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And More!

Ames Public Library will be CLOSED Monday, May 31.

Photo: Artist Jill Wells
TOPIC: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

Join Bill Schmitt, Superintendent of Ames’ Resource Recovery Plant, and guest speakers to learn about the waste hierarchy model. This model is founded on the principle of waste prevention, which discourages consumerism and encourages reusing or donating items, buying in bulk, reducing packaging, redesigning products, and reducing toxicity.

Other topics will include programs offered by the City of Ames such as glass recycling, metal recycling, composting rebate, household hazardous waste, and the Food Waste Diversion program.

Learn more at www.amespubliclibrary.org/ecochats.

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

Local artist Cameron Gray will host conversations with featured artists, diving into the beauty of Black creators and their creations. Each discussion will identify and explore how the featured artist defines themselves and their practice—whether they imbue their creations with an understanding of Blackness from their discipline, images of the Black body, historical American aspects of Blackness, or the beauty of African influence.

This project aims to dispel the notion of Blackness as a single monolithic experience, just as art can’t be reduced to a single form, media, or subject.

Improved Wildlife Habitats in Ames

Saturday, May 15, at 2pm, via Zoom

Ames Middle School students will share why birds are essential parts of our ecosystem. Climate change has had a large effect on birds, from changing their migration patterns to preventing them from finding food.

Learn how you can help keep up bird populations in Ames by building birdhouses as wildlife habitats!

Find out more at visit www.amespubliclibrary.org/events.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames Middle School.
**Genealogy PLUS**

**Wednesday, May 19**  
10am, via Zoom  
Register at amespubliclibrary.org/events

**Topic:** Adding Stories to Your Genealogy  
**Speakers:** Patricia Rose Ballard Coffie

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

Genealogists cover the facts—names, dates, places, documents—but stories tell who people were and how they lived. Join Patricia Rose Ballard Coffie in considering the why and how of adding stories to your genealogy.

Using facts, research, and memories, Patricia will share her own family stories including My Mother’s Afghan and show her three favorite ways to make easy work of gathering the bits of information and making them into stories.

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

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**SCIENCE IN THE CITY**

**May 17-21**

High school students have teamed up with middle school students and businesses to demonstrate how science is everywhere. Event information will be posted on at www.amespubliclibrary.org/events.

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**LECTURE SERIES**

**Tuesday, May 25, at 7pm, via Zoom**  
Register at www.ameshistory.org

**Topic:** First Ladies: More Than the Women Behind the Men  
**Presenter:** Diana Carlin, professor emerita of communication, St. Louis University

The position of first lady is not outlined in the Constitution or constituted by law. There are no guidelines and no salary. Since Martha Washington, each woman who served took on similar responsibilities and brought their own experiences and interests to the position. They mirrored their times but also broke out of them to help shape women’s place in society. Carlin looks at the role’s development by highlighting some of the most influential first ladies.

Diana Carlin has taught about and researched first ladies since the 1990s. She is the author or co-author of book chapters on Martha Washington, Lady Bird Johnson, Barbara Bush, Hillary Clinton, and Michelle Obama.

Learn more at www.amespubliclibrary.org/HistoryLectures.

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

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**Saturday, May 15, in Downtown Ames**

515 Day is a new spring celebration for those who live, work and play in the 515 area code on 5/15. Activities in Downtown Ames will include family-friendly activities, live music, specials and sales, and more! Be sure to check out what’s happening at the Library at 515 Douglas Ave.

*515 Day is presented by Downtown Ames and U.S. Bank.*
T.A.G. Teen Advisory Group

1st and 3rd Thursday of Each Month
7pm, via Zoom

Help plan exciting Library events for teens, share what you’re reading, and make new friends. For more information, e-mail jheid@amespubliclibrary.org.

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The Ames Public Library Friends Foundation would like to thank the following sponsors for their support:

Play Together

Mondays, May 3-24 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 online play dates featuring music and movement.

Daycare providers interested in this program should contact smyles@amespubliclibrary.org.

Summer is Coming

Get ready for a colorful summer of reading, activities, and fun for all ages! It all starts June 1!
Online Book Discussions

028: Real Reads
2nd Thursday of Each Month, 7pm, via Zoom
Register at amespubliclibrary.org/events

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

May 13: The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander

June 10: Midnight in Chernobyl: The Untold Story of the World’s Greatest Nuclear Disaster by Adam Higginbotham

Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation and Northcrest Community.

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
Register at amespubliclibrary.org/events

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

Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

View from the Margins
2nd Sunday of Each Month, 2-4pm, via Zoom
Register at amespubliclibrary.org/events

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.

May 9: Lot: Stories by Bryan Washington

June 13: Children of the Land by Marcelo Hernandez Castillo

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Books @ Noon
E-mail Book Group
Share what you’ve read recently—fiction or nonfiction—and hear about what everyone else is reading. E-mail webref@amespubliclibrary.org to join.

Mystery Lovers Book Club
E-mail Book Group
Share your thoughts about books by a selected author! E-mail webref@amespubliclibrary.org to join.

May: Barbara Hambly
June: Peter Tremayne
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