Civil War Book Sale
May 11-13, Literary Grounds During Library Open Hours

Stop by Literary Grounds for great deals on books about the Civil War! Select books are half price on Sunday.

Presented by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation. Proceeds from the Book Sale are used to enhance Library programs and services.

MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU
Friday, May 4
6pm, Auditorium

Come to the library for a fun, interactive experience with Star Wars Episode IV: A New Hope! People of all ages can join in as we cheer for the Rebels, boo the Imperials, and wave our own lightsabers!

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An Evening with Stewart Buck
Wednesday, May 16
7-8:30pm, Auditorium

Join us for a reception with Stewart Buck, Ames native and artist of Ames Public Library’s newest piece of art. Buck will give a presentation about his process before the unveiling of his painting featuring the Dinkey, which will be displayed in the Library’s Heritage Room.

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INSIDE
Films, History, Writing, Author Event, And More!

Special Events, Free Meals for Kids and Teens, and More

Summer Reading for All Ages Begins Friday, June 1

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For more locations, see the Bookmobile Schedule inside this newsletter!
Ames Middle School Project Showcase
Saturday, May 5, 1-3pm, Auditorium
The public is welcome to attend this showcase to see what local students have been working on. Extended Learning Program students will share projects from their individualized study. Language Arts 8th grade students will present their picks for a Young Adult “canon” booklist.
Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames Middle School.

Youth Chinese Art
Sunday, May 20, 1-5pm, Auditorium
Come see art projects created by local Chinese-American K-7th graders. Artworks include Chinese ink painting, kanji, trigram art, and more.
Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames Chinese Language Academy.

Author Event: Carrie Copley
Monday, May 7, 7pm, Rotary Room

Welcome Ramadan
Saturday, May 12, 2-4pm, Auditorium
All ages are invited to learn about Ramadan, from West to East, from fast to feast. Explore Ramadan traditions with stories and learning stations.
Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames Ladies Club.

Author Event: Jennifer Pharr Davis
Thursday, May 31 at 7pm, Auditorium
Jennifer Pharr Davis is a hiker, author, speaker, and National Geographic Adventurer of the Year who has covered over 14,000 miles of long distance trails on six continents. Her new book, The Pursuit of Endurance, empowers readers to unlock phenomenal endurance and leverage newfound grit to achieve personal bests in everything from sports and family to the boardroom. Books will be available for purchase and signing.
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Write in the Heart of Iowa
1st and 3rd Saturday of Each Month
10am-12pm, The Studio
Write in the Heart of Iowa is a community critique group dedicated to helping writers reach their goals. This drop-in writing group is open to writers of all genres. Bring up to 5 pages (double-spaced) of your manuscript and a pen, and be ready to critique.

Making Waves:
The People and Places of Iowa Broadcasting
Tuesday, May 15 at 7pm, Auditorium
Jeff Stein will take us back to the earliest days of both radio and television with original broadcasts, photos, and memorabilia. The presentation will highlight children’s television programming, including celebrating the 60th birthday of Floppy, the iconic puppet brought to life on Channel 13 by Duane Ellett. Copies of Stein’s new book, The Floppy Show, and DVDs from the original broadcasts will be available for purchase.
Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames Historical Society.

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 11:30am, Location Varies
French: Saturdays at 4pm, The Studio
Russian: Saturdays at 3pm, The Studio
Spanish: Tuesdays at 7-8:30pm, The Studio
Gather for casual conversations in different languages. Chat in your native language or get comfortable talking in another.
Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library, the ASL Club at ISU, and Ames Chinese Language Academy.
Films at the Library

Asia in Films: China's First Emperor

Tuesday, May 22
6:30pm, Rotary Room

Watch The History Channel’s documentary on Qin Shi Huangdi, who united China in 221 BC after a series of wars and became its first Emperor. His various measures to unite his vast realm have been praised for the legacy they provide even to this day. However, his tyrannical and perhaps paranoid rule has also attracted much criticism. (2008)

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Asiatic Philharmonia Society and the Durbin-Zheng Family.

Reel Connections on the Environment: How to Let Go of the World and Love All the Things Climate Can’t Change

Thursday, May 24
6:30pm, Auditorium

Traveling to 12 countries on 6 continents, How to Let Go of the World and Love All the Things Climate Can’t Change acknowledges that it may be too late to stop some of the worst consequences and asks, what is it that climate change can’t destroy? What is so deep within us that no calamity can take it away? (2016; 127 minutes; TV-14)

Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

Functional Fitness for Older Adults

Thursdays, April 19 - June 7, 11am-12pm, Rotary Room

Come enjoy guest speakers and social opportunities with students from Iowa State University discussing topics such as nutrition, motivation, and benefits of physical activity. We are excited to hear about your experiences and share knowledge about living a healthy, happy life! Everyone is welcome.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Healthiest Ames Initiative.

Arabic Language Workshop

Wednesdays, April 4 - May 9, 7-8:30pm, Rotary Room

Registration is full.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and The Middle East Learning and Cultural Center.

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.

May 10
The Boys in the Bunkhouse: Servitude and Salvation in the Heartland by Dan Barry

June 14
I Contain Multitudes: The Microbes Within Us and a Grander View of Life by Ed Yong

July 12

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

Call (515) 239-5646 ext. 4 to register or learn more.

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Mystery Lovers Book Club

1st Wednesday of Each Month*
12pm, The Studio

Mystery readers, come talk about books by a selected author.

