

Preparing for Renewal



Ames Public Library staff and volunteers spent much of their time and energy this year preparing for the Library Renewal Project.

After the citizens approved the bond issue to fund the expansion and renovation project, we worked with architects and designers to create the final floorplans and schematics for the renewed library.

Then we turned our attention to the temporary location that will house the Library during the construction phase of the project.

Located in Lincoln Center at 620 Lincoln Way, the former Hastings space will become Ames Public Library for about 18 months. From these temporary quarters, library staff will provide access to the majority of library services and resources.

We hope to move back to the renewed library at 515 Douglas Avenue in the summer of 2014. With an additional 30,000 square feet, the restoration of the historical sections and renovation of the entire building, and a more open and friendly design, the renewed library promises to be a source of pride in Ames for many years to come.

For more information about the Renewal Project, visit www.amespubliclibrary.org.

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Ames Public Library 2011-2012 Administration

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2011-2012 Annual Report

1904-1940



1940-1984



1984-2012



Coming Soon!



2011-2012 Highlights

Library Renewal Project

Of course this year's biggest highlight at Ames Public Library was the progress of the Library Renewal Project. From the overwhelming

support for the \$18 million bond to the completion of the design, the Renewal Project has passed many important milestones.



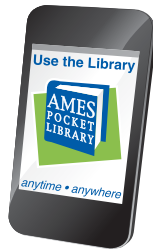
Let's Talk About It:

Making Sense of the American Civil War

Ames spent the winter and spring "Making Sense of the American Civil War" through the Let's Talk About It book discussion group, films, presentations, performances, and more. This special series, which commemorated the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, was funded by Humanities Iowa (an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities) and by a grant from the Iowa Community Cultural Grant Program administered by the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs.

Library Launches App

This spring, Ames Public Library launched its mobile app powered by Boopsie. Now you can take the Library wherever you go, search the catalog, check your account, download e-books, and more!



Change in Leadership

With the retirement of Library Director Art Weeks this summer, Assistant Director Lynne Carey has stepped up to take on the duties of Interim Director.

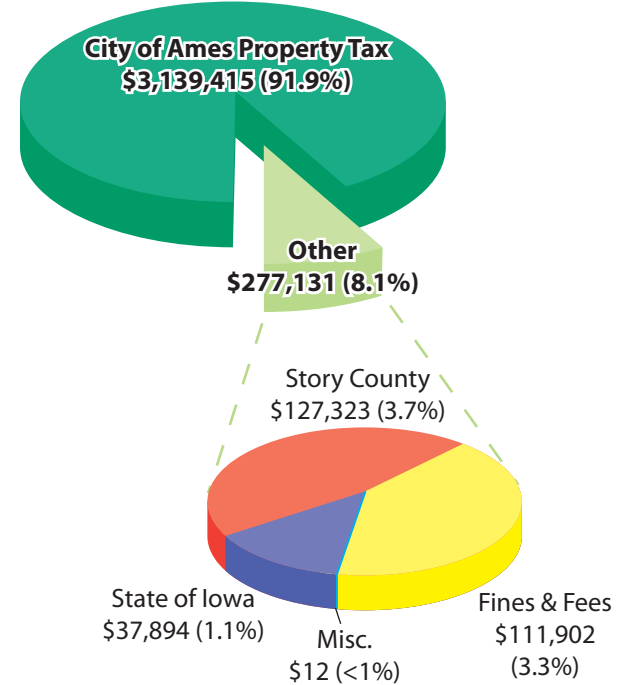
By the Numbers

Population Served.....68,512
 Ames.....58,965
 Rural Story County (by contract)..... 9,547

Usage Statistics	2010/2011	2011/2012
Total Circulation	1,388,273	1,343,758
Books/Magazines	803,770	797,599
Videos, CDs, Audiobooks, etc.	584,503	546,159
Total Collection	226,009	225,009
Average Loans per Volume	6.1	6.0
Items Added to Collection	26,058	30,207
Items Withdrawn from Collection	30,114	31,207
Borrowers	37,723	37,943
Ames Registered Borrowers	27,817	28,428
Circulation per Ames Borrower	40	38
Circulation per Capita for Ames	23.5	23
Percent of Ames Population	47.2	48.2
Visitors	437,622	443,895
Programs		
Youth/Family Programs	1,943	1,904
Attendance	42,736	44,254
Young Adult Programs	94	104
Attendance	1,602	1,700
Adult Programs	267	287
Attendance	12,466	8,113
Total Programs	2,304	2,295
Total Attendance	56,804	54,067
Meetings	2,198	2,118
Attendance	42,991	43,390
Volunteers	576	632
Hours Contributed	16,801	17,055
FTE (Full-Time Equivalent)	8.1	8.2
Interlibrary Loans		
Borrowed for APL Users	1,629	1,894
Loaned to Other Libraries	4,241	3,439
Reference Questions	43,398	50,392
Computer Use		
Number of Sessions	58,478	55,534
Hours of Use	38,985	38,133

Dollars & Cents

Income: \$3,416,546



Expenses: \$3,416,546

