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LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9am-9pm
Friday & Saturday: 9am - 6pm
Sunday: 1pm - 5pm

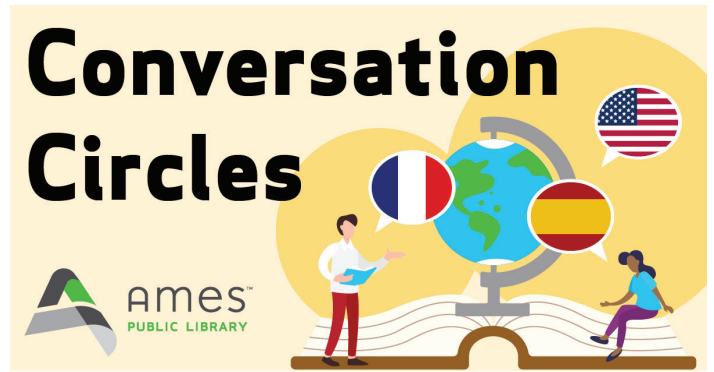
Ames Public Library will be
CLOSED
Saturday, January 1.
The Library will be OPEN
December 31 from 9am-5pm.

World Language Books & Movies



Ames Public Library has books and movies for children and adults in a variety of languages! Watch or read in your preferred language or gain proficiency in another!

Many of our e-book and streaming options also include multiple languages.



English (starting January 3)
Mondays, 11am-12pm, Danfoss Room

Gather for casual conversations in English. The focus of this group is to help English Language Learners gain confidence and fluency in a comfortable and fun setting. Library staff will pair native and non-native speakers and provide themes, questions, and topics for conversation.

Russian (starting January 22)
Saturdays, 3-4pm, Board Room

French (starting January 22)
Saturdays, 4-5:30pm, Board Room

Spanish (starting January 25)
Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm, Board Room

Gather (in person or online) for casual conversations in different languages. Chat in your native language or get comfortable speaking in another language.

ALL AGES **Winter Reading**
2022 Challenge
December 15, 2021  to February 15, 2022

All ages can earn a prize by reading 30 days this winter! Pick up your reading log at the Library or Bookmobile, or sign up at amespubliclibrary.beanstack.com.

Supported by Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.





Ames Public Library is partnering with The Bridge Home to provide easy access to critical services. Staff from The Bridge Home will be available in the Library to assist individuals and families on the verge of—or experiencing—homelessness with apartment searching, appointment scheduling, job applications, and more.

Staff members will also be available to connect community members who are experiencing homelessness with vital services.

You can find The Bridge Home at Ames Public Library:
Tuesdays, 11am-2pm on the first floor
Thursdays, 4-7pm on the second floor
Fridays, 11am-2pm on the second floor



1st Thursday of Each Month 10am, Auditorium

Join us for a monthly book discussion just for families that are homeschooling or learning remotely!

Each month, we will focus on a different genre of books. Families are invited to read the book of the month (together or independently), then come to the Library for a discussion and related activities.

This event and books are geared for school-age kids or middle grade reading level, but all ages are welcome to attend.

On January 6, we will talk about nonfiction. Read your own selection and come ready to share about it. Participants at this event will receive a **free copy of next month's selection!**

Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.



Did you know you can borrow games for PS3, PS4, Xbox 360, Xbox One, Wii, and WiiU from the Library? Game on!



Thursdays, 3:30-6pm, Teen Space

Need a brain break? Teens are invited to hang out and play videogames on our big screen Thursdays after school!





Wednesday, January 12, 3-5pm
 Friday, January 14, 10am-12pm
 Saturday, January 15, 2-4pm
 Youth Services Area

All ages are invited to team up and work cooperatively as you try to escape from Willy Wonka's chocolate factory. The same challenge will be presented each time, so choose the date that works best for you.

Participants will be entered into a drawing for free tickets to a performance of "Roald Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" at Stephens Auditorium.

Supported by the Iowa State Center's Season at Stephens.



2nd Thursday of Each Month
 10am-1pm, Auditorium

Join the Mainstream Living community for a monthly movie screening and related activity!

Selected movies are appropriate for adults who are neurodivergent and/or have an intellectual disability. Movies with Mainstream is open to all ages!

