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S.T.E.M. Book Sale

March 22-24 Literary Grounds During Library Open Hours

Stop by Literary Grounds for great deals on books about science, technology, engineering, and math!

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



Sunday, March 24 2-4pm, Auditorium

Join us for an afternoon with writers **Art Cullen** and **Michael Crumb** while enjoying tea and treats.

Tickets are available now for \$20 at the Welcome Desk or online at bit.ly/authcafe.

(Students receive a \$10 discount.)

Brought to you by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation and our generous sponsors: Cindy and John Paschen, Ana and Ed McCracken, Monica and Max Porter, Green Hills Retirement Community, Lynne Carey, Jim and Diane Patton, and Jeri Prescott.

Proceeds from this event will benefit special programming at Ames Public Library.

Ames Public Library IBOOK SALE

Thursday, Feb. 28: 5:30 - 8:30pm Admission \$2

Free admission and early entry starting at 5pm for donors to the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation at the \$20 level and above.

Friday, March 1: 9am - 6pm Free admission

Saturday, March 2: 9am - 6pm Free admission

Sunday, March 3: 12pm - 5pm* Admission \$1 & everything is free!

(Auditorium only)

* Please note new times for Sunday.

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Sunday, March 17, 2pm, Auditorium

All ages are invited to a free live performance of the opera *Little Red's Most Unusual Day* at the Library.

The world-famous melodies of
Offenbach and Rossini ring out in this comical retelling of "Little Red Riding Hood"—brimming with fun and laughs!
Join Little Red, her mom, Forest Ranger Dudley and that sneaky wolf as they discover wit's important to always do the right thing.

why it's important to always do the right thing.

Little Red's Most Unusual Day is a 45-minute sung performance, suitable for all ages 2 to 102! Bring a camera for photos with the singers at the end.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames Chapter, Des Moines Metro Opera Guild with support from the Durbin-Zheng family.



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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

Play with Words: This is America

Friday, March, 1 at 7:30pm, Saturday, March 2, at 2pm, and Sunday, March 3, at 2pm, Celebrity Café in Stephens Auditorium

Join Ames Public Library, Iowa State Center, and Ames Children's Theater for a live production showcasing the creative talents of Ames youth who have written on the page and are now producing and performing on the stage. Tickets are \$10 and are available at www.center.iastate.edu/play-withwords, Stephens Auditorium Ticket Office, or at the door.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library, Ames Children's Theater, and Iowa State Center. Supported by the Ames Convention & Visitors Bureau Community Grant Program and Ames Commission on the Arts.

Learn More Before

The San Francisco Symphony Tuesday, March 5, at 7pm, Auditorium

Jeffrey Prater, Professor Emeritus at Iowa State University's Department of Music and Theatre, will talk about The San Francisco Symphony in advance of their performance in Ames.

Widely considered to be among the most artistically adventurous and innovative arts institutions in the U.S., the San Francisco Symphony will perform at



Stephens Auditorium on March 29. Participants at the Library's "Learn More Before" event may enter a drawing to win tickets to the March 29 performance.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library, Ames International Orchestra Festival Association, and Iowa State Center. This project is supported, in part, by the Iowa Arts Council, a division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

International Women's Day Celebration

Friday, March 8, 6:30-8:30pm, Auditorium

Join women from across the community as we celebrate the empowerment of women. The Ames High Step Team will kick off the evening with a lively performance. Then Karen Kedrowski, Director of the Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics, will facilitate a panel discussion on increasing representation of women in politics. Come hear how women can support each other in politics and in life! Refreshments will be served.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library, ACCESS, Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics, Iowa Resource for International Service (IRIS), Iowa State University Library, KHOI Community Radio, League of Women Voters of Ames and Story County, Wheatsfield Cooperative, Women's & Gender Studies Program at ISU, Worldly Goods, and YWCA Ames-Iowa State University.

