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## Summer with Ames Public Library

### Read for Prizes

Do you love free stuff? Are you between the ages of 0 and 120? Then join our Summer Reading Challenge starting Tuesday, June 1!

### Three Ways to Play

1. Visit [amespubliclibrary.beanstack.com](http://amespubliclibrary.beanstack.com)
2. Download the Beanstack Tracker app
3. Or pick up a Summer Reading Challenge gameboard at the Library

### Events for Everyone

We have a summer full of fun and learning planned for all ages, including plenty of options for outdoor entertainment and virtual discussions!

Read on for this month's lineup!

You can also visit us online at [www.amespubliclibrary.org](http://www.amespubliclibrary.org) to check our online calendar, sign up for our e-mail newsletter, or follow us on Facebook or Instagram to stay up-to-date.



# SPECIAL EVENTS

Join Ames Public Library this summer for a variety of in-person and online events for kids, teens, and adults! Don't miss the book groups on pages 10-11 and storytimes on page 12.

For updates and links to virtual events, visit [www.amespubliclibrary.org/events](http://www.amespubliclibrary.org/events).

## ECOCHATS



Tuesday, June 1, at 7pm, via Zoom

### TOPIC: Water

This month's EcoChat will trace the journey of Ames water, from source to the tap. Learn about where our water comes from, how it's treated, and what you can do to conserve this valuable resource.

Learn more at [www.amespubliclibrary.org/ecochats](http://www.amespubliclibrary.org/ecochats).

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



Thursday, June 3, from 5-8pm

Visit downtown locations to discover the artwork of over 60 artists. Ames Public Library will host local artist **Amara Agba**.

We'll be offering free walk-in COVID-19 vaccinations from 3-7pm in the Auditorium.

Also watch for a **Pop-Up Book Sale** from 3-8pm.



*This free event is presented by Downtown Ames and supported by 1st National Bank and The Loft.*

## TAG

TEEN  
ADVISORY  
GROUP

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of  
Each Month  
7pm, via Zoom  
For more information,  
e-mail [jheid@  
amespubliclibrary.org](mailto:jheid@amespubliclibrary.org)

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

*Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.*



Saturday, June 5  
9-11am, Moore Memorial Park

Your voice matters! Join us for a special version of Step Into Storybooks at Moore Memorial Park.

There will be a StoryWalk™, free books, and take home activities for all children 0-5.

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, Raising Readers in Story County, Ames Morning Rotary, Ames Community Preschool Center, and United Way of Story County.*

*The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Storywalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.*



# SPECIAL EVENTS

## Summer Kickoff with *Mikayla Oz* magician

Sunday, June 6, at 2pm, Bandshell Park

Start the summer with a magical afternoon at the Bandshell! Mikayla Oz will present an engaging and amazing magic show for the whole family to enjoy.

*Supported by Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.*



## What's a Neighborhood Association?

Thursday, June 10, at 6pm  
In the Library's Auditorium or via Zoom

Do you have a neighborhood association? Do you want to start one? Learn the benefits of being a registered neighborhood association and how to reconnect with your community post-COVID.

Banner kits will be available for neighborhoods to take and make together. You and your neighbors can carry your banner in the 4th of July parade!

*Presented in partnership with the City of Ames.*



# FREE

## SUMMER MEALS for Kids & Teens

June 14 - August 13  
Weekdays, 11:45am-12:45pm  
Library Auditorium

Having a full stomach of good food is important for everyone in the summer! Pick up a free to-go lunch weekdays in the Library's Auditorium.

Lunch is free to all youth 18 years and younger; Meals for adults are \$3.50. (Sorry, no baby formula is available.)



*Provided in partnership with Ames Community School District and USDA Summer Food Service Program.*



# SPECIAL EVENTS

## Terrific Tuesdays

Tuesdays at 10am, Bandshell Park



### June 15: **The Cherrypickers All-Ages Dance Party**

Join the Cherrypickers for a live dance party for the whole family!



### June 22: **Cyclone Martial Arts Club**

Members of Iowa State University's Cyclone Martial Arts Club will share their knowledge and skills of various martial arts.



### June 29: **Music and Magic in Polka Color**

Get ready for the happiest music on Earth plus magic and comedy. This event promises to be tons of fun for the whole family!

