# AMES PUBLIC DAGEONE

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#### **LIBRARY HOURS**

Monday-Thursday: 9am-9pm Friday & Saturday: 9am - 6pm

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Sunday: 1pm - 5pm

Ames Public Library and the Bookmobile will be **CLOSED** Monday, February 21 for Presidents Day.

### Family Storytime Celebrating Black History Month

Saturdays, February 5, 12, and 19 10:30am, Storytime Room

To commemorate Black History Month, we are featuring books and readers that celebrate Black voices in our community at our Saturday Family Storytimes. Children of all ages and backgrounds and their grown-ups are invited!





### **English** 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.

#### **Spanish**

Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm, Board Room

#### Russian

Saturdays, 3-4pm, Board Room

#### French

Saturdays, 4-5:30pm, 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.

### THE BRIDGE HOME

Helping you navigate through life's hardships.

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

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.





#### 1<sup>st</sup> 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 **February 3**, we'll talk about *The Vanderbeekers* of 141<sup>st</sup> Street and realistic fiction. Participants at this event will receive a free copy of next month's selection!

Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.





### 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!



### 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!



### Monday, February 7 10:30am, Storytime Room

Families are invited to a special storytime about Valentine's Day! Enjoy stories and songs about cherishing the special people in our lives, then make your own heart-themed craft.





### Wednesday, February 9 7pm, PEO Room or via Zoom

#### Topic: How Medicaid Planning Makes a Difference

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 Medicaid.

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





### 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 February 10, we'll watch Akeelah and the Bee.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Mainstream Living.



### **Mothering Circle**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of Each Month 10-11:30am, Teen Space



All mothers are invited to come together to connect, explore issues, deepen intuition, and share their parenting journeys.

We will address the needs and concerns of each mother so they can find compassionate support and inspiration.



### Saturday, February 12 11am-12pm, Auditorium

Come to the Library for our 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.

#### Stormettes Dance Line

### Saturday, February 12 2pm, Auditorium

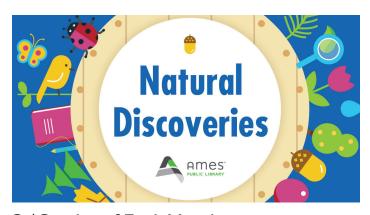
Come to the Library for a free, fun afternoon with the ISU Stormettes Dance Line!

The Stormettes dance group promotes team endurance and body-positivity by performing a variety of different dance styles. They often feature jazz, modern, and hip hop styles.



Come watch a performance, and then kids can stay and learn some moves, too!

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Stormettes Dance Line.



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Each Month 2-2:30pm, Storytime Room

Join ISU's Environmental Education Club for storytime, a craft, and fun activities based on a different ecological theme each month. Children of any age can come explore and learn more about our environment.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and the ISU Environmental Education Club.

Who doesn't love a quick story or joke? Call our **Story Line** at (515) 239-5636 to hear new ones each week!

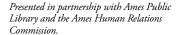


### Sharing Our Own Stories: Ames' Black Voices

### Tuesday, February 15 6pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

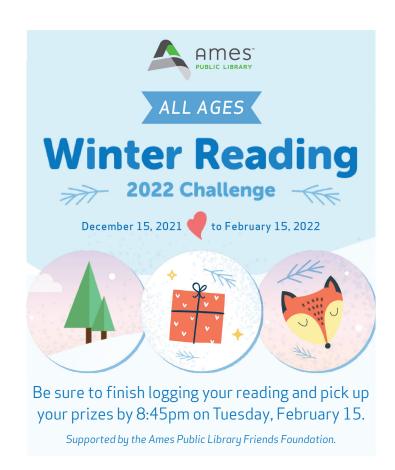
Storytelling has been and continues to be of great importance to The African Diaspora. This series will highlight a variety of Black voices and their experiences in Ames, through storytelling.