Family Farm History Foundation Presents Performances of Map of My Kingdom and Farm-to-Fork Tales

Sunday, March 10 2pm, Auditorium

The Family Farm History Foundation, Ames Historical Society, and Ames Public Library are proud to present an afternoon of family farm memories that are worth telling and preserving for all generations.

Join us for free performances of *Map of My Kingdom* and *Farm-to-Fork Tales*.

In *Map of My Kingdom* Angela Martin, a lawyer and mediator in land transition disputes, shares stories of how farmers and

landowners she has worked with over the years approached their land transitions.

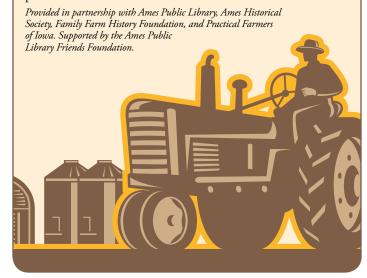
Farm-to-Fork Tales features storytellers sharing specific events on their Century Farms—incidents unique to them but universal in their



resonances for the wider world of agriculture.

Both productions are projects of Mary Swander—the Poet Laureate of Iowa, the Artistic Director of Swander Woman Productions, and the Executive Director of AgArts.

The Family Farm History Foundation will be there to share how you can preserve your family's memories or help someone else plus have a platform to show your family or the world. Feel free to bring some of your farm photos or stories to share.



Genealogy Proof Standard

Saturdays, March 16 & 30 and April 13 & 27 12:30-4:30pm, Auditorium

The Genealogy Proof Standard (GPS) is a tool, or standard, to measure the credibility of your conclusions about ancestral identities, relationships, and life events. For beginning and advanced genealogical researchers alike, this GPS course will enhance your research, give you insights for overlooked research, help resolve conflicts of evidence or relationships, and, finally, write soundly reasoned arguments and conclusions.

This free 4-part course is taught by Alice Hoyt Veen, Certified Genealogist and Linda Greethouse, family researcher.

Registration is required.

Please register for the entire series on the Library's calendar at www.amespubliclibrary.org.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Story County Genealogical Society. Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

Purim Storytime

Sunday, March 17 2pm, Storytime Room

Join us in celebrating the Jewish holiday of Purim that commemorates the saving of the Jewish people from Haman through stories, sharing food, and activities.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Chabad at ISU/Ames.



Spring Breakout Room Monday, March 18: 6-8pm Tuesday, March 19: 10am-12pm Wednesday, March 20: 2-4pm Youth Services Study Rooms Can you help the Doctor get out of his latest fix? Try your problem-solving * skills at our fun Doctor Who themed escape room for families or small groups of people. Teams will be able to sign up 15 minutes before the starting time each day. Only one escape room will be running at a time, so there may be a short wait (unless you have a time machine). The escape room will be the same all 3 days.



Groovy Cat Spring Break Event

Thursday, March 21, Auditorium 10-11am and 1:30-2:30pm

Preschoolers through early elementary-aged children and their families are invited to this open-house style event featuring cat-ivities loosely based on the children's book character 'Pete the Cat.' No time for cat naps; you'll stay busy with crafts, games, songs, and even meet a live kitty or two, courtesy of Ames Animal Shelter!

While you're here, be sure to enter the drawing for free tickets to *Pete the Cat*, part of Iowa State Center's Youth Matinée Series, held March 26, 2019.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library, Ames Animal Shelter, and Iowa State Center.

Milk & Book-ies Special

Cooperation & Cooperatives Storytime

Thursday, March 21 6:30pm, Storytime Room

Join us for a special storytime event! Hear the story of *Stone Soup*, taste vegetables, sample soup, and learn about cooperation and sharing.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library, Iowa Farmers Union, and Wheatsfield Co-op.



APL Unplugged

Four Shillings Short

Monday, March 25 6:30pm, Auditorium

Join us for a free live concert by Four Shillings Short, the husband/wife duo of Aodh Og O'Tuama from Cork, Ireland, and Christy Martin from California.



The International multi-instrumentalists perform traditional and original music from the Celtic lands, medieval and renaissance Europe, India, and the Americas on a fantastic array of instruments.

Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

Ames Historical Society Lecture Series

Tuesday, March 26 7pm, Auditorium

Peter Hallock, Co-President of the Ames Historical Society, will present "John and Rowena Stevens: Progressives in Early Ames."

John Stevens and Rowena Edson came to Ames as students at the Iowa Agricultural College. He was in the first graduating class (1872), and she was in the second. After graduating, both left to start their careers, then came back, married, and



provided leadership in the community for two decades. He is remembered as an attorney and judge. She is remembered for her work on voting rights for women. But both were more broadly involved and influential. Hallock will explore the larger story of this early Ames "power couple."

Watch for more topics this spring and summer.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and the Ames Historical Society. Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation. Thanks to the Senior Variety Show for providing additional funding.

5th Grade Battle of the Books

Thursday, March 28 Starting at 4pm, Auditorium

Everyone is invited to come watch teams of local 5^{th} graders battle it out with a book trivia contest.

Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

Asia in Film

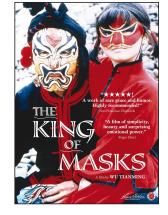
The King of Masks

Thursday, March 28 6:30pm, Rotary Room

Come to a free showing of The King of Masks.

Winner of more than 25 top honors at film festivals worldwide, revered Chinese director Wu Tianming's *The King of Masks* is a poignant tale about a lonely old magician and a luckless child bound together by fate and suffering, and redeemed by the power of love.

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



Monthly Book Discussions

028: Real Reads

2nd Thursday of Each Month 7pm, Location Varies

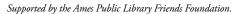
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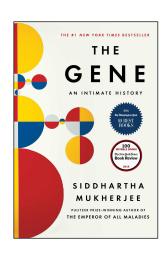
March 14

The Gene: An Intimate History by Siddhartha Mukherjee

April 11

American Radical: Inside the World of an Undercover Muslim FBI Agent by Tamer Elnoury





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 1

3rd Sunday of Each Month 2-4pm, Board Room

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

Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

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

1st Wednesday of Each Month 12pm, The Studio

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

March 6: Linda Castillo April 3: Nevada Barr

Lecture Series

Big Bluestem Audubon Society Presentation Birding Northwest Wisconsin

3rd Thursday of Each Month 7pm, Auditorium

This month, Larry
Dau will present
"Birding Northwest
Wisconsin." This
presentation will
concentrate on the
bird diversity and
unique history of
three natural areas in
the NW Wisconsin



region: The Namekagon Barrens, Crex Meadows Wildlife Area, and Wisconsin Point.

Larry holds a degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Biology from Iowa State University and is an accomplished bird and nature photographer from Boone County.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and the Big Bluestem Audubon Society.

Climate Crisis: Facts to Action Saving Iowa's Soil: Agriculture's Role in Climate Change

Wednesday, March 27 Food at 6:30pm Presentation at 7pm Auditorium

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's topic will be "Saving Iowa's Soil: Agriculture's Role in Climate Change" presented by Jerry Hatfield, Director, USDA National Lab for Agriculture and the Environment.

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 Scanning and Storing Documents & Images

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

This month's topic is "Scanning and Storing Documents & Images." Cris Nagla and Dennis Allen will be demonstrating the process of scanning your family documents and images as well as safely storing them.

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

Living with Art Mid-Century Modern Design

Tuesday, March 12 7pm, Auditorium

Priscilla Sage and
Adrienne Gennett will
present "Mid-Century
Modern Design." There
will be time for questions
following the lecture.
Watch for more topics this
spring and summer.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library, Ames Historical Society, Iowa State University Library, and University Museums.



Outdoor Alliance Lecture Floral Jewels of the Tallgrass Prairie

Wednesday, March 13 7pm, Auditorium

Join us for the final lecture in the winter series from Outdoor Alliance. This month, Dr. Tom Rosburg will present "Floral Jewels of the Tallgrass Prairie."

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library, Ames Historical Society, Outdoor Alliance of Story County, and Story County Conservation.

