

Dec. 24 - Jan. 4 **Bookmobile Closed** Monday, December 31

Library OPEN 9am-5pm Tuesday, January 1 Library Closed



January 11-13 Literary Grounds **During Library Open Hours**

Stop by Literary Grounds for great deals on cookbooks! 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.

Winter Reading Challenge December 26 - February 28

All ages are invited to pick up a reading challenge sheet from the Library or Bookmobile or sign up online at www.amespubliclibrary.org

and read your way to a

free prize. Supported by the Ames Public

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Saturday, January 19 • Library Auditorium 6:30-8pm: All Ages • 8-9:30pm: Teens-Only

Wizards and muggles of all ages are invited to enjoy music, dancing, snacks, and activities with a Harry Potter theme. Costumes are encouraged. There will be a costume contest at 7:30pm. Music provided by DNA Music Entertainment. Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation Teen Advisory Group.

MLK Day 2019 Celebration Equality, Justice and Unity

Monday, January 21 at Ames Middle School Auditorium Social: 6-6:30pm, Program: 6:30-7:30pm

You're invited to the annual Ames/Story County Community MLK Day Celebration. Enjoy cake and a performance by the Ames High School Jazz Band at 6pm.

The program beginning at 6:30pm will include Meeker Elementary School's chorus, the Ames High School Step Team, and a keynote presentation by Renee Hardman, the first African-American to be elected to serve on the West Des Moines City Council and CEO of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Central Iowa.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library; Ames Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); Ames Chamber of Commerce; Ames Community School District; Ames Human Relations Commission; Ames Police Department; Body of Christ Church; City of Ames; Hasting, Gartin, & Boettger, LLP; Iowa State University Library; Iowa State University Athletics; League of Women Voters of Story County; Rotary Club of Ames; Volunteer Center of Story County; and YWCA Ames-ISU.

Better Angels Red/Blue Workshop

Saturday, January 12, 10am-5pm, Auditorium

Better Angels is a bipartisan citizen's movement to unify our divided nation. The Red/ Blue Workshop will bring participants from both sides of the aisle for moderated activities and discussions aiming to clarify disagreements, reduce stereotyped thinking, and begin building the relationships needed to find common ground.

For questions about participation or to learn more, call (515) 239-5646 ext. 4 or e-mail webref@amespubliclibrary.org.

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For more locations, see the Bookmobile Schedule inside this newsletter!

Ames Public Library Hours

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

Special Events

Asia in Film: *Mao's Last Dancer* Thursday, January 17 6:30pm, Rotary Room

Come to a free showing of *Mao's Last Dancer*. In Maoist China, a boy is taken from his family and trained to become a dancer, but everything he knows is challenged when he is chosen to attend a ballet summer school in Houston, Texas.

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

MFA Home Voices Festival

Sunday, January 27, 2-5pm, Auditorium

You're invited to celebrate the accomplishments of alumni of Iowa State University's Creative Writing and Environment MFA program and MA Program in English (Creative Writing), including readings and panel discussions.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library, Pearl Hogrefe Fund, MFA Program in Creative Writing and Environment, Department of English. Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.



Technology Help

Apple Users Group Every Friday

10am-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.

PC Help Sessions

1st Friday of Each Month 10:30am-12pm, Danfoss Room

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Wednesday, January 2 12-1:30pm, PEO Room

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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.

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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.

January 10

White Trash: The 400-Year Untold History of Class in America by Nancy Isenberg

February 14

Endurance: My Year in Space, A Lifetime of Discovery by Scott Kelly

March 14

The Gene: An Intimate History by Siddhartha Mukherjee

Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

Books @ 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 2

1st Sunday of Each Month 2-4pm, Board Room

Looking for a new book group where you can discuss classic short stories and essays? You might like our newest group, which focuses on short works recommended by the Great Books Foundation.