On January 13, we'll watch *Abominable*.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Mainstream Living.



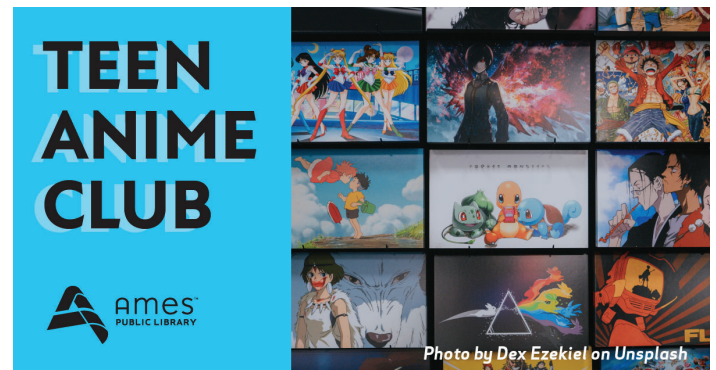
Wednesday, January 12
 7pm, PEO Room or via Zoom

Topic: Healthcare Directives - Options to Consider

Join us for a series of presentations called "Peace of Mind: Avoiding Conflict and Court at the End of Life."

This month Attorney Merlaine Mosley will discuss options to consider when setting up a healthcare directive.

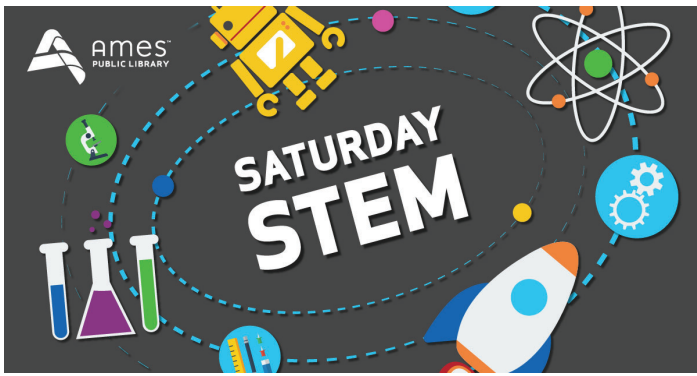
Watch for more from this series February 9 and March 9. Come to any or all of these informative events.



Friday, January 14
 4pm, Teen Space

Join our monthly meetup to watch some anime, talk about your favorite manga, or create your own art and manga.

This free event is open to 6th-12th graders. Anime watched is considered to be rated G to PG-13.



**Saturday, January 15
11am-12pm, Auditorium**

Come to the Library for our first monthly Saturday STEM event! Try out a variety of exciting STEM activity stations, including robotics fun.

Supported by the Iowa Governor's STEM Advisory Council.

Bring STEM Learning Home

STEM—or Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math—is important for children of every age. Help your family enjoy and learn about STEM concepts by borrowing a kit to use at home!

Ames Public Library's STEM Kits include books, activities, and games for exploring concepts like motion, patterns, fractions, nutrition, and more! Stop by the Library or visit our Special Collections webpage to find out more.



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**Monday, January 17
10am-12pm, Upstairs Gallery**

Celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by donating materials or volunteering your time for a service project at Ames Public Library.

Through January 16, bring donations of new/unused containers of the following items to the drop box in the Library. Travel size or full size are welcome!

- tooth brushes • toothpaste
- body wash • shampoo/conditioner
- menstrual products

On January 17, volunteer your time to pack donated supplies into kits to be distributed by The Bridge Home to those in need. Families are welcome!

Supported by Ames Public Library's Teen Advisory Group.



**Monday, January 17
6pm, Ames Middle School Auditorium
or via Facebook Live or YouTube**

The annual Ames/Story County Community MLK Day Celebration will be a hybrid in-person and online event. There will be a social from 6 to 6:30pm featuring birthday cake and Ames High School Jazz Band I.

The main program will be held from 6:30 until 7:45pm with keynote speaker Jeff Johnson, Ph.D.; announcement of the MLK Day Essay Contest winners; and musical selections.

