Maximum Ames Music Festival

Enjoy free live music at the Library as part of the Maximum Ames Music Festival!

Elizabeth Zimmerman & Mark Haugen
Friday, September 6
7-8:30pm, Auditorium

Long-time Ames resident Elizabeth Zimmerman is constantly inspired by art, film, nature, and people. Her musical influences/styles range from folk to jazz to soul and blues.

Mark Haugen is a piano based singer-songwriter from Lincoln, Nebraska who writes pop songs with teeth. His honest lyrics and catchy melodies take the listener on a journey through the ups and downs of life.

Iowa Women of Rock
Sunday, September 8
1-3pm, Auditorium

This Maximum Ames Music Festival tradition continues since the founding in 2010. The showcase features local singing and songwriting talent as a variety of women perform in an “unplugged” setting.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Maximum Ames Music Festival with support from the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

Celebrate Women Book Sale
September 13-15
Literary Grounds During Library Open Hours

Stop by for great deals on books by and about women! Select books are half price on Sunday.

Ames Public Library will be CLOSED
Monday, September 2

fun events inside…

Ames Pridefest

Signal Poetry Festival

Step Into Storybooks

Ames Public Library Hours
Monday-Thursday: 9am - 9pm
Friday & Saturday: 9am - 6pm
Sunday: 1pm - 5pm
Logistics of Care: Accessing Mental and Primary Health Care as a Trans or Non-Binary Person
Saturday, September 7
10am, Rotary Room
Kelsi Kennison and Dr. Larson Ode will answer common questions (“What should I expect if I start taking hormones? How do I get hormones in the first place?”) and share their experiences with meeting the healthcare needs of trans and non-binary individuals.
Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames Pride.

Playing Dress Up: Caregivers Panel
Saturday, September 7
11am, Rotary Room
“Is my child trans or are they playing dress up?” “My kid came out. Now what?” Hear personal stories of how families or other support networks of youth with diverse sexual and gender identities support their children. This casual panel will provide a great opportunity to connect with other caregivers.
Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames Pride.

Saturday, September 7
1pm, Library Auditorium
Meet Mason Deaver, the #ownvoices author of *I Wish You All the Best*, a Young Adult book about a non-binary teen finding love, acceptance, and family when they’re forced from their home after coming out to their parents.
Mason will talk about being a debut writer and their own experiences as a non-binary person. Books will be available for purchase and signing courtesy of Iowa State University Bookstore.
Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames Pride.
Iowa Safe Schools: Youth Activism 101
Saturday, September 7, at 11am, PEO Room
Don’t have a Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA)? Start one! Already have one? Learn how to engage in meaningful student activism with Iowa Safe Schools. Join this session for conversations on understanding your rights as a student, creating and challenging your GSA, and getting involved in political and social activism that affirms and supports you.
There will be opportunities to meet and workshop with youth from all over central Iowa.
Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library, Ames Pride, and Iowa Safe Schools.

Outdoor Festival
Saturday, September 7, 11am-8pm, 5th and Douglas
This year’s Pridefest will feature a wide variety of vendors and live entertainment!
Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames Pride.

"Pride So White:” A Space for QTPOC & Gallery Walk
Saturday, September 7, at 12pm, Rotary Room
Queer and trans people of color, this is your chance to tell the mostly white Ames Pride Board of Directors what it could be doing (and what it’s NOT doing) to support local queer community members—and not just the white ones.
Hear from Max Moore in the Rotary Room about the importance of the intersection between race, gender, and sexuality, then head to the Danfoss Room to participate in a gallery walk intended for QTPOC. (No tone policing!)
Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames Pride.

Qids Chill Out Room: Games & Youth Gallery Walk
Saturday, September 7
12:15pm, PEO Room
Hang out with other queer kids (qids!) and allies, play board games, eat snacks, and let us know how Ames can better serve local qids.
Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames Pride.

Pride Storytime & Dance Party
Saturday, September 7
1pm, Storytime Room
Put on your best dress or favorite costume and join us for a pride storytime and dance party hosted by Chicago drag king Mick D!
Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames Pride.

