**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.

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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

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**Holiday Book Sale**
December 7-8, Danfoss Room
During Library Open Hours

Shop for gently-used books to give as gifts or fill your own bookshelves! Select books are half price on Sunday.

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

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**Come enjoy the holidays at the Library**

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- and More!
**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.*

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**Learn at the Library**

**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.

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

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

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January 9
The Woman’s Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote by Elaine Weiss

Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

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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

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3rd Sunday of Each Month
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Come discuss classic short stories and essays recommended by the Great Books Foundation.

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

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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.

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.

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!
**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.

**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 19th Amendment and 50 years of Earth Day!
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- **All Ages/Mix Family Event Teen Event Adult Event**

**Symbols:**
- **Registration Required**

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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](http://bit.ly/APLprogram).
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.*

**Teen Craft of the Month**

**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 rating: PG)**
**2h 8m**

**Thursday, December 26**
**4-6pm, Teen Space**

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

**Coming in January**

**YULE BALL**

**Saturday, January 25**
**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 with prizes.

Music provided by DNA Music Entertainment.

*Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation Teen Advisory Group.*

**STEM 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.

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

Sundays, 2-4pm
Dec. 15, Storytime Room
Dec. 22 & 29, Auditorium
Do you like cardboard? All ages are invited to join us as we build with this fun material including the use of “makedo” kits.
Dec. 15: “Space”
Dec. 29: “Cardboard City”
Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Team Neutrino.
Milk & Book-ies Special: The Nutcracker Ballet  
Thursday, December 5  
6:30pm, Storytime Room

Come to a special Milk & Book-ies featuring an excerpt from The Nutcracker Ballet! There will be a drawing for free tickets to the upcoming performance at Stephens Auditorium.

The Nutcracker Ballet show times are:  
Saturday, Dec. 14  
at 1:30pm and 7:30pm  
Sunday, Dec. 15 at 1:30pm

Provided in partnership with the Ames Public Library and Stephens Auditorium.

"Ebenezer Duke" A Holiday Musical  
Saturday, December 14  
2-3pm, Auditorium

All ages are invited to "Ebenezer Duke" a brand new mini-musical. Come enjoy this 45-minute re-telling of "A Christmas Carol" told through original songs, storytelling/acting, dance, and audience participation.

EscapE from Narnia  
Escape Room Challenge

Thursday, December 26: 6-8pm  
Friday, 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.

Noon Year’s Eve Party  
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!
**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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**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!

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**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*

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.

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**New 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*

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.
Find gifts for readers at your library!

- Book Bags
- Greeting Cards
- Smyles Toy
- Author Café Tickets
- Gently-Used Books
- Literary Grounds Gift Certificates
- and More!

Looking for holiday gift ideas?

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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