### COMING UP:

July 13:  
**Duke Otherwise**

July 20:  
**Absolute Science**

July 27:  
**Tim Read**

August 3:  
**Laughing Matters**

August 10:  
**Desi Payne**

*Supported by Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.*



**Tuesday, June 15, at 7pm, via Zoom**

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, Iowa State University Greenlee School of Journalism and Communication, and Iowa State University Department of English.*

Join us for a short lecture and a vibrant discussion around *Miss Juneteenth*. In this film, A former beauty queen and single mom prepares her rebellious teenage daughter for the "Miss Juneteenth" pageant.

Before the event, participants will watch the film on their own time by checking out the DVD or using the Library's free Kanopy streaming service.

Then, join the live virtual conversation facilitated by Dr. Novotny Lawrence from ISU's Greenlee School of Journalism and Communication and the Department of English.

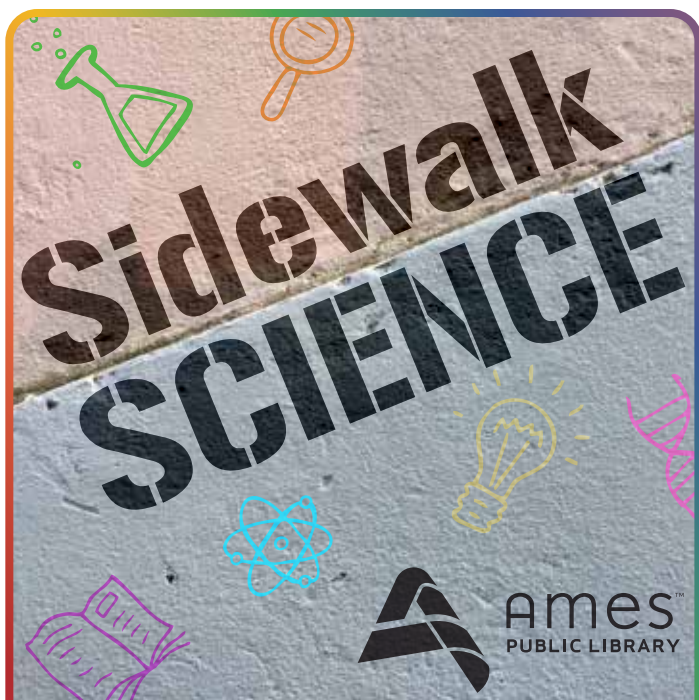
# Library Events June 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<b>KEY</b> <b>Colors:</b> All Ages/Mix Family Event Teen Event Adult Event <b>Symbols:</b>  Registration Required  Register by E-mail		<b>1</b> Summer Reading Challenge for All Ages Begins EcoChat: Water 7pm, via Zoom	<b>2</b> Mystery Lovers Book Club  E-mail Book Group	<b>3</b> Art Walk Events at the Library Artist Amara Agba: 5-8pm COVID-19 Vaccinations: 3-7pm Pop-Up Book Sale: 3-8pm T.A.G. Teen Advisory Group 7pm, via Zoom	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Step Into Storybooks 9-11am, Moore Memorial Park	
	<b>6</b> Great Books 2  1-3pm, via Zoom Summer Kickoff with Magician Mikayla Oz 2pm, Bandshell Park	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> What's a Neighborhood Association? 6pm in the Auditorium or via Zoom 028: Real Reads  7pm, via Zoom	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> View from the Margins  2-4pm, via Zoom	<b>14</b> Bookmobile Storytime 10am, Ames Miracle Park Free Summer Meals 11:45am-12:45pm Auditorium	<b>15</b> Terrific Tuesdays: The Cherrypickers 10am, Bandshell Park Free Summer Meals 11:45am-12:45pm Auditorium Miss Juneteenth Film Talk 7pm, via Zoom	<b>16</b> Storytime with Ben 10am, In Front of the Library Free Summer Meals 11:45am-12:45pm Auditorium	<b>17</b> Free Summer Meals 11:45am-12:45pm Auditorium Gamebooking with Ben 2pm, via Zoom T.A.G. Teen Advisory Group 7pm, via Zoom	<b>18</b> Sidewalk Science 10:30am, In Front of the Library Free Summer Meals 11:45am-12:45pm Auditorium	<b>19</b>	
<b>20</b> Great Books 1  2-4pm, via Zoom	<b>21</b> Bookmobile Storytime 10am, Ada Hayden Heritage Park Free Summer Meals 11:45am-12:45pm Auditorium	<b>22</b> Terrific Tuesdays: Cyclone Martial Arts Club 10am, Bandshell Park Free Summer Meals 11:45am-12:45pm Auditorium Storytime in the Park 2pm, Franklin Park 2021 Kids All Iowa Reads 4pm, Bandshell Park	<b>23</b> Storytime with Ben 10am, In Front of the Library Baby Time in the Park 11am, Bandshell Park Free Summer Meals 11:45am-12:45pm Auditorium Books @ Noon  E-mail Book Group	<b>24</b> Discover Downtown Events at the Library Pop-Up Book Sale: 10am-8pm Personalized Picks: 5-8pm Free Summer Meals 11:45am-12:45pm Auditorium Gamebooking with Ben 2pm, via Zoom Storytime in the Park 6:30pm, Franklin Park More Than Monoliths: Artist Talk with Ebera Agwuncha 7pm, via Zoom	<b>25</b> Sidewalk Science 10:30am, In Front of the Library Free Summer Meals 11:45am-12:45pm Auditorium	<b>26</b> Author Event: Kyle Lukoff Virtual Visit at Dog-Eared Books 4pm, via Zoom	
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Bookmobile Storytime 10am, Inis Grove Park Free Summer Meals 11:45am-12:45pm Auditorium	<b>29</b> Terrific Tuesdays: Music and Magic in Polka Color 10am, Bandshell Park Free Summer Meals 11:45am-12:45pm Auditorium Storytime in the Park 2pm, Gateway Hills Park Family Book Club 6pm, Bandshell Park	<b>30</b> Storytime with Ben 10am, In Front of the Library Baby Time in the Park 11am, Bandshell Park Free Summer Meals 11:45am-12:45pm Auditorium Color Your Clothes 1pm, Bandshell Park Ames History Museum Lecture  7pm, via Zoom	 <p>Presented by Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.</p>			