Call (515) 239-5646 ext. 4 to register or learn more. *Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.*

Mystery Lovers Book Club

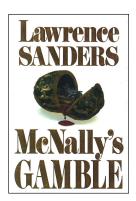
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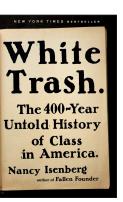
Mystery readers, come talk about books by a selected author.

January 2: Lawrence Sanders

February 6: C.S. Harris

March 6: Linda Castillo





Writing Groups

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.

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, bring a pen, and be ready to critique. Stop into these free events presented by Iowa State University's Lectures Program and supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Convocation with Ron Stallworth, author of Black Klansman

Thursday, January 24 7pm, ISU Memorial Union

The Power of Knowing Your Purpose with Brittany Packnett



Monday, January 28 at 7pm, ISU Memorial Union

Lecture Series

Big Bluestem Audubon Society Presentation 3rd Thursday of Each Month 7pm, Auditorium

This month, outdoor writer/ photographer Ty Smedes will share his adventures to the jungles of South America, the savannas of Africa and the high mountain



stronghold of New Guinea's fabled Birds of Paradise. He will discuss challenges faced by many of these creatures, highlight several local and global success stories, and consider the need for environmental sustainability during the 21st century. *Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and the Big Bluestem Audubon Society.*

Climate Crisis: Facts to Action

Wednesday, January 16, Auditorium Food at 6:30pm, Presentation at 7pm

Gather with community members for a light meal, then learn from experts not only why the climate is in crisis, but different ways we can mobilize to reduce greenhouse emissions and sequester carbon.

This month, Erv Klaas will present "Learn the Science Behind Climate Change and Why You Should Care." Watch for more topics February 25 and March 27.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library, The Green Umbrella, Iowa State University Library, and Wheatsfield Cooperative. Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

Genealogy Plus

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

The topic for January 16 is "Changing Demographics in Your Ancestors' Times." Professor Paul Lasley will discuss change and shifts in social strata - how lives changed due to influences and pressures of advertising, urbanism, consumerism, emerging professions and technology.

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

Outdoor Alliance Lecture Series Thursday, January 24 7pm, Auditorium

Dr. Sam Wormley will present "Winter Skies: Constellations, Stories and Folklore." Watch for more topics February 20 and March 13. *Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library, Ames Historical Society, and Outdoor Alliance of Story County.*

Your Historians

Wednesday, January 23 7pm, Auditorium

Hear free, fascinating lectures by faculty of ISU's Department of History. Stay for a Q&A and refreshments after the presentation.

This month, James Andrews will present "Eurasia's Metropolis: A History of Moscow from its Origins to Present." Watch for more topics throughout the winter and spring.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library, Iowa State University, Iowa State University Department of History, and Iowa State University Library.

Library January 2019 Events January 2019





	MLK Day 2019 Celebration 6-7:30pm Ames Middle School Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	,	Books @ Noon 12pm, The Studio Drop-In Crafts for Teens Teen Space Open Hours Girls Who Code 6-8pm, Danfoss Room Your Historians 7pm, Auditorium	 Milk & Book-ies 6:30pm, Storytime Room Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Convocation with Ron Stallworth 7pm, ISU Memorial Union Outdoor Alliance Lecture 7pm, Auditorium 	
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Ames Public Library connects you to the world of ideas through diverse and inclusive resources and programs. We welcome program proposals via our website at bit.ly/APLprogram.

Meetups for All Ages

Crochet & Knitting Group 2nd & 4th Saturdays of Each Month 10am-12pm, PEO Room

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

Play Games Ames is a fun and social environment to interact through friendly competition. 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.

Just for Teens

Drop-In Crafts for Teens

Monday-Friday in the Teen Space During Teen Space Open Hours Beginning January 7

Stop by and craft something you can take with you. *Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.*

Girls Who Code

Wednesdays beginning January 9 6-8pm, Danfoss Room

Teens are invited to a coding club geared for girls. Join us to explore coding and technology in a fun, no pressure, friendly environment. All skill levels are welcome - beginner to advanced! (Bring your own laptop or use one of ours.) *Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library, Ames High School Girls Who Code, Deloitte, Infosys Foundation USA, Prudential, and Workiva.*

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 designed 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.

