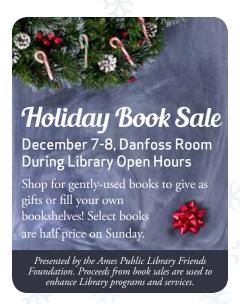
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Ames Public Library will be **CLOSED**

Tuesday & Wednesday December 24-25

Wednesday, January 1

The Library will close at 5pm Tuesday, December 31





Author Café with Debra Marquart

Coming March 29

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

(Students receive a \$10 discount.)

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





Come enjoy the holidays at the Library

- Milk & Book-ies Special:
 The Nutcracker Ballet (pg. 10)
- * "Ebenezer Duke" A Holiday Musical (pg. 10)
- Onion Creek Band and Ames Ukulele Group Holiday Concert (pg. 3)
- * Crafts with Santa (pg. 10)
- Saturday Play Date: Christmas Storytime Special (pg. 11)

and More!





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For more locations, see the Bookmobile Schedule at the end of this newsletter!

Ames Public Library Hours

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

BLACK LIVES MATTER

Fashion, Liberation, and the Fight for Freedom

Exhibit: Dec. 4-16, Grand Staircase Exhibit Space

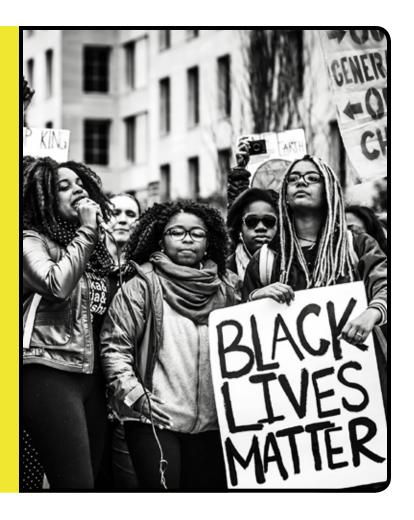
Open House: Thursday, December 5 at 6pm, Lobby

Presentation: Thursday, December 5 at 7pm, Auditorium

Explore the history of the Black Lives Matter movement and its relationship to politics, activism, and fashion through an exhibit created by Iowa State University students.

Using historic and cultural methodologies, the exhibition highlights the different ways clothing, fashion, appearance, and styles have been an example of resistance, rebellion, and negotiations of Black politics historically and today.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Iowa State University College of Human Sciences Department of Apparel, Events, & Hospitality Management.



Learn at the Library



Climate Crisis: Facts To Action On Fire (57min)

Wednesday, December 4, at 6:30pm, Auditorium

Gather with community members to not only learn from experts why the climate is in crisis, but also to discuss actions we can take in our own lives.

In this YouTube video of a Politics and Prose event, bestselling author Naomi Klein talks with Betsy Reed, Editor-in-Chief of *The Intercept*, as well as actress and activist Jane Fonda about her book, *On Fire: The (Burning) Case for a Green New Deal.*

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library, the Ames Climate Action Team, and The Green Umbrella at Iowa State University. Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

McNurlen Award Presenters

Monday, December 9 6:30pm, Auditorium

Iowa State University students in the Department of Natural Resource Ecology and Management who are recipients of the Dr. Keith McNurlen Award will make presentations about their research.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and the Ames Chapter of the Izaak Walton League.

Redefining Math

Wednesday, December 11 7pm, Auditorium

Do you hate math? Do you dread helping your child with math homework?

Teens and adults are invited to a workshop to learn about mathematics and how your negative experiences impact your learning.

The workshop will be presented by Michael Young, an Associate Professor of Mathematics at Iowa State University, and Juergen Kritschgau, a fourth year Mathematics PhD student at Iowa State University.

Onion Creek Band and Ames Ukulele Group Holiday Concert

Sunday, December 15 2-3:30pm, Auditorium

Come to the Library for a free concert for all ages. This holiday performance is part happy listening and part sing- and play-along. Bring a ukulele if you have one and join the fun!

Onion Creek is Ames' longest lived oldtime music band. They play for Onion Creek Cloggers and host and play for community potlucks and barn dances. Count on toe-tapping tunes and delightful songs from them.