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).

# SPECIAL EVENTS



June 18 - July 30  
Fridays at 10:30am  
In Front of the Library

All ages are welcome for weekly hands-on science activities for families! Watch for a new theme each week.

*Provided in partnership with Iowa State University Extension 4H.*



Thursday, June 24  
In Downtown Ames

Stop by the Library from 5-8pm during the Discover Downtown event for Pop-Up Personalized Picks. We'll help you find your next favorite book!

Watch for a **Pop-Up Book Sale** from 10am-8pm.

*Presented by Downtown Ames with support from 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank and The Loft.*

## MORE THAN MONOLITHS



ARTIST TALKS  
with CAMERON GRAY

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.

### Artist Talk with EBERE AGWUNCHA

Thursday, June 24, at 7pm, via Zoom

Ebere is a Chicago born Igbo designer, maker, and researcher. She graduated with an Industrial Design degree from Iowa State University. Her



conceptual work explores archived artifacts and images from the African Diaspora, preserving them into contemporary iterations through object design and abstract processing video. Ebere will take over @TheBuxtonInitiative on Instagram all through June.

For more information, find us on Instagram or visit [www.amespubliclibrary.org/MoreThanMonoliths](http://www.amespubliclibrary.org/MoreThanMonoliths).



# SPECIAL EVENTS

## AUTHOR EVENT

**Kyle Lukoff**

*Virtual Visit at Dog-Eared Books*

Saturday, June 26, from 4-5pm, via Zoom

Join us for a virtual visit with Stonewall Award-winning author Kyle Lukoff! Lukoff is the author of several books, including *When Aidan Became a Brother* and *Too Bright to See*, described as "a hopeful examination of grief and gender, and a good ghost story to boot" in a starred review by *School Library Journal*. **Free and open to all ages!**

*This virtual visit is presented by Dog-Eared Books in partnership with Ames Pride and Ames Public Library.*



# Color Your Clothes

**Wednesday, June 30**  
**1pm, Bandshell Park**

Brighten your wardrobe at our **tie dye party!** Learn how to make different patterns and experiment with colors and designs.

We will provide everyone with one item to dye, but participants are also welcome to bring one white cotton clothing of their own.

## AHM AMES HISTORY MUSEUM LECTURE SERIES

Wednesday, June 30 at 7pm, via Zoom  
Register at [www.ameshistory.org](http://www.ameshistory.org)

**Topic: Foundations for One Community: The History of People of Color in Ames, Earliest Times to 1950**  
**Presenter: Gloria Betcher, Associate Teaching Professor of English, Iowa State University**

Join Ames History Museum and Ames Public Library for a series of online lectures.

