BLACK ARTS AND MUSIC FESTIVAL
Feb. 8-9 2020

GRAPHIC NOVEL Book Club for Kids
SPRING BOOK SALE
Earth Day 2020 events
JUST MERCY Discussion
and more inside!
"Just Mercy" Discussion

Tuesday, February 4
5:30-8pm, Auditorium

Seen the movie? Read the book? Come discuss *Just Mercy* at the Ames Public Library.

Enjoy refreshments at 5:30pm and the discussion at 6pm.

*Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library, Iowa State University Black Faculty and Staff Association, and the Iowa State University Department of Diversity and Inclusion.*

Psychology In Everyday Life

Monday, February 10
7pm, Auditorium

Topic -- Cognitive Psychology & Neuroscience

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

Graduate Students in Psychology and Neuroscience will hold a panel to explore the interconnections of cognitive psychology and neuroscience.

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

Redefining Math

Wednesday, February 12
7pm, Danfoss Room

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 and Juergen Kritschgau, a fourth year Mathematics PhD student at Iowa State University.

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

Your Historians

Tuesday, February 18
7pm, Auditorium

Hear free, fascinating lectures by faculty of ISU’s Department of History. This month, Crystal Brandenburgh will present “Carrie Chapman Catt and the Nineteenth Amendment.”

*Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Iowa State University Department of History.*
Common Ground Initiative

Wednesday, Feb. 12: 1pm-3pm
Thursday, Feb. 13: 1pm-3pm
Monday, March 9: 10am-12pm
Thursday, March 12: 1pm-3pm
Rotary Room

Story County Conservation is joining in a project of the Iowa Association of Naturalists inspired by the Storycorps project on National Public Radio. Naturalists and volunteers will record participants’ experiences, memories and stories about their relationship with nature and the outdoors in Iowa.

To reserve a time slot, please e-mail rbeall@storycountyiowa.gov. Drop-ins are also welcome, as time permits.

Check http://bit.ly/CommonGroundProject for additional opportunities to participate either at the Ames Public Library or in other locations throughout the county. Or record and upload your own stories to the project.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Story County Conservation.

Outdoor Alliance Presentation

Winter & Wildlife presented by Ty Smede
Wednesday, February 19
7pm, Auditorium

While spring is a time of renewal, summer a time of plenty, and fall a season of transition, winter is a challenging time of hardship and adaptation for Midwestern wildlife.

This presentation will discuss the many challenges faced by wintering wildlife and we will view images demonstrating their adaptability and will to survive.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library, Ames Climate Action Team, Outdoor Alliance of Story County, and Story County Conservation.

Big Bluestem Audubon Society Presentation

Seasons of Wildlife presented by Eric Williamson
Thursday, February 20
7pm, Auditorium

Come take a look at the four different seasons and what animals can be found. Eric Williamson will share information about photography and field equipment and take us behind the scenes to understand how his photos were taken.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and the Big Bluestem Audubon Society.
**University Museums: Go Beyond the Glass**

**Monday, February 24**
7pm, Auditorium

Join us at the Library for presentations about art collections on display at University Museums. This month Lynette Pohlman and Sarah Bartlett will talk about: "Japanese Doll Festivals and the Early Collecting Passion of Ann Brunnier."

The Brunnier Art Museum began with a donation of over 30,000 decorative arts and dolls from Ann Brunnier who amassed the collection over 55 years. Mrs. Brunnier began her collecting passion by first assembling her doll collection that later expanded to include decorative arts from Asia, Europe, South America and North America. Learn about Ann Brunnier's Collection as well as the significance and cultural use of the festival dolls.

*Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Iowa State University Museums.*

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**Asia in Film**

**The Shaolin Kid**

Tuesday, February 25
6:30pm
Rotary Room

Andre, an eight-year-old American boy, has just one dream: to be a Kungfu master like Jackie Chan. When he is offered the chance to enter the legendary Shaolin Temple, his father must make the heartbreaking decision to leave the mother behind and follow his son to China. While father and son face the unknown together, the mother must now face life without her family. All three members of the family—husband, wife and son—now face their own unique set of challenges along this martial arts journey.

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

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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
Tuesdays at 6pm, The Studio

**French:**
Saturdays at 4pm, Location Varies

**Russian:**
Saturdays at 10am, Location Varies

**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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**Writing Groups**

**Inkspots**
3rd Wednesday of Each Month
1:30-3pm, The Studio

This writers’ group meets monthly to discuss and gently critique members’ writing. For more information, please visit the Library’s Adult Services Desk or call (515) 239-5646 ext. 4.

**Write in the Heart of Iowa**
1st and 3rd Saturday of Each Month
10am-12pm, 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.
028: Real Reads

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

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

February 13

American Prison: A Reporter’s Undercover Journey into the Business of Punishment
by Shane Bauer

March 12

The Great Quake: How the Biggest Earthquake in North America Changed Our Understanding of the Planet
by Henry Fountain

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Regular Book Discussions

Genealogy Plus
Newspaper! Find Your Ancestors
3rd Wednesday of Each Month
10am-12pm, Auditorium

Newspapers! Oh, the gems that can be found in them when working with your genealogy. This session is going to explore many, many WOWS beyond just those vital dates of born, married, died. Delve into the modern equipment used for the farm and home, clothing styles, decorating fads, and more. Think of that old newspaper as the Facebook of their time!

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

Great Books 1
3rd 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.

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

View from the Margins (note date and room change)
Sunday, February 2
2-4pm, The Studio

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:

February 2:
(note date change)
Opioid, Indiana
by Brian Allen Carr

March 8:
Divided We Stand
by Marjorie Spruill

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.