Your Historians

I Ain't A'Marching Anymore: Draft Dodging in the U.S. from World War II to the Vietnam War

Thursday, March 14 7pm, Auditorium

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

This month, Amy Rutenberg will present "I Ain't A'Marching Anymore: Draft Dodging in the U.S. from World War II to the Vietnam War." Watch for more topics in April and May.

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



Library Events March 2019



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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY **THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY** 1 **KEY Book Sale Book Sale** 9am-6pm, Auditorium 9am-6pm, Auditorium Ames Public Library Colors: **Toddler Time** Write in the Heart of Iowa 10am-12pm, The Studio All Ages/Mix **Apple Users Group** 10am-12pm, The Studio Saturday Family Fun: Family Event Play with Me 10:30am, Storytime Room JBOOK SALE Family Storytime 10:30am, Storytime Room Teen Event Teen Advisory Group **Adult Event** PC Help Session 11am-12:30pm, Board Roon Play with Words 10:30am-12pm Danfoss Room Symbols: \$2pm Stephens Auditorium **Maker Morning** Negistration 11am-12pm Youth Makerspa Conversations in Russian Required 3pm, The Studio Feb. 28 - March 3, 2019 presented by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation **Drop-In Crafts for Teens** Off Site Conversations in French Teen Space Open Hours 4pm, The Studio \$ Entry/Ticket Play with Words \$ 7:30pm Stephens Auditorium 3 **Tail Waggin' Tales** 10:30am, Storytime Room Crochet & Knitting Group 10am-12pm, PEO Room **Book Sale Toddler Time Toddler Time** The Mothering Circle **Toddler Time** 10am, Storytime Room 10am, Storytime Room 12-5pm, Auditorium 9:30am, Teen Space 10am, Storytime Room Play with Words Saturday Family Fun: **Toddler Time STEM for Homeschoolers** Conversations in English Family Storytime Apple Users Group \$2pm Stephens Auditorium Sing & Dance with Me 10:30am, Storytime Room 11:30am, Auditorium 1pm, Storytime Room 10am, Auditorium 10am-12pm, The Studio Maker Morning **Family Storytime** 10:30am, Storytime Room **Drop-In Crafts for Teens Baby Time** Family Storytime Great Books 2 11am-12pm Youth Makerspace 1:30pm, Storytime Room Teen Space Open Hours 10:30am, Storytime Room Spanish Storytime 🞦 2-4pm, Board Room 11:15am, Storytime Room **Drop-In Crafts for Teens** Maker Morning Maker Morning **Baby Time** 11:05am, Storytime Room 11am-12pm Youth Makerspace 11am-12pm Youth Makerspace Teen Space Open Hours Tween Roleplaying Club 2-4pm, Danfoss Room Conversations in Spanish Mystery Lovers Book Club **Drop-In Crafts for Teens Drop-In Crafts for Teens** 7-8:30pm, The Studio Conversations in Russian Teen Space Open Hours 12pm, Rotary Room Teen Space Open Hours 3pm, The Studio Learn More Before: The PC Help Session 12-1:30pm, PEO Room **Baby Time** 6pm, Storytime Room International Women's Conversations in French San Francisco Symphony **Day Celebration** 7pm, Auditorium 4pm, The Studio 6:30-8:30pm, Auditorium **Drop-In Crafts for Teens** Milk & Book-ies 6:30pm, Storytime Room Teen Space Open Hours Conversations in ASL Drawing with Betsy 6:30-8pm, Danfoss Room Girls Who Code 6-8pm, Danfoss Room 10 15 12 14 16 **Family Storytime** 10:30am, Storytime Room **Toddler Time** Family Farm History **Toddler Time Toddler Time Toddler Time** Write in the Heart of Iowa 10am, Storytime Room Foundation Presents 10am, Storytime Room 1pm, Storytime Room 10am, Storytime Room 10am-12pm, The Studio Performances of Conversations in English Maker Morning **Baby Time** Family Storytime **Apple Users Group** Saturday Family Fun: Map of My Kingdom and 1:30pm, Storytime Room 10:30am, Storytime Room 11am-12pm Youth Makerspace 10am-12pm, The Studio 11:30am, Auditorium Write with Me Farm-to-Fork Tales 10:30am, Storytime Room Maker Morning Family Storytime **Drop-In Crafts for Teens Drop-In Crafts for Teens** 2pm, Auditorium **Drop-In Crafts for Teens** Teen Advisory Group 11am-12:30pm, Board Room 11am-12pm Youth Makerspace Teen Space Open Hours Teen Space Open Hours 10:30am, Storytime Room Teen Writers' Workshop Teen Space Open Hours **Maker Morning** Conversations in Spanish Genealogy Proof Standard 2-4pm, Board Room **Baby Time Baby Time** 11am-12pm Youth Makerspace 7-8:30pm, The Studio 11:05am, Storytime Room 6pm, Storytime Room **Living with Art** 7pm, Auditorium Milk & Book-ies 12:30-4:30pm, Auditorium **Drop-In Crafts for Teens Drop-In Crafts for Teens** Teen Space Open Hours 6:30pm, Storytime Room Teen Space Open Hour Girls Who Code Conversations in Russian **Your Historians** 3pm, The Studio 6-8pm, Danfoss Room 7pm, Auditorium Conversations in French **Outdoor Alliance Lecture** 028: Real Reads 4pm, The Studio 7pm, Auditorium 7pm, Board Room 17 18 20 **Spring Breakout Room** 10am-12pm, Youth Services **The Mothering Circle** 9:30am, Teen Space **Toddler Time** S.T.E.M. 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Auditorium