May 2: Colin Dexter
June 6: Patricia Cornwell
*July 11: Stuart Woods (2nd Wednesday of the month due to July 4th)
Bookmobile Schedule

MONDAY
Sawyer School, 5-8pm
(4316 Ontario)

TUESDAY
St. Cecilia School, 3-4pm
(Hoover Avenue & 30th Street)
Ames High School, 4:30-5:30pm
(1921 Ames High Drive)

WEDNESDAY
Edwards School, 1:45-2:45pm
(820 Miller Avenue)
Ames Middle School, 3-4pm
(3915 Mortensen Road)
Fareway on Stange, 5-8pm
(Stange & Bloomington)

THURSDAY
ISU Campus, 11am-1pm
East of ISU Library, moving to Osborn Drive starting May 17
Mitchell School, 3-4pm
(3521 Jewel Drive)
Ames Christian School, 4:30-6pm
(925 South 16th Street)

Monthly Presentations

Ames Historical Society Lecture
Peopling Iowa: First Generation Immigrants in Story County
Wednesday, May 23
7pm, Auditorium
The story of immigration is an integral part of Iowa’s history. Mark Barron will discuss how first generation immigrant groups made their way into Story County, where they settled, and how they helped transform the landscape of Central Iowa.
Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames Historical Society.

Big Bluestem Audubon Society
3rd Thursday of Each Month
7pm, Auditorium
On May 17 Dick and Sharon Stilwell will talk about the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary, one of the most important wading bird rookeries in the U.S.
Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and the Big Bluestem Audubon Society.

Genealogy Plus
3rd Wednesday of Each Month
10am-12pm, Auditorium
On May 16 Michael Vogt, Curator of the Iowa Gold Star Military Museum, will present "Military Records of Iowans Who Went to War." From the Civil War to recent conflicts, many Iowans have served in the military. Vogt will discuss the records, the stories they tell, and where they can be accessed.
Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and the Story County Genealogical Society.

Your Historians
Tuesday, 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 presentations. On May 8 David Hollander will present “Tax Romana: The Economic Context of Early Christianity.”
Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Iowa State University Department of History.

Meetups for All Ages

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.

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.

Regular Meetups

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 with using Apple devices.

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).

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.

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.

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.
Storytimes (through May 12)

**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.
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Saturday Family Fun

**Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix**
Saturday, May 5 at 10:30am, Storytime Room
Enjoy a special storytime presented by members of the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Faculty and Staff Association in celebration of AAPI Heritage Month!
*Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and the Asian American and Pacific Islander Faculty and Staff Association.*

**Sing and Dance with Me**
Saturday, May 12 at 10:30am, Storytime Room
Get your blood pumping at our monthly dance parties. Explore with rhythm and motion, instruments, crafts, and more!

Parents & Parents-To-Be

**Best Start Breastfeeding Class & Next Step Pumping**
3rd Monday of Each Month
Rotary Room
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.

Homeschool Events

**Homeschool: Math Literacy**
Thursday, May 3 at 10am, Auditorium
Learning and teaching math concepts can be intimidating. Using hands-on activities, kids and parents will both learn that math is fun! In May, we’ll discuss measurements.
*Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Iowa State University’s School of Education*

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

**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 at the Library.
(6th-12th graders, check out the Teen Roleplaying Game Association.)
Just for Teens

Drop-In Crafts for Teens
Monday-Friday in the Teen Space
During Teen Space Open Hours
Stop by and craft something you can take with you.
May 14–18, we’ll make slime!
Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

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!
Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

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.

Teen Roleplaying Game Association
1st and 2nd Saturday of Each Month
1–4pm, Rotary Room
6th-12th graders, game with us! All skill levels are welcome.
May 5: Heroes
May 12: D&D

Welcome to the Teen Space
Teens going into (or graduating from) 6th-12th grade have their own room at the Library! Hang out in the Teen Space, play our videogames, use a computer, or just chill with friends.
The Teen Space is open after school and on the weekends (with some exceptions).
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Library Events

Toddler Time
10am, Storytime Room
Baby Time
1:30pm, Storytime Room
Drop-In Crafts for Teens
Teen Space Open Hours
Conversations in Spanish
7-8:30pm, The Studio

TUESDAY

Toddler Time
10am, Storytime Room
Family Storytime
10:30am, Storytime Room
Maker Morning
11am-12pm Youth Makerspace
Baby Time
11:05am, Storytime Room
Mystery Lovers Book Club
12pm, The Studio
Drop-In Crafts for Teens
Teen Space Open Hours
Arabic Language Workshop
7-8:30pm, Rotary Room

WEDNESDAY

Homeschool: Math Literacy
10am, Auditorium
Family Storytime
10:30am, Storytime Room
Maker Morning
11am-12pm Youth Makerspace
Baby Time
5pm, Storytime Room
Conversations in ASL
6:30pm, Storytime Room

THURSDAY

Toddler Time
10am, Storytime Room
Apple Users Group
10:30am-12pm, The Studio
Family Storytime
10:30am, Storytime Room
First Friday PC Help Session
10:30am-12pm, Danfoss Room
Maker Morning
11am-12pm Youth Makerspace
Drop-In Crafts for Teens
Teen Space Open Hours
May the Fourth Be With You
1pm, Auditorium

FRIDAY

Write in the Heart of Iowa
10am-12pm, The Studio
Saturday Family Fun: Chef Roy Choi
10:30am, Storytime Room
Teen Advisory Group
11am-12:30pm, Board Room
Ames Middle School Project Showcase
7-9pm, Auditorium
Teen Roleplaying Game Association
4pm, Rotary Room
Conversations in Russian
3pm, The Studio
Conversations in French
4pm, The Studio

SUNDAY

Library CLOSED

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

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

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