For more information, visit bit.ly/AmesMLKDay

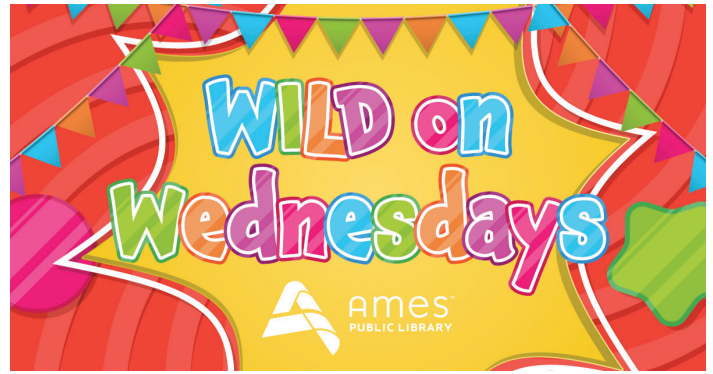
Presented in partnership with Ames Chamber of Commerce; Ames Human Relations Commission; Ames Police Department; Ames Public Library; Ames Water Plant; Body of Christ Church (BCC); City of Ames; Hasting, Gartin, & Boettger, LLP; Iowa State University Library; Rotary Club of Ames; Wayne & Edna Clinton Family; and YWCA Ames-ISU.



Monday, January 17
9:15am-3:15pm, Auditorium
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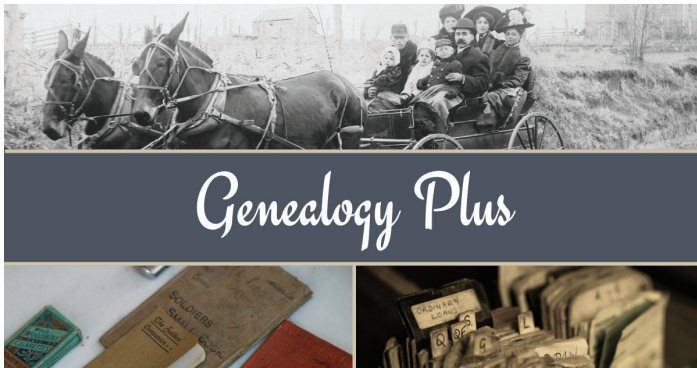
This program provides an opportunity for students to think about babysitting as a business, including ways to get started and communication with families. Participants will also learn about ages and stages of youth, ways to be a safe babysitter, and what to do in case of an emergency.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.



Wednesdays beginning January 19
3:45-4:30pm, Storytime Room

Kids in kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to be Wild on Wednesdays at the Ames Public Library. Enjoy a snack, crafts or science experiments, and more!



Wednesday, January 19
10am-12pm, Auditorium or via Zoom
Register at amespubliclibrary.org/events

Topic: Preparing for the 1950 Census
Speakers: Mary Lohr & Gwenna Jacobson

The 1950 US census is scheduled for release on April 1, 2022. Learn why genealogists use census records for genealogical research and what to expect in the 1950 census. Since the census will not have a name index upon release, researchers will need to use Enumeration Districts to search the records. An explanation will be given on how to locate and identify Enumeration Districts for searching.

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



Wednesday, January 19
7pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

The mechanics of how we vote is an aspect of our political system that most people take for granted. Yet, the workings of our voting system can have a big impact on the health of our republic.

In this talk, Matt Wetstein from Better Ballot Iowa will take a deep dive into the current voting system and why it no longer seems to work. We'll learn about ranked choice voting and how this small change to how we vote could significantly improve politics in Iowa and beyond.

We'll hold a mock ranked choice election and have plenty of time for Q&A.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Better Ballot Iowa.



TAG

**TEEN
ADVISORY
GROUP**

**Wednesday, January 19
6:30pm, Teen Space**

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

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Preview of
Barjche: Project Earth
with the Orchesis I Dance Company

**Saturday, January 22
2pm, Auditorium**

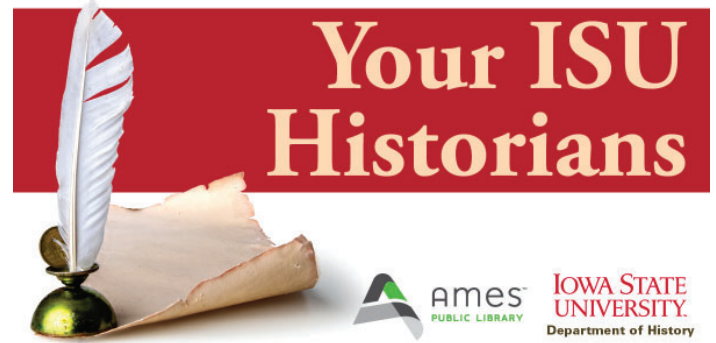
Get a glimpse of some of Orchesis I Dance Company's Project Earth, a program of dances inspired by themes of Sustainability and Climate Change, for their annual modern dance performance Barjche.