Mystery Lovers Book Club

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

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

February 5: Kerry Greenwood
March 4: Sara Paretsky

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.

Looking for free genealogy resources?
Visit www.amespubliclibrary.org, go to ”Learn and Explore” and click on ”Online Learning.”
## Library Events February 2020

### BLACK ARTS AND MUSIC FESTIVAL
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#### SATURDAY MORNING
- **Storytime** 9-9:30am, Storytime Room
- **Printmaking Based on the Art of Elizabeth Catlett** 10-11am, Youth Makerspace presented by Jamila Johnson for grades K-5
- **Sorcery: The Path to Making Magical Hip-Hop** 10:30am, Storytime Room presented by SLICE the Celestial Sorcer for teens
- **Paper Art Demo** 11:30am-12pm, The Studio presented by Juliana Jones for teens and adults

#### SATURDAY AFTERNOON
- **Saturday Kickoff**
  - **KUL (music)** 12:30pm, Auditorium
  - **Art Talk: Jamie Malone** 1:30pm, Grand叙述性 Gallery
  - **SLICE the Celestial Sorcerer (music)** 2pm, Auditorium
  - **Art Talk: Cameron Grey** 5pm, The Culture
  - **Cole Channel (music)** 7pm, Auditorium
  - **Art Talk: Juliana Jones** 4:30pm, The Studio

#### SUNDAY EVENTS
- **Sunday Kickoff**
  - **AMS Step Team (dance)** 11am-12:30pm, Board Room
  - **Art Talk: Amara Agba** 11:30am, Rotary Room
  - **Jazzy Johnson (spoken word)** 3pm, Auditorium

### ARTIST EXHIBITS
- **February 2-15 through the Library**

### Colors:
- **All Ages/Mix**
- **Family Event**
- **Teen Event**

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

### KEY
- **Family Storytime** 10am, Storytime Room
- **Ask & Dance with Me** 5-6pm
- **All Ages/Mix**
- **Family Event**
- **Teen Event**

### Notes:
- 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.

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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.

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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.

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**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.

**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.
Just for Teens

Movie Showing --
*The Best of Enemies*
(2019, MPAA rating: PG-13) 2h 13m
Saturday, Feb. 1
2-4pm
Auditorium

See the movie based off the popular book *The Best of Enemies: Race and Redemption in the New South* by Osha Gray Davidson. Stay after for a post-movie discussion.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and the Ames Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

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!

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**Teen Slime of the Month**
Wednesday, February 5
4-5:30pm, Teen Space

Teens, come make a different slime each month! This February, we’ll be making Minecraft Slime.

Teen Writers’ Workshop
2nd Sunday of Each Month
2-4pm, Board Room (note room change)

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, February 19
4-5:30pm, Teen Space

Teens, come make a fun craft each month! This February, we’ll be making a Minecraft Plush.

Teen Movie & Oreo's:
*Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark*
(2019, MPAA rating: PG-13)
1h 45m
Thursday, Feb. 27
4-6pm, Teen Space

Teens come enjoy a movie and snacks.

**Orientation for Child Care Ready Workshop Series**
Wednesday, February 19
6:30-8:30pm, PEO Room

Join us to hear all about the upcoming Child Care Ready workshop series. You will have the opportunity to sign up for the upcoming workshops at this event – so be sure to come and learn all about what it takes to make a difference in the life of young children!

**Child Care Ready Workshop Series**
February 28-29 & March 6-7
9am-6pm, Rotary Room

Are you interested in becoming a certified daycare provider or renewing your license?

Join us for an exciting opportunity that will help potential early childhood professionals be able to complete training components and be ready to submit a completed application to the Iowa Department of Human Services or an existing licensed child care center.

To RSVP for this series of workshops, or if you have questions about the Child Care Ready program, contact Julie Davis at (515) 371-0525 or jdavis@orchardplace.org.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library, Child Care Resource & Referral of Central Iowa, and Iowa Works.
Parents & Parents-To-Be

Best Start Breastfeeding & Next Step Pumping Class
Monday, February 24
PEO 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.

This event occurs every other month.

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 cafe. Children are welcome!

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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.

Graphic Novel Book Club
Saturday, February 1
2pm, Danfoss Room

Title -- Amulet: The Stonekeeper by Kazu Kibushi

Do you love graphic novels? Upper elementary kids are invited to join the Youth Graphic Novel Book Club. Each month we will discuss a specific title and enjoy activities.

Stop by the youth desk to pick up a free copy of the next graphic novel.

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Saturday Science Scene
Saturday, February 1
2-3:30pm, Storytime 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 explore the science behind each activity and check out related books.

The Mothering Circle
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!

This month, come learn about the topic – Play with your Food: Popping Popcorn.

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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!

Feb. 1: Sing & Dance with Me
Get your blood pumping and explore fun instruments, rhythm, and motion at our monthly dance party.

Feb. 8: 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.

Feb. 15: Write with Me
Use your imagination and creativity to tell stories of all kinds.

Feb. 22: Read with Me
Come enjoy some fun stories and boost your reading skills.

Feb. 29: Count with Me
Explore math through books and activities.

Monthly Storytimes

Super Heroes from the Bible
2nd Tuesday of Each Month
10:30am, Auditorium
Enjoy a storytime featuring Bible storybooks and a craft.

Sensory Storytime
4th Friday of Each Month
9:15am & 3:30pm, 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.

Weekly Storytimes & Crafts

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.
Caregivers and babies are invited to stay after the storytime for more play time and socialization.

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.
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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.

Chinese Storytime:
Springtime Celebration
Sunday, February 16
2pm, Storytime Room
Come celebrate the new year with a brief introduction video about the Year of the Mouse and make a mouse keychain craft.
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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