Parents & Parents-To-Be

Best Start Breastfeeding & Next Step Pumping Class

3rd Monday of Each Month, PEO 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).

Mama Milk Meetup

3rd Thursday of Each Month 6:30pm, The Studio

All nursing moms and moms-to-be are invited to a breastfeeding café. Children are welcome! Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library, Mid-Iowa Community Action (MICA), and Ames Loving Support.

The Mothering Circle 1st and 3rd Thursday of Fac

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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.

Babies don't come with instructions.

That's why the Library has a special parenting collection. It's filled with books to help you figure out everything from sleep training to dealing with difficult behaviors.

The parenting collection is located in the Library's children's area on the shelves facing the couch near the puppet theater.



Saturday Family Fun

Saturdays at 10:30am, Storytime Room

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

January 12: Sing and Dance with Me January 19: Write with Me January 26: Read with Me



Storytimes & More

beginning January 7

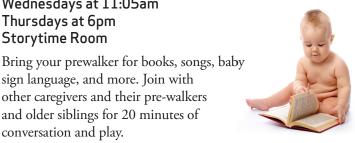
Baby Time

Tuesdays at 1:30pm Wednesdays at 11:05am Thursdays at 6pm Storytime Room

sign language, and more. Join with

other caregivers and their pre-walkers

and older siblings for 20 minutes of



Toddler Time

conversation and play.

Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays 10am, Storytime Room Tuesdays 1pm, Storytime Room

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

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. Families are welcome to stop into Maker Morning right after Family Storytime for a fun craft activity!

Maker Morning

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

Drop in to this process-focused craft activity for toddlers, preschooler, and their caregivers. We supply the materials. Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

Milk & Book-ies

Thursdays 6:30pm, Storytime Room

Stop in for 30+ minutes of fun STEAM activities along with milk and cookies. Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.



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

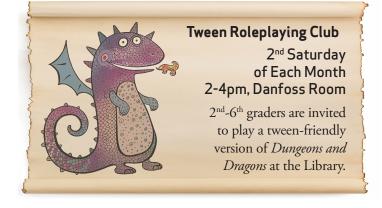
Join us for a free storytime in Chinese! Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames Chinese Language Academy.

Drawing with Betsy

Wednesday, January 9 4pm, Youth Makerspace

Learn how to create your own pencil drawings! This workshop is perfect for beginners in upper elementary through middle school.





Science Technology Engineering Math for Homeschoolers

1st Thursday of Each Month, 10am, Auditorium

Ames Public Library's monthly events for Homeschoolers focus on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). Activities are geared toward K-5 students but all ages are welcome to join us.

The theme for Thursday, January 3, will be "Motion: Roller Coasters." Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and ISU Extension & Outreach.

Play with Words Auditions

Sunday, January 13, 2-3pm, Rotary Room AND

Monday, January 14, 6:30-7:30pm, Danfoss Room

Kids ages 10 and up are invited to audition for a role in the upcoming performance of Play with Words: Person of Note, written by participants in the Teen Writers' workshop. Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library, Ames Children's Theater, and Iowa State Center.

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, Auditorium

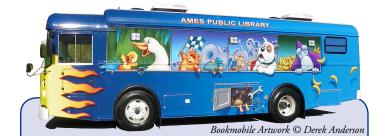
French: Saturdays at 4pm, The Studio

Russian: Saturdays at 3pm, The Studio

Spanish: Tuesdays, 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 and the ASL Club at ISU.



The Bookmobile

Check out Library materials for **all ages** at any of the Bookmobile's weekly stops.

The Bookmobile will be closed December 24 - January 4.

MONDAY

Sawyer School, 5-8pm (4316 Ontario)

TUESDAY

St. Cecilia School, 3-4pm (Hoover Avenue & 30th Street)

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 (Near Bessey Hall) Mitchell School, 3-4pm (3521 Jewel Drive) Ames Christian School, 4:30-6pm (925 South 16th Street)

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