Guest artists, dance faculty and student choreographers will collaborate with ISU faculty from the departments of Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering, and Natural Resource Ecology and Management.

One audience member will win two tickets to the show at Iowa State Center's Fisher Theater.

Orchesis I is a student organization specializing in aspects of professional dance training. The company was established in 1926 as Iowa State's first dance group.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, Orchesis I Dance, the ISU Dance Program, and the ISU Kinesiology Department Barjche' 2022 Project Earth.



**Monday, January 24
7pm, via Zoom**

**Topic: "Hospitable, Yet Rude:" Iowa as Frontier
Territory, 1833-1846**
Speaker: Dr. Jeff Bremer

Join us for a free online presentation to mark Iowa's 175th anniversary of statehood!

Iowa was part of Michigan and Wisconsin Territories until 1838 when it began to be ruled by the federal government. Nominally a free territory, slavery was tolerated, if limited. By the end of 1846 Iowa's boasted 100,000 people and had joined the union.

Learn more about this interesting period in our state's history with Dr. Jeff Bremer.

Watch for more presentations by Your ISU Historians this spring!

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Iowa State University Department of History.



**Tuesday, January 25
4-6pm, Teen Space**

Drop in and try out some of your STEAM skills during our monthly Maker Challenge. Open to 6th-12th graders.

Genealogy Help Session

Family Story

Researching Your Roots →

Software to Use →

Writing your story →



Wednesday, January 26
10am-12pm, Danfoss Room

Run into a brick wall? Not sure where to start researching your roots? Stop by this monthly meetup of local genealogists to get help with research, software and writing your family story.

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

Outdoor Alliance



Thursday, January 27
7pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

Topic: Story County Watersheds

Sara Carmichael, Watershed Coordinator for Story County, will be discussing the county's water quality efforts. She will review practices like the volunteer water quality monitoring program, new edge of field nutrient program, and stream restoration efforts.

She will also highlight how the county's different partnerships including with city, state, and federal agencies will help Story County achieve goals identified in the Countywide Watershed Assessment.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, Outdoor Alliance of Story County, and Story County Conservation.

Dollar Days

IN DOWNTOWN AMES

Thursday, January 27 - Sunday, January 30

Support your local library and shop for gently-used books and more for all ages at Literary Grounds, located near the Library's lobby, during Downtown Ames Dollar Days.

Thursday through Sunday, you'll receive \$1 off everything in the store (except book bundles and items marked \$1). Gift cards are available too!

All purchases help support the Library through the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.



International Friendship Fair



Saturday, January 29
2-4pm, Auditorium

This year's free International Friendship Fair offers a unique opportunity for community members and ISU international students to dispel stereotypes and gain a better intercultural understanding of one another. International volunteers will share their cultures in a fun and educational atmosphere through informal presentations, pictures, native attire, historical and world-famous places, instruments, food, games, and activities!

Many countries will be represented. Visit every station to earn a prize!

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames-ISU YWCA.



Monday, January 31
7-8:30pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

Topic: (Re-)Moving the Frontier: Iowa Statehood and the Long History of Native-European Interactions
Presenter: Sebastian Braun, cultural anthropologist

Iowa became a state of the Union in 1846, on territories from which Native peoples had been removed through treaties. This presentation will look at the history of European and American interactions with American Indians in the area leading up to statehood. The very names of "Iowa" or "Des Moines" refer to Native nations.

We will explore some of their realities before and after statehood and discuss some of the legacies of that history for the present and future, with plenty of time for questions to follow the presentation.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Iowa State University American Indian Studies Program.

