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LIBRARY HOURS

Mon, Wed, Fri, & Sat: 9am - 6pm
Tuesday & Thursday: 9am - 9pm
Sunday: 1pm - 5pm

Library Reopening

Monday, March 15

The Library is moving into the next phase of reopening spaces to the public. Starting March 15, visitors will be able to browse collections on the first and second floors of the Library. Play areas, study rooms, and meeting rooms will remain closed during this phase.

Visitors should limit their time in the building to 30 minutes so others can use the facility safely. Visitors must wear masks covering their nose and mouth and maintain 6 feet of distance from staff and other visitors. Library users in need of special accommodations may contact us at (515) 239-5646 ext. 2 for assistance.

The Library staff and Board of Trustees will continue to monitor the situation and collaborate with City officials and health experts to adapt Library services as needed.

For more information, please visit www.amespubliclibrary.org/COVID19.



Mondays in March, at 11am, via Zoom
*Registration Required for Each Week **

Play, dance, and sing together on Zoom! Families with young children (especially preschool age) are invited to register for our online play dates featuring music and movement.

Space is limited, so sign up early! Daycare providers interested in this program should contact PS@amespubliclibrary.org.

ECOCHATS



Tuesday, March 2, at 7pm, via Zoom

TOPIC: Gardening

Join us for the first in the 2021 series of virtual EcoChats. This month, join local master gardeners and urban farmers to get expert tips on what to plant, where, when, and how. Get your garden off to a great start, whether it's your first or fiftieth year growing your own food.

A limited number of **free grab 'n' go kits** with seeds and soil will be available for pickup in the Library's lobby February 15 through March 2.



Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and the City of Ames.

Revitalizing Your Creative Process



Monday, March 8, at 7pm, via Zoom
*Registration Required **

Explore and refresh your creative writing process with Allison Justus, MFA student, published author of *Solstice to Solstice to Solstice*, and consultant at Iowa State University's Writing and Media Center. This interactive workshop features writing exercises, mapping your creative process, and recommended resources to rejuvenate and center your creative focus.

You'll have the opportunity to ask questions and learn how to sign up for individual writing assistance from the Writing and Media Center.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Iowa State University's Writing and Media Center.



International Women's Day

Saturday, March 13, at 2pm, via Zoom

Join our annual celebration of International Women's Day and reflect on this year's theme, #ChooseToChallenge.

This year, a panel of experts will discuss the many ways in which the COVID-19 pandemic has changed the lives of women here in Iowa and around the world. Participants will also learn about resources available to support women in our community.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, ACCESS (Assault Care Center Extending Shelter & Services), League of Women Voters of Ames and Story County, and YWCA Ames-Iowa State University.

Genealogy PLUS

**Wednesday, March 17
at 10am, via Zoom
Registration Required ***

TOPIC: Tools of the Trade: Timelines, Tables, Templates and More!

PRESENTER: Alice Hoyt Veen, CG

Each monthly Genealogy PLUS features an hour-long presentation by an expert followed by a study session.

This month, we'll talk about genealogy tools. Basic computer word processing and pencil-to-paper templates can help you organize, analyze, and understand genealogical research. These simple tools and techniques are powerful and effective, yet easy to master.

Please register for the presentation through Ames Public Library's online calendar or call (515) 239-5646 ext. 4.

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

Author Talk: Helen D. Gunderson

Wednesday, March 24, at 6pm, via Zoom

Join us for a conversation with local author, urban farmer, and community builder Helen Gunderson. Her new two-volume anthology, *The Road I Grew Up On: Requiem for a Vanishing Era*, consists of regional and neighborhood history, a personal memoir, and spiritual insights as well as many black-and-white and color photographs.

Daniel Hartwig, head of Iowa State University Special Collections and University Archives, will moderate a conversation between Gunderson and Dr. Cornelia Butler Flora, Distinguished Professor of Sociology Emerita at Iowa State University.

After the hour-long event, viewers will have the opportunity to engage in a virtual social hour with Gunderson, Dr. Flora, and other participants.

For more information about Helen's work and interests, visit www.gunderfriend.com. To view and download the book digitally, visit the ISU Digital Press.

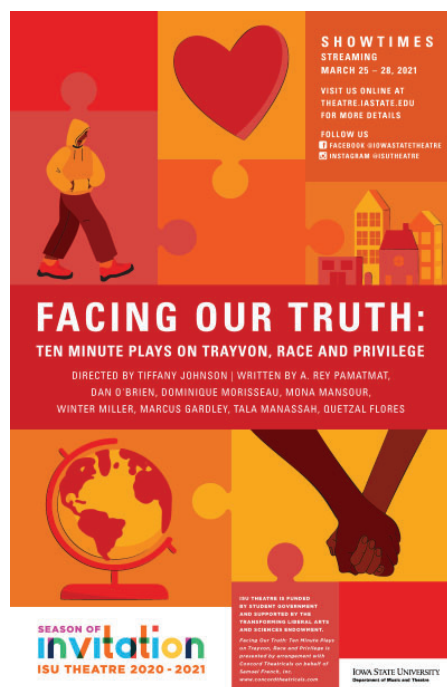
Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, Iowa State University Library, and Iowa State University Foundation.