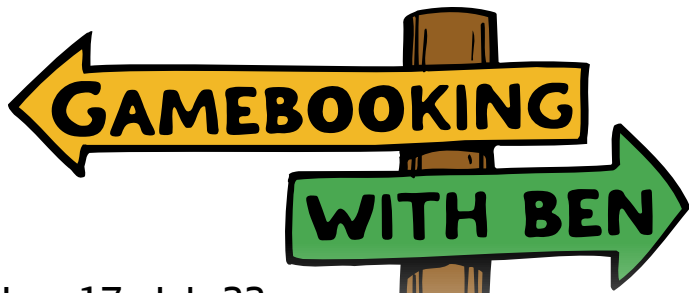
Today, the City of Ames and Iowa State University are working to create one community that is more inclusive for all residents. But what was Ames like for people of color before the mid-twentieth century? Hear about the sometimes-difficult experiences of Ames' residents of color, who laid the foundations upon which the city and Iowa State built a better future.

Learn more at [www.amespubliclibrary.org/HistoryLectures](http://www.amespubliclibrary.org/HistoryLectures).

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



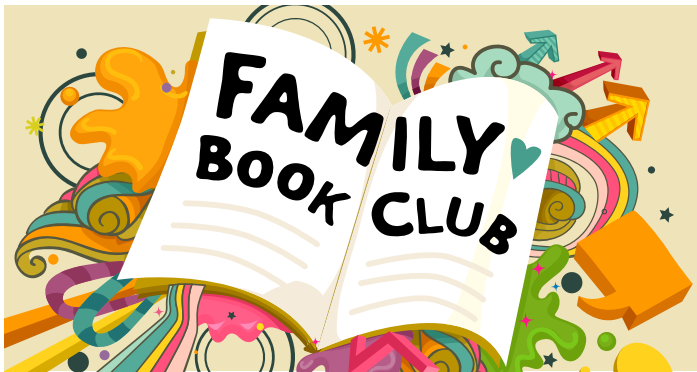
# BOOK GROUPS FOR KIDS



June 17 - July 22  
Thursdays at 2pm, via Zoom

Do you like adventure? Tales of danger? Do you wish you could make decisions for the characters in books? Come join our gamebooks club for 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> graders!

Join us on Zoom every Thursday as Mr. Ben leads a group of brave adventurers through a variety of interactive gamebooks such as the *Choose Your Own Adventure* series, *MAZE: Solve the World's Most Challenging Puzzle*, *Can You Survive in the Wilderness*, and many others! We'll bring the books; All you need to bring are your wits!

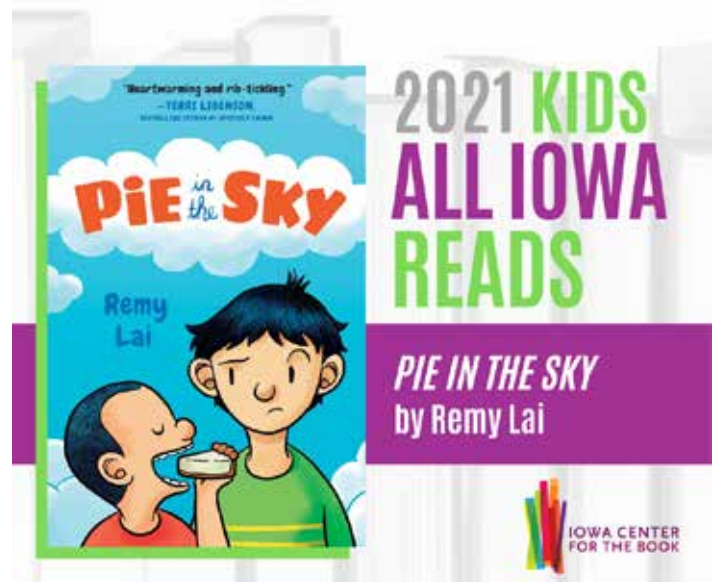


Tuesdays, June 29 & July 27  
6pm, Bandshell Park

Join the club and read a wonderful chapter book as a family this summer! On June 29, we'll unwrap the surprise book together to find out what we'll read. Take your copy home and read it together over the next month.