Get Involved on a Board

Libraries and communities benefit when diverse and inclusive viewpoints are represented and encouraged. Get involved in your community by applying to be on the Library Board or other city boards and commissions.

Find out what boards have openings and how to apply at through the City of Ames website at bit.ly/AmesBoards.



Computer Classes

Thursdays in February
10am-12pm, PEO Room

Drop into any of our computer classes! Computers are provided for all classes. You can guarantee your spot in a specific class by preregistering at the Library's Adult Services Desk or by calling (515) 239-5646 extension 4.



Our February series focuses on computer basics:

- February 3: Intro. to Computers
- February 10: Intro. to Web Browsers
- February 17: Intro. to Computer Files
- February 24: Intro. to E-mail

Watch for classes about Microsoft Office in March!



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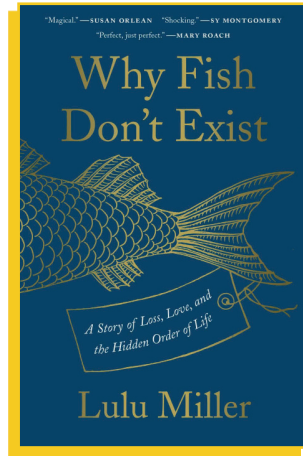
028: Real Reads

2nd Thursday of Each Month
7pm, Board Room or via Zoom
Register at amespubliclibrary.org/events

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

January 13:

Why Fish Don't Exist:
A Story of Loss, Love,
and the Hidden Order
of Life by Lulu Miller



February 10:

Say Nothing: A True
Story of Murder and
Memory in Northern
Ireland by Patrick
Radden Keefe

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

Books @ Noon

4th Wednesday of Each Month
12pm, Rotary Room or via Zoom

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

Mystery Lovers Book Club

1st Wednesday of Each Month
12pm, Rotary Room

Share your thoughts about books by a selected author!

January 5: Robert Dugoni

February 2: John Lescroart

Great Books 1

3rd Sunday of Each Month, 2-4pm
In the Board Room or via Zoom
REGISTRATION FULL

Great Books 2

1st Sunday of Each Month, 1:30-3:30pm
In the Rotary Room or via Zoom
Call (515) 239-5646 ext. 4 to register

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, Board Room or 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.

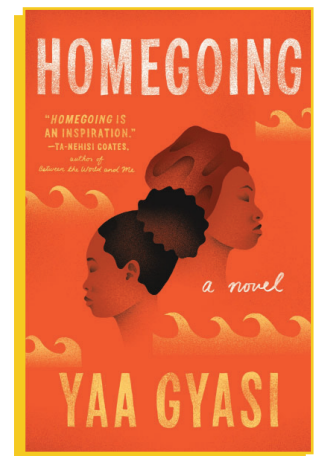
January 9:

Homegoing
by Yaa Gyasi

February 13:

The Namesake
by Jhumpa Lahiri

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STORYTIMES & MORE

Weekly Storytimes & More begin January 10.

Baby Time

Tuesdays at 1:30pm
Wednesdays at 11am
Thursdays at 6:30pm
Storytime Room

Bring your pre-walker to the Library for stories, songs, and baby sign language. Join with other caregivers and older siblings for 20 minutes of socially-distanced fun and learning. Feel free to bring a stuffed animal or doll for the older sibling to learn along with you.

Babies and caregivers are welcome to stay and play after the event!

Toddler Storytime

Wednesdays
10:30am, Storytime Room

Families are invited for a storytime filled with music, stories, and fun!

Family Storytime

Tuesdays and Saturdays
10:30am, Storytime Room

Children of all ages and their grown-ups are invited to this socially-distanced storytime to build listening, language, and literacy skills.



Tuesdays
11am-12pm, Youth Makerspace

Drop in and enjoy this process-focused craft or activity meant for children and their grown-ups.



Fridays
10:30am, Auditorium

Families are invited to get hands-on with a fun science activity for all ages!



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MONDAY

Sawyer School
5-8pm (4136 Ontario)

TUESDAY

St. Cecilia School
3-4pm (Hoover & 30th Street)

WEDNESDAY

Fareway on Stange
5-8pm (Stange & Bloomington)

THURSDAY

ISU Campus
11am-1pm (Near Parks Library)

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for **all ages**
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Library Events January 2022

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