Technology Help

Apple Users Group

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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.

Computer & Research Help Genealogy Group

4th Wednesday of Each Month 10am-12pm, Danfoss Room

Stop into a monthly meetup to get help with your genealogy research, genealogy software and writing your family story.

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

PC Help Sessions

1st Friday of Each Month, 10:30am-12pm, Danfoss Room AND Wednesday, March 6, 12-1:30pm, PEO 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.

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

 1^{st} and 3^{rd} 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.

Conversations in...

American Sign Language (ASL): 1st Thursday of Each Month 6:30-8pm, Danfoss Room

Chinese: **No Meeting in March**.

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.

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).



Parents & Parents-To-Be

Best Start Breastfeeding & Next Step Pumping Class

3rd Monday of Each Month Breastfeeding: 6-7:30pm Pumping: 7:35-8:35pm

PEO Room

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 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.

See You at the TEEN SPACE

Did you know Ames Public Library has a room just for teens to hang out, do homework, play games, and just be themselves?

Anyone in grades 6-12 is welcome in the Teen Space when it's open—usually after school and weekends.

The Teen Space is located across from the Auditorium, between the Welcome area and the Youth Services area.

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, Rotary Room

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 TeensMonday-Friday in the Teen Space During Teen Space Open Hours

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

Girls Who Code

Wednesdays 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, Board Room

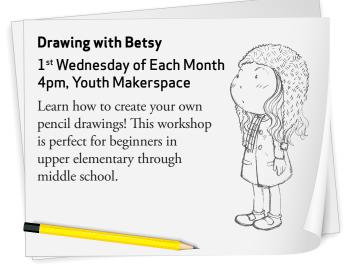
Help plan exciting library events for teens, share what you're reading, and make new friends. There's free pizza, too! Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

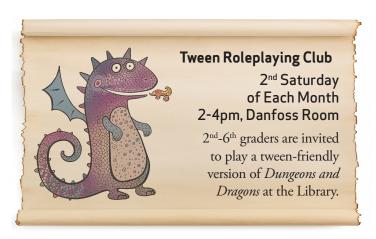
Teen Writers' Workshop

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.





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, March 7, will be "Chemistry: Acid vs. Base."

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and ISU Extension & Outreach.

Spanish Storytime

2nd Saturday of Each Month 11:15am, Storytime Room

Native Spanish speakers will share stories and activities in Spanish.