Ames Ukulele Group (AUG) is Ames' newest ukulele band. It's makeup includes attorneys, builders, artists, engineers, secretaries, teachers, and students from all walks of life.



Regular Book Discussions

028: Real Reads

2nd Thursday of Each Month at 7pm, Board Room

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

December 12

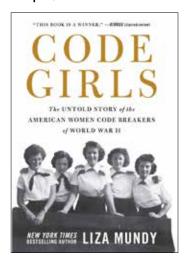
Code Girls: The Untold Story of the American Women Code Breakers of World War II by Lisa Mundy

January 9

The Woman's Hour:

The Great Fight to Win the Vote by Elaine Weiss

Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.



Books @ Noon

Wednesday, December 18, at 12pm, Rotary Room (Please note date change)

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.

Mystery Lovers Book Club

1st Wednesday of Each Month at 12pm, Rotary Room

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

December 4: Carola Dunn January 8: Dorothy Sayers

Great Books 1

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

Great Books 2

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

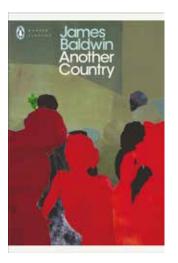
Come discuss classic short stories and essays recommended by the Great Books Foundation.

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

View from the Margins

2nd Sunday of Each Month 2-4pm, Board Room

Check out this 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.

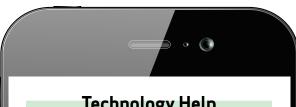
Join us to reflect on the following titles:

December 8:

Another Country by James Baldwin

January 12: **Friday Night Lights** by H.G. Bissinger

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Technology Help

Apple Users Group

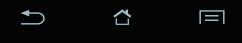
Every Friday, 10am-12pm, The Studio

Come to the Library to get support and improve your 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!

Visit the Library's Adult Services Desk or call (515) 239-5646 ext. 4 to schedule an appointment.



Get Creative

Crochet & Knitting Group

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

All ages are invited to hang out and knit or crochet. Please bring your own materials.



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, Rotary Room

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, a pen, and be ready to critique.



Conversations in...

American Sign Language

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

English:

Mondays at 11:30am, Auditorium

French:

Saturdays at 4pm, The Studio

Russian:

Saturdays at 10am, 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!

Quiet Study Space

Tired of prepping for finals at home?
We have quiet rooms available for studying here at the library.





Foundation Directory Online

Are you a grant-seeker or involved in a local non-profit organization? Finding grants and funding just got easier thanks to Ames Public Library's new subscription to Foundation Directory Online.

This online resource offers information on more than 13 million grants and 155,000 grantmakers, making it the world's largest database on grantmaking. Funders of all sizes are included in the database making it a great resource for grant-seekers and non-profits of all sizes.

Use Foundation Directory Online for free from any Library computer, or bring in your laptop and use our free Wi-Fi!

Learning in the New Year

Want to learn something new in 2020? The Library has a variety of new series starting in January, including:

- Ames History Museum Presentations
- EcoChats
- Go Beyond the Glass
- The Other Side of LatinX
- And More!

Watch for events celebrating the 100 year anniversary of the **19**th **Amendment** and 50 years of **Earth Day**!

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.

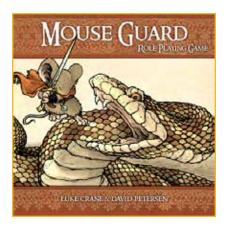
Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Play Games Ames.

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.



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Just for Teens

TEEN SLIME of the Month

Wednesday, December 4 4-5:30pm, Teen Space

Teens, come make a different slime each month! This December, stop by and make a Winter Slime.

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

Saturday, December 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! Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

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.

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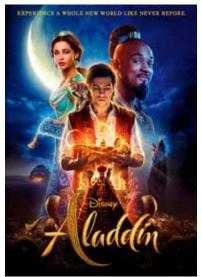
Wednesday, December 11 4-5:30pm, Teen Space

Teens, come make a fun craft each month! In December, we'll make tissue paper luminaries.

Teen Holiday Crafts: DIY Ornaments

Thursday, December 19 4-5:30pm, Teen Space

Teens are invited to come create their own ornaments!