On July 27, we'll get back together to talk about the book and enjoy related activities and a craft.

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Tuesdays, June 22 & July 20  
4pm, Bandshell Park

This summer, we'll read and talk about the All Iowa Reads pick for Kids: *Pie in the Sky*.

This poignant, laugh-out-loud illustrated middle-grade novel is about an eleven-year-old boy's immigration experience, his annoying little brother, and their cake-baking hijinks! It's perfect for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders.

On June 22, come to Bandshell Park to receive your free copy of the book and a fun activity to take home! On July 20, we'll get back together to talk about the book and enjoy related activities.

**Save the Date: July 13 at 1pm**



Register at [www.iowacenterforthebook.org/air/author-visits](http://www.iowacenterforthebook.org/air/author-visits)

# BOOK GROUPS FOR ADULTS

## 028: Real Reads

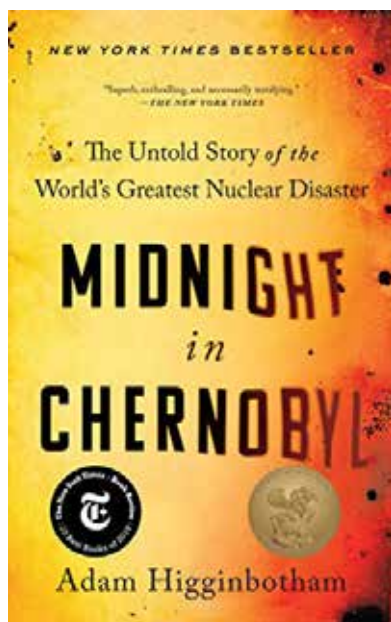
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of Each Month, 7pm, via Zoom  
Register at [amespubliclibrary.org/events](https://amespubliclibrary.org/events)

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

June 10:

### **Midnight in Chernobyl**

by Adam Higginbotham



July 8:

### **The End of Everything: (Astrophysically Speaking)**

by Katie Mack

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

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:webref@amespubliclibrary.org) to join.

June: Peter Tremayne

July: Laurie King

## Great Books 1

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Each Month, 2-4pm, via Zoom  
Registration Full. No meeting July - August.

## Great Books 2

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Each Month

1-3pm, via Zoom

Register at [amespubliclibrary.org/events](https://amespubliclibrary.org/events)

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

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## View from the Margins

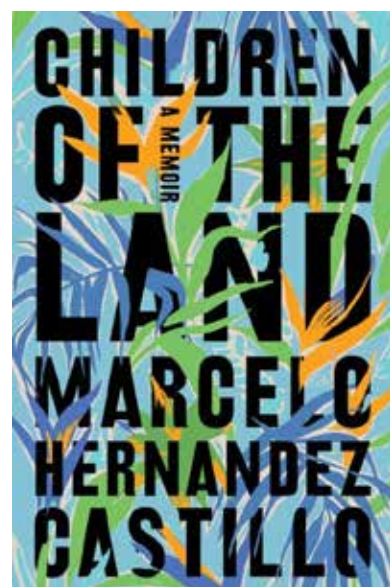
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Each Month, 2-4pm, via Zoom  
Register at [amespubliclibrary.org/events](https://amespubliclibrary.org/events)

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.

June 13:

### **Children of the Land**

by Marcelo Hernandez Castillo



July 11:

### **Where the Dead Sit Talking**

by Brandon Hobson

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# OUTDOOR STORYTIMES

## Baby Time in the Park

June 23 - July 28  
Wednesdays at 11am, Bandshell Park

Bring your pre-walker to Bandshell Park for stories, songs, and baby sign language. Join other caregivers and older siblings for 20 minutes of socially-distanced fun and learning. Please bring your own blanket.

## Storytime with Ben

June 16 - July 28  
Wednesdays at 10am  
in Front of the Library

Families with preschoolers and toddlers are invited to Ben's storytimes, filled with music, stories, and fun!

## Storytime in the Park

June 22-August 12  
Tuesdays at 2pm  
Thursdays at 6:30pm  
Location Varies: See Calendar

Join your Library friends for activities, books, and more at a park near you!

## Bookmobile Storytime

June 14 - July 19  
Mondays at 10am  
Location Varies: See Calendar

Join the Bookmobile and your Library friends for stories and fun activities at a park near you!



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