THE ROAD I GREW UP ON Requiem for a Vanishing Era VOLUME I



Helen DeElda Gunderson

Facing Our Truth: Ten Minute Plays on Trayvon, Race, and Privilege



March 25-28
7:30pm-9:30pm, Streaming Online

Join us for ISU Theatre's virtual performance of *Facing Our Truth: Ten Minute Plays on Trayvon, Race and Privilege*. These six plays were commissioned by The New Black Fest, A Theater Movement, in light of the George Zimmerman verdict.

Between each play, cast members will share original monologues reflecting on their experience being part of the cast. Following the entire performance there will be a Q&A with the cast and director Tiffany Johnson. Johnson is ISU Theatre's 2020-21 Artist in Residence and the Artistic Director of Des Moines's Pyramid Theatre Company—the only Black Theatre organization in Iowa.

Tickets for this online performance are “pay what you will.”
Visit theatre.iastate.edu for more information.

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, ISU Theatre, and The Ames Branch of the NAACP.
ISU Theatre is funded by Student Government and supported by the Transforming Liberal Arts and Sciences Endowment.*

Quilting Then and Now

Sunday, March 28
1-2:30pm, via Zoom

Historically, the focus of women's art-making has been on the finished product. This program will shift the spotlight to women's skill, expertise, and technical command. We will also explore quilting as a socially and culturally complex practice.

We'll start with a virtual "Bed Turning" featuring quilts created by women in Iowa State University Women's Club Block Builders. Member Phyllis Schrag will share stories about each quilt. The bed turning will be followed by a panel discussion about women's expertise as makers and community builders.

This program is part of #WomenKnowStuffToo programming.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library, Iowa State University College of Design, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, the Iowa State University Margaret Sloss Center for Women and Gender Equity, and the Iowa State University Women's Club Block Builders. Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation. This program is supported by Humanities Iowa and the National Endowment for the Humanities. The views and opinions expressed by this program do not necessarily reflect those of Humanities Iowa or the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Moderator:

Catherine Reinhart, a local textile artist who explores the connections between sewing and domestic caregiving

Panelists:

Marianne Fons, author and longtime public television host of "Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting"

Erin French, recently completed her Ph.D. in ISU's Apparel, Merchandising, and Design program, conducting research in the interdisciplinary field of material culture studies

Marybeth C. Stalp, Professor of Sociology at the University of Northern Iowa





AMES HISTORY MUSEUM LECTURE SERIES

Wednesday, March 30

7pm, via Zoom

Register at www.ameshistory.org

TOPIC:

Streamliners Across Iowa

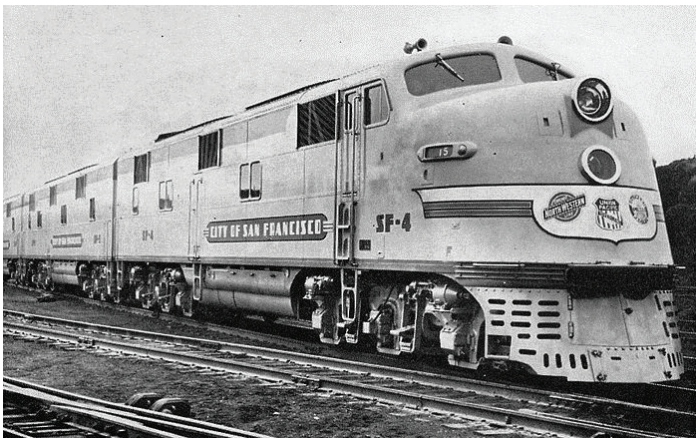
PRESENTER:

Bob Bourne, Iowa railroad historian

Sleek railroad Streamliners criss-crossed Iowa from the mid-1930s through the 1950s. Bob Bourne will cover some of the important design elements characteristic of railroad streamlining and talk about the memorable trains that ran through Iowa on several railroads. There will be an emphasis on the Streamliners of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad through central Iowa.

Bob Bourne is actively involved in researching and presenting railroad and bus history in Iowa at the Ames History Museum, the James H. Andrew Museum and History Center at the Boone and Scenic Valley RR and the Osher Life Long Learning Institute (OLLI) at ISU. He was the manager of CyRide from 1981 to 2006 and is now a transit consultant that specializes in improving bus service in small urban, rural, university and tribal systems.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames History Museum.