Qid Afterparty Dance for Teens
Saturday, September 7, 8:15-10:15pm
Ames United Church of Christ (217 6th Street)
Not ready for the party to end? Middle and high schoolers are invited to join us at a post-Pridefest dance party, featuring a youth drag performance at Ames United Church of Christ!
Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library, Ames Pride, and Ames United Church of Christ.
"Welcome to Iowa, Letters to Carps and Other Immigrants" Exhibit

Saturday, September 14
9am-6pm, Rotary Room

Sunday, September 15
1-3pm, Rotary Room

Come check out an exhibit as part of the Signal Poetry Festival.

Master of Fine Arts candidate Kartika Budhwar’s essay, “Welcome to Iowa: Letters to Carps and Other Immigrants,” is a series of letter-poems to invasive and non-native plant species in exploration of the immigrant’s experience in Iowa. Curator Crystal Stone brought together several artists to present an immersive and visual representation of five poems from the work.

Watercolor paintings by Keygan Sands and Jane DeGeneffe will be featured alongside the selections.

An immersive avant-garde video featuring Budwar's prose, poetry, and life and an interactive history of immigration in Iowa will both be on display.

The exhibit will also be open during the Signal Poetry Festival’s Friday and Saturday evening performances.

Lee Ann Roripaugh & Indigo Moor

Friday, September 13
7-9pm, Auditorium

Come enjoy two nationally acclaimed poet laureates with live readings as we kick off this year’s Signal Poetry Festival.

Leann Roripaugh, a Wyoming native and a second-generation Japanese American, is the poet laureate of South Dakota, whose poetry topics range from mixed-race identity, to Japanese fairy tales, to the Japanese American internment camps during World War II.

Poet and playwright Indigo Moor serves as the poet laureate of Sacramento. Strongly influenced by southern African American poets, Moor’s works connect people—with art, historical figures and ultimately with each other.

A Q&A will follow the readings.

Additional support for Friday’s poets is provided by The Pearl Hogrefe Visiting Writer Series, funded by the Pearl Hogrefe Fund, the ISU MFA Program in Creative Writing & Environment, and the ISU Department of English.

Matt Mason

Saturday, September 14
7pm, Auditorium

Nebraska State Poet Matt Mason is an internationally acclaimed spoken-word and literary poet, the Executive Director of the Nebraska Writer's Collective, and the founder of both the Omaha Healing Arts Center Poetry Slam and The Poetry Menu, a comprehensive website listing every poetry event in the state of Nebraska.

Children’s Poetic Theatre Performances

Sunday, September 15
2pm, Auditorium

Members from Story County Theatre Company will perform "Not Now, Navid" written by Roger Kleusner, Kay Marner and Sarvinder Naberhaus and illustrated by Tara Gartin as well as Tara Gartin’s story, "Gus and His Bus." Both were adapted for the stage and directed by Kiersten Naberhaus.

There will be a short Q&A about the adaptation process and with actors after the performance.
Learn at the Library

Big Bluestem Audubon Society Presentation
Pantalán Birds and Jaguars
Thursday, September 19
7pm, Auditorium

Dr. Paul Brooke, professor of English at Grand View University, will present on the Pantalán, its birds and its jaguars. Brooke will be showing his own photos as well as other images from professional photographers in the group who have captured amazing shots of jaguars killing prey, mating, fighting, and much more. It will truly be a special night to see these unbelievable photographs and hear about Brooke’s own adventures.

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

Climate Crisis: Facts To Action
Chasing Coral film showing
Monday, September 16
6:30pm, Rotary Room

Gather with community members to 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 we will be watching an Emmy-winning film which has helped tens of millions of viewers understand the coral reef crisis. For three years, Emmy-winning filmmaker Jeff Orlowski and his team followed the work of The Ocean Agency in recording and revealing a global coral bleaching event and the impacts of climate change on the world’s reefs.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library, the Ames Climate Action Team and The ISU Green Umbrella student organization. Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

Psychology in Everyday Life
Monday, September 30
7pm, Auditorium

Explore some basic psychological principles that you can apply to everyday life in this continuing lecture series.