Teen Movie & Oreos: Aladdin (2019, MPAA

(2019, MPAA rating: PG) 2h8m

Thursday December 26 4-6pm Teen Space

Teens are invited to enjoy a movie and snacks in the Teen Space.





Saturday, December 14 2-3:30pm, Rotary Room

Families are invited to join us for fun science experiments and engineering projects that engage the imagination.

Afterwards, attendees will have the opportunity to learn more about the science behind each activity and check out related books.



for homeschoolers

1st Thursday of Each Month 10am, PEO Room

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!

This month, come learn about the topic – Explore our Body: Healthy Hearts.

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Parents & Parents-To-Be

Best Start Breastfeeding & Next Step Pumping Class

3rd Monday of Each Month Rotary 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!

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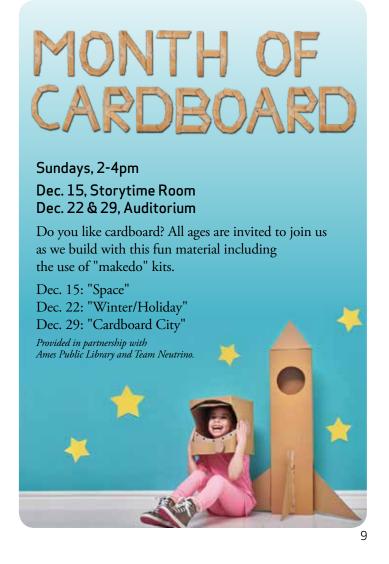
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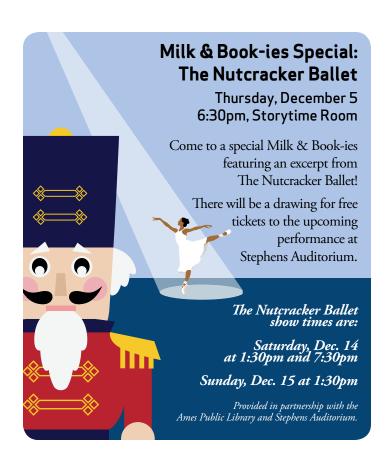
1st and 3rd Thursday of Each Month 9:15 & 10:30am, Teen Space

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.















Monday, December 27: 10am-12pm Monday, December 30: 2-4pm Thursday, January 2: 10am-12pm Youth Services Study Room

Jump through the wardrobe and land in the world of C.S. Lewis' Narnia. Can you follow the clues and solve the puzzles to escape before the White Witch locks you in forever? This family-friendly escape room will be offered multiple times, and sign-ups each day will begin 15 minutes before the start of the event.



Tuesday, December 31 11am-12pm, Auditorium

Families are invited for a special Noon Year's Eve event.

Join us for crafts from 11-11:40am, and then dance your cares away at a dance party. We'll end the program with a special toast and countdown to Noon!

Saturday 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!

Dec. 7: Sing & Dance With Me

Get your blood pumping and explore fun instruments, rhythm, and motion at our monthly dance party.

Dec. 14: KidsFit Club

Join us one Saturday each month for a KidsFit Club day with Hy-Vee's nutrition and exercise experts.



Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Lincoln Center Hy-Vee.

Dec. 21: Christmas Storytime Special

Come to a special storytime featuring Christmas books.

Dec. 28: No Program

Have fun with the holidays!





Monthly Storytimes

Spanish Storytime

Saturday, December 14 11:45am, Storytime Room

Join us for 30 minutes of Spanish stories and song.

Super Heroes from the Bible

2nd Tuesday of Each Month 10:30am, Auditorium

Enjoy a storytime featuring Bible storybooks and a craft.

Sensory Storytime

Friday, December 27 9am, Storytime Room



New Storytime!

Families are invited to a special sensory storytime for all children, but especially welcoming to those with autism or other sensory processing disorders.

Expectations and activities will be shared at the beginning to help guide the child and caregiver through the experience.

Weekly Storytimes & Crafts

Through December 20

Baby Time

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

Bring your pre-walker 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!

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.

Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

Milk & Book-ies

Thursdays 6:30pm, Storytime Room

Stop in for a fun story, song, and STEM activities 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 and a book, while building early literacy skills perfect for toddlers and their families.



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Looking for holiday gift ideas?





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The Bookmobile

Closed Dec. 23 - Jan. 3

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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