Planned Giving Workshop

Thursday, April 1, at 7pm, via Zoom



PARENTS!

**YOU HAVE THE POWER
TO JUMPSTART YOUR
BABY'S DEVELOPMENT!**

Small Talk

Begins Thursday, April 1

Registration Required (see below)

Want to jump start your baby's development?

See amazing changes happen when you join Ames Public Library's Small Talk program with your 0-30 month-old. Through online classes and videos, families will learn fun tips and tricks to make playtime, and talking time, more rewarding for everyone.

In addition, families will receive personalized weekly progress reports from a "talk pedometer"—a device used to measure the amount of talking happening between families and their child. Participants will also earn free books to read together and keep!

Sound interesting? Register for an 11-week virtual Small Talk session starting Thursday, April 1, at 7:00pm. Each week, families will receive a link to an online video to watch prior to class, an opportunity to discuss what they have learned via Zoom, and a personalized language report based on their use of a the device.

If you'd like to register, or have any questions, please contact Danielle at dziegler@amespubliclibrary.org, or Jill at jphilby@amespubliclibrary.org.

Online Book Discussions

028: Real Reads

2nd Thursday of Each Month

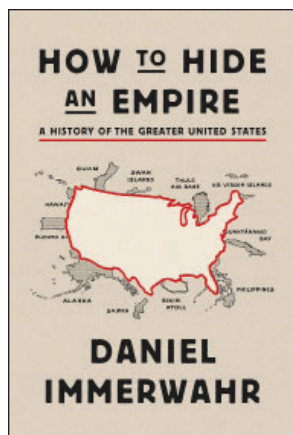
7pm, via Zoom

Registration Required *

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

March 11:

How to Hide an Empire: A History of the Greater United States by Daniel Immerwahr



April 8:

Underland: A Deep Time Journey by Robert Macfarlane

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Books @ Noon

E-mail Book Group

E-mail webref@amespubliclibrary.org to join.

Share what you've read recently—fiction or nonfiction—and hear about what everyone else is reading.

Mystery Lovers Book Club

E-mail Book Group

E-mail webref@amespubliclibrary.org to join.

Share your thoughts about books by a selected author!

March: Ruth Rendell

April: C.J. Box

Great Books 1

3rd Sunday of Each Month

2-4pm, via Zoom

Registration Full

Great Books 2

1st Sunday of Each Month

1-3pm, via Zoom

Registration Required *

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

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View from the Margins

2nd Sunday of Each Month

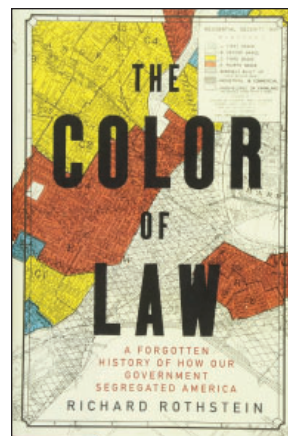
2-4pm, via Zoom

Registration Required *

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.

March 14:

The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America by Richard Rothstein



April 11: ***A Lesson Before Dying*** by Ernest J. Gaines

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* How to Register for Online Events

- 1 Go to www.AmesPublicLibrary.org/events. Find your event on the calendar.
- 2 Fill out the registration form. You should receive a confirmation e-mail within a few minutes.
- 3 You will receive an e-mail the day before the event that includes a link to join the event.



Hey kids, let your voice be heard!

Every year, Iowa librarians nominate several books for the Bridge to Reading award, which celebrates recent picture books that are great read-alouds. Then, kids across the state vote for the winner!

Before you vote, be sure to listen to at least five of the finalists! Find the books in our catalog or hear our Ames librarians reading each book at www.amespubliclibrary.org/BridgeToReading. Then, fill out the form to cast your vote!



Tuesdays and Fridays at 10am at www.facebook.com/AmesPublicLibrary

Join us for a storytime with your Ames Public Library friends on Facebook or visit bit.ly/APLvideos for recorded storytimes!

TAG TEEN ADVISORY GROUP

3rd Thursday of Each Month at 7pm, via Zoom
For more information, e-mail jheid@amespubliclibrary.org

Help plan exciting Library events for teens, share what you're reading, and make new friends.

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KEY Colors: All Ages/Mix Family Event Teen Event Adult Event Symbols: 📅 Registration Required ✉ Register by E-mail	1 📅 Play Together 11am, via Zoom	2 Storytime Online 10am on Facebook EcoChats: Gardening 7pm, via Zoom	3 ✉ Mystery Lovers Book Club E-mail Group	4	5 Storytime Online 10am on Facebook	6
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