This month we’ll talk about identity. Panelists will discuss what identity is and some common biases and stereotypes related to certain identities.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and ISU Graduate Students in Psychology.

Movie Night

LGBTQ Documentaries
Thursday, September 5
6:30pm, Auditorium

Join us for free showings of the following documentaries:

How Stonewall Became Famous | Op-Docs
50 years after Stonewall, why so many LGBTQ people are ‘still grieving’ | PBS News Hour
Magic Cover - RUDE - LGBT version

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and LGBTQ Committee of Story County Democrats.

Asia in Film
China, A Century of Revolution
Part 1 - China in Revolution 1911-1949
Tuesday, September 24
6:30pm, Rotary Room

This powerful program takes a remarkable first-hand look at China’s tumultuous history, examining its social, political and cultural upheaval through eyewitness accounts, rare archival film footage and insightful commentary. China In Revolution begins in 1911 with the fall of the last emperor and continues through 1949, highlighting four decades of civil war, foreign invasion and the ascension of rival leaders Mao Zedong and Chiang Kai-shek.

028: Real Reads
2nd Thursday of Each Month at 7pm, Board Room

028 focuses on recently published, popular nonfiction on a variety of topics.

September 12
*The Inheritance: A Family on the Front Lines of the Battle Against Alzheimer’s Disease* by Niki Kapsambelis

October 10
*No One Cares About Crazy People: The Chaos and Heartbreak of Mental Health in America* by Ron Powers

Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

Books @ Noon
4th Wednesday of Each Month at 12pm, Rotary Room

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.

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.

Mystery Lovers Book Club
1st Wednesday of Each Month at 12pm, Rotary Room

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

Sept. 4: Mary Jane Behrends Clark

October 2: Elizabeth Peters

Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

View from the Margins
2nd Sunday of Each Month
2-4pm, Board Room

Try out our new book discussion group exploring social and cultural topics through the lens of fiction and nonfiction. The goal is to encourage deep reflection and nuanced discussion about how the topics’ impacts manifest and resonate in modern society.

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

Join us to reflect on the following titles:

- September 8: *The Origin of Others* by Toni Morrison
- October 13: *The Beautiful Things that Heaven Bears* by Dinaw Mengestu

Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

Author Event

Dave Price

Wednesday, September 18 at 7pm, Auditorium

Dave Price is the managing editor, political director and host of the Sunday morning show, “The Insiders” for Channel 13 News. His work has earned him a national Emmy and national Edward R. Murrow award, along with dozens of state and regional awards.

Dave Price will talk about his newest book called “Caucus Chaos Trump, how a reality TV star shocked politics and what that means for 2020.” It includes interviews with many of the Democrats running for president (and there are MANY!).

Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and League of Women Voters of Ames & Story County.
**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.

**1-on-1 Tech Tutor**

Need help using the library’s e-books or streaming services? Schedule a one-on-one technology help appointment. Library staff will introduce you to the Library’s online resources, help you set up your accounts and devices, and offer troubleshooting to make our e-resources work for you!

Call (515) 239-5646 ext. 4 to schedule an appointment.

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**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).

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**Writing Groups**

**Inkspots**

3rd Wednesday of Each Month
1:30-3pm, Rotary Room

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, Location Varies

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.

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**Conversations in...**

**American Sign Language**

1st Thursday of Each Month
at 6:30pm, Danfoss Room

- **English:**
  Mondays at 11:30am, Auditorium
  (No Meeting September 2)

- **French:**
  Saturdays at 4pm, The Studio

- **Russian:**
  Saturdays at 3pm, The Studio

- **Spanish:**
  Tuesdays at 7pm, The Studio

Gather for casual conversations in different languages. Chat in your native language or get comfortable talking in another.

**Looking to Learn a Language?**

Learn online with the Library’s subscription to Little Pim, Mango Languages, and Transparent Language!

