5th graders are invited to play a tween-friendly version of Dungeons and Dragons.

TEEN Roleplaying Game Association
will not meet in January.

Dungeon Master Wanted!
Would you like to DM our Teen Roleplaying Game Association? Give us a call at (515) 239-5646 ext. 3.
**Storytimes (beginning January 8)**

**Baby Time**
- Tuesdays at 1:30pm
- Wednesdays at 11:05am
- Thursdays at 6pm, Storytime Room

Bring your prewalker for books, songs, baby sign language, and more.

**Toddler Time**
- Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays
  - 10am, Storytime Room
  - Tuesdays at 1pm, Storytime Room

Join us for 20-25 minutes of music, books, and early literacy activities.

**Family Storytime**
- Wednesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays
  - 10:30am, Storytime Room

Children of all ages are invited to this interactive program to build listening, language, and literacy skills.

**Maker Morning**
- Wednesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays
  - 11am-12pm, Youth Makerspace

Drop in to create a different craft each week based on the same theme as Family Storytime! Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

**Milk & Book-ies**
- Thursdays at 6:30pm, Storytime Room

Stop in for 30+ minutes of fun STEAM activities along with milk and cookies.

**Chinese Storytime**
- 3rd Saturday of Each Month
  - 11:15am, Storytime Room

Join us for a free storytime in Chinese! Provided in partnership with Ames Chinese Language Academy.

**Saturday Family Fun**
- Saturdays at 10:30am, Storytime Room
  - 1st Saturday of Month: Play with Me
  - 2nd Saturday of Month: Sing & Dance with Me
  - 3rd Saturday of Month: Write with Me
  - 4th Saturday of Month: Read with Me

Join us for special events to boost different early literacy skills and have fun!
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