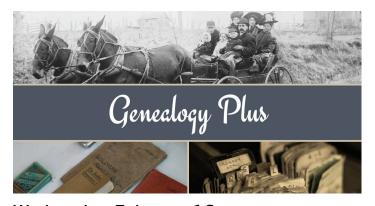
This month, join Ames
Human Relations
Commission chair Jahmai
Fisher and vice chair Wayne
Clinton in conversation about
the role of storytelling in the
Black community, and how it
relates to this new project.











Wednesday, February 16 10am-12pm, via Zoom Register online to receive Zoom Link

Topic: DNA Explained Speaker: Theresa Liewer, Past-President of the Iowa Genealogical Society

Theresa will address the basics of DNA testing and how to interpret the results. She has tested with multiple companies, which has the added benefit of letting her find even more distant cousins through DNA. She has convinced multiple family members to test also, all in the name of research.

Theresa has been doing genealogy for over 45 years and she is excited to be able to talk about this newest tool in our tool box.

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



### Wednesday, February 16 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.



### Friday, February 18 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 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. Anime watched is considered to be rated G to PG-13.



### Tuesday, February 22 7pm, Auditorium Register at amespubliclibrary.org/events

What are employers and recruiters looking for in interviews, and how can you present yourself successfully?

In a workshop designed for early and mid-career job seekers, a representative from Iowa State University's Writing and Media Center will address how to put your best foot forward in both in-person and online interviews. Attendees are requested to register and bring a copy of their resume with them to this workshop.

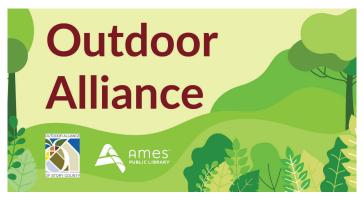
This workshop will only be presented in person because of the interactive nature of this program.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and the Iowa State University Writing and Media Center.



Tuesday, February 22 4-6pm, Teen Space

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



Wednesday, February 23 7pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

Topic: Land Protection in a Changing Climate Speaker: Joe McGovern



Join Ames Public Library and Outdoor Alliance of Story County each month for a different presentation.

On February 23, Joe McGovern, President of the Iowa Natural Heritage

Foundation, will explore the opportunities and challenges in permanently protecting large blocks of wildlife habitat in central Iowa and give an update on Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation's work statewide.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, Outdoor Alliance of Story County, and Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation.



### Wednesday, February 23 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.



### **Ames Climate Action Plan Update**

### Thursday, February 24 6pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

City of Ames Climate Action Plan (CAP) project leaders will provide background on the community's first CAP process that starts with a look back at our community's commitment to sustainability through our Resource Recovery Plant, glass recycling program, biodiesel initiative, SunSmart Community Solar farm, and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory.

From there, we'll cover selecting and moving forward with consultant Sustainability Solutions Group; establishing a GHG reduction goal for Ames, and next steps in the CAP process. We'll also cover how to stay upto-date on the process and how to get involved.

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

### Irish Performance Team

### Saturday, February 26 10am, Auditorium

Come to the Library and enjoy Irish dancing! The Irish Performance Team from Robert Thomas Dancenter will perform Irish dancing and



share some history about Irish dance and culture.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Robert Thomas Dancenter.

### Story Hour with COVID Recovery Iowa



### Saturday, February 26 11am, Storytime Room

Join us for a special storytime with COVID Recovery Iowa about the ups and downs of this past year and how children can express their thoughts, feelings, and needs. We will read books like "Right Now

I Am Fine," "Invisible String," and "Tomorrow Most Likely" and enjoy a drawing activity.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and COVID Recovery Iowa.



Families are invited to come watch, "Rutherford Wolf," the touring on-act play from members of Story Theater Company here in Ames.

Rutherford is a peace-loving, gentle, vegetarian... wolf. He just wants to find his way to the big city, but various fairy tale characters keep raising a panic because of the bad reputation wolves have in stories! How will Rutherford ever make it out of the forest or improve his reputation?

This fast-paced adventure includes lots of humor and a number of familiar fairytale faces.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Story Theater Company.

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BLACK BOOK NOOK Looking for excellent books and films featuring Black voices and stories? Check our Black Book Nook!