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**Ames Poetry Slam**

Tuesday, September 3
7pm, Auditorium
(Signup begins at 6:30pm)

The Ames Poetry Revival is a spoken word poetry group (collective) open to all who wish to share. The slam-style events include prizes by local artists.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames Poetry Revival.
Parents & Parents-To-Be

Best Start Breastfeeding & Next Step Pumping Class
3rd Monday of Each Month, Board Room
Breastfeeding: 6-7:30pm
Pumping: 7:30-8:30pm

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
9:15 & 10:30am, 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.

Get into Genealogy

Genealogy Plus
Iowa Cemeteries: Who Maintains Them, How to Access Records
Wednesday, September 18
10am-12pm, Auditorium

What do you know about cemeteries? Who owns them? What records are kept and who has access? And what can the public do to ensure cemeteries are maintained and records safely kept? Dennis Allen will discuss the state of cemeteries in Iowa...don't miss this one!

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

Genealogy Help Session
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.

Meetups for Gamers

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.

Tabletop RPG
4th Saturday of Each Month
2-5pm, Auditorium

All ages are invited to join a Mouse Guard Role Playing Game.

In this game, players are part of an elite squad of patrol mice who protect and assist their fellow mice. Players will actively help to create a unique story involving their characters. Cooperation, problem solving, imagination, and a sense of exploration are encouraged! A Game Master will be available to help new players and guide the story.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Play Games Ames.

Tween Roleplaying Club
2nd Saturday of Each Month
2-4pm, Danfoss Room

2nd-6th graders are invited to play a tween-friendly version of Dungeons and Dragons at the Library.

If you are new to the group, please come 30 minutes early to create your character.

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

Crochet & Knitting Group

2nd & 4th Saturdays of Each Month
10am-12pm, Location Varies

All ages are invited to hang out and knit or crochet. Bring your own materials.
Storytimes & More

**Storytimes begin Monday, September 9.**

**Baby Time**
*Tuesdays at 1:30pm*
*Wednesdays at 11am*
*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.

**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!

**Satdarday Play Date**
*Saturdays at 10:30am, Storytime Room*
Join other children and their adult caregivers and play with us as we learn through books, songs, crafts, and games!

**Sept. 7: No Program**
**Sept. 14: KidsFit Club**

One Saturday each month is a KidsFit Club day! Hy-Vee’s nutrition and exercise experts will lead classes and have fun making a healthy snack, moving muscles and exercising the brain!

**Sept. 21: Read with Me**
**Sept. 28: No Program**

**STEM for homeschoolers**
1st Thursday of Each Month
*10am, Auditorium*

Ames Public Library and ISU Extension & Outreach are teaming up to bring you a school year of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)! This event is perfect for homeschool families.

Activities are geared for K-5 students, but all ages are welcome to join us.

We’ll start September 5 by **Coding with Dash & Dot!**

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

**Maker Morning**
*Wednesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays*
*11am-12pm, Youth Makerspace*
Drop in to this process-focused craft activity for preschoolers and their caregivers. We supply the materials.

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**Milk & Book-ies**
*Thursdays*
*6:30pm, Storytime Room*
Stop in for 30+ minutes of fun stories and songs along with milk and cookies.

**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 perfect for toddlers and their families.
Just for Teens

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)
Saturday, September 21
(No Meeting September 7)
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!

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Teen Writers’ Workshop
2nd Sunday of Each Month, 2-4pm, The Studio

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.

Celebrate Literacy with Smyles and Cy
Tuesday, September 10
5:30pm, Hilton Coliseum

All ages are invited to a special literacy event before ISU’s volleyball game on September 10!

Join Ames Public Library staff at Hilton Coliseum between 5:30 and 6:30pm for fun, family-friendly activities. Smyles (the big blue Library dog) and the Bookmobile will be there too! We’ll share a pre-game storytime at 6:15pm.

Want to go to the game? Families may pick up a Reading Challenge sheet at Ames Public Library to read their way to a free ticket! (See cyclones.com for regular ticket prices and ordering.)

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The Bookmobile

Check out Library materials for all ages at any of the Bookmobile’s weekly stops:

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)

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A library card brings stories to life!

If you are a person with a disability who requires special assistance, please call (515) 239-5646 in advance of a program.

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.