Storytimes & More

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. Join with other caregivers and their pre-walkers and older siblings for 20 minutes of conversation and play.

Toddler Time

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

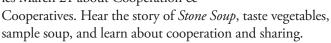
Drop in to this process-focused craft activity for toddlers, preschooler, and their caregivers. We supply the materials. Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

Milk & Book-ies

Thursdays at 6:30pm Storytime Room

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

There will be a special Milk & Bookies March 21 about Cooperation &



Cooperation & Cooperatives storytime provided in partnership with Ames Public Library, Iowa Farmers Union, and Wheatsfield Co-op.

* No Family Storytime or Maker Morning Thursday, March 21. Come to our Groovy Cat Spring Break Event! (See page 3.)



Tail Waggin' Tales

1st Tuesday of Each Month 10:30am, Storytime Room

Get ready to clap your hands and wag your tail! Tail Waggin' Tales is a highly interactive storytime for children ages 0-5 with their grown-ups. This program uses simple activities and early education topics to introduce children

body language, and companion animal welfare. Kids also meet and pet therapy dog Marmalade.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Plucky Paws.



Saturday Family Fun

Saturdays at 10:30am, Storytime Room

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

March 2: Play with Me

March 9: Sing & Dance with Me

March 16: Write with Me March 23: Read with Me March 30: App with Me



March Madness

It's time for March Madness—for books! We've created brackets pitting the most often checked out Picture Books, Easy Readers, Juvenile Graphic Novels, and Chapter Books against each other.

Stop by the Library and vote to get your favorites to the next round! You can vote each week, starting March 4. Don't worry if you haven't read all the books; just vote for the ones you want to win!

Bridge to Reading Picture Book Award

Help us choose the best read aloud picture book for Iowa. Take a look at the display in Ames Public Library's youth area, read the final choices, and encourage your child to vote for their favorite.

Look for the winner this spring!



Ayreheart Early Music Ensemble

Saturday, April 6 10am, Auditorium

Meet Grammy-nominated lutenist Ronn McFarlane and the other extraordinary musicians of Ayreheart, as they introduce you to the vibrant music and fascinating instruments of the Renaissance. Through their spirited "show and tell," they'll offer historical and cultural context, demonstrating the connections between the folk and "high art" music of centuries ago with more familiar traditional folk music, as well as that of our own time.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames Town and Gown. Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

All Ages Drag Show

Saturday, April 6, Auditorium All Ages: 6:30-7:15pm, Teens Only: 7:15-9pm

Come to a free, family-friendly evening of music and dance by local professional and amateur drag performers. All ages are welcome to sign up and show off their talent, or just come to enjoy the free show, food, and mingling!

Register to perform (solo or in a group) by e-mailing trastogi@amespubliclibrary.org.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames Pride.

Homeschool Inventor's Fair

Friday, April 12 5-6pm, Auditorium

Sign up to create a display for the Library's Inventor's Fair! Each child or family group will choose a favorite inventor to study and learn about OR become an inventor yourself. Create a display about your person or a way to show off your invention. Then we'll showcase our work and have fun sharing what we've discovered.

Visit www.amespubliclibrary.org/events/inventor for more information.

Storytime with Derek Anderson

Saturday, April 13 2:30pm, Storytime Room

Join us for a storytime with Ames Author and ISU Alum Derek Anderson! Derek will also present a storytime April 13 at 10:30am at the ISU Book Store.

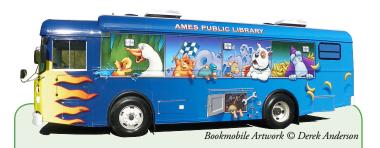
ARE YOU READY FOR CAPTAIN MARVEL?



Read all about the newest addition to the Marvel Cinematic Universe before (or after) you see it!

Check the graphic novels section on the second floor for several volumes of Captain Marvel's adventures.

Stop by the DVDs on the way to catch any Marvel movies you may have missed—or need to re-watch.



The Bookmobile

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

> The Bookmobile will be closed March 18-21.

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

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