The Black Book Nook collection fosters education and community engagement with Black history, thought, literature, and culture. This collection was created in partnership with the Iowa State University Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion | Office of Equal Opportunity.

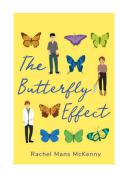
Visit our Special Collections web page to browse the Black Book Nook.



### Author Event with Rachel Mans McKenny

Monday, March 7 7pm, Auditorium

Rachel Mans McKenny is an author, podcaster, and humorist from the Midwest. Her debut novel, *The Butterfly Effect*, is this year's All Iowa Reads selection!



### **Book Sale**

Thursday, March 10 5:30-8:30pm, \$2 Admission

Friday, March 11, & Saturday, March 12 9am-6pm, FREE Admission

Sunday, March 13 12-5pm, \$1 Admission, Everything FREE!



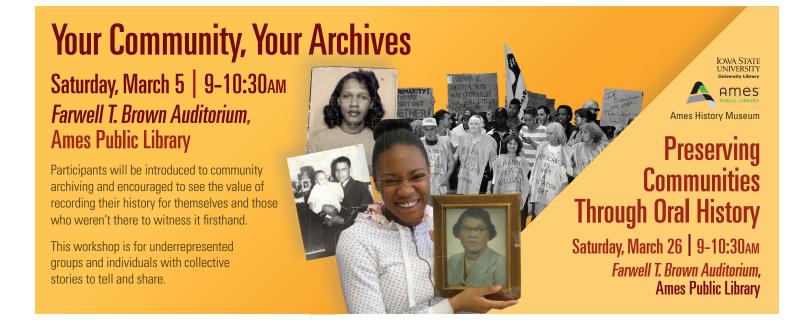
Want to jump start your baby's development? See amazing changes happen when you join Ames Public Library's Small Talk program with your 0-30 month-old.

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 10-week virtual Small Talk session starting Thursday, March 3, at 1:00pm. 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 the device.

If you'd like to register or have any questions, please e-mail youthstaff@amespubliclibrary.org or call (515) 239-5646 ext. 3.



### 028: Real Reads

2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### February 10:

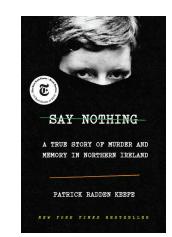
Say Nothing: A True Story of Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland by Patrick Radden Keefe

March 10:

Father of Lions: One Man's Remarkable Quest to Save the

Mosul Zoo by Louise Callaghan

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



### Books @ Noon

4<sup>th</sup> 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

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of Each Month 12pm, Rotary Room

Share your thoughts about books by a selected author!

February 2: John Lescroart

March 2: Dick or Felix Francis

### **Great Books 1**

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

#### **Great Books 2**

1<sup>st</sup> 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

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Each Month 2-4pm, Board Room or via Zoom Register at amespubliclibrary.org/events

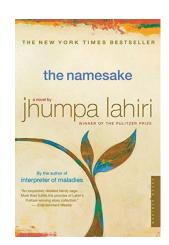
Check out this book discussion group exploring social and cultural topics through the lens of fiction and nonfiction.

The goal is to encourage deep reflection and nuanced discussion about how the topics' impacts manifest and resonate in modern society.

February 13: **The Namesake**by Jhumpa Lahiri

March 13:

**The Color Purple** by Alice Walker



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### **STORYTIMES & MORE**



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!



### Wednesdays 3:45-4:30pm Storytime Room

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

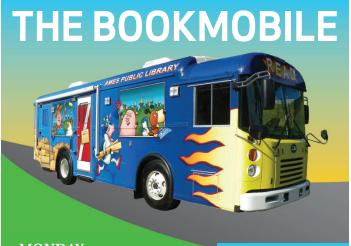


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#### **MONDAY**

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)

Check out
Library
materials
for all ages
at any of the
Bookmobile's

weekly stops

## Language-learning for all ages!



Did you know you can learn to speak another language for FREE with your local Library? Check out Mango or Little Pim and soon you'll be speaking in Spanish, Mandarin, or even Pirate.

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Danfoss Room

**English** 

11am-12pm

2:30pm, Auditorium