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#### LIBRARY HOURS

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

## Winter Closures

The Bookmobile will be closed December 19-30.

The Library will be closed Saturday & Sunday, December 24 & 25.

The Library will be open until 5pm Saturday, December 31, and closed Sunday, January 1.



**December 1 - January 31**

All ages can earn a prize by reading 30 days this winter! Pick up your reading log at the Library or Bookmobile starting December 1, or sign up online at [amespubliclibrary.beanstack.com](http://amespubliclibrary.beanstack.com).

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**Thursdays through December 8  
4-6pm, Teen Space**

Need a brain break? Teens are invited to hang out and play videogames in the Teen Space! A virtual reality system will be available to try out too.

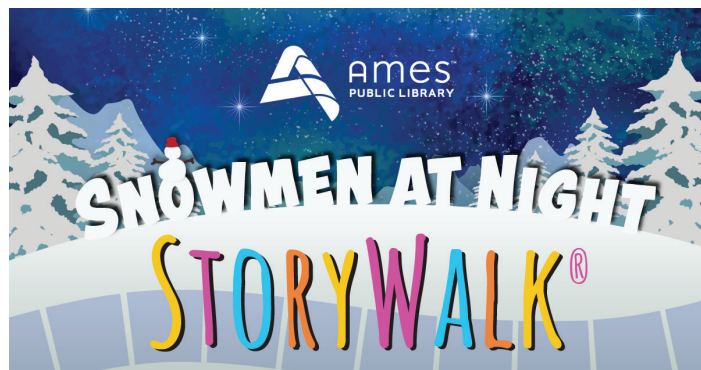
## Memory Project: Ukraine

**December 2-20, Library Entryway**

Come see portraits created by Ames High School art students for this year's Memory Project.

Ukrainian refugees living in Poland gathered photos of Ukrainian children ranging from ages 1-18. Ames High School art students used the photos to create portraits so that they can send a message of kindness, respect, and encouragement. These portraits will be in the Library's entryway through December 20 and delivered to the Ukrainian children in January.

Contact Lindsay Wede at [lindsay.wede@ames.k12.ia.us](mailto:lindsay.wede@ames.k12.ia.us) if you would like to learn more.



**December 2-24, Downtown Ames**

Enjoy a story book as you walk through Downtown Ames! Start at the Library and find the pages of *Snowmen at Night* in shop windows along Douglas Avenue and Main Street.

Visit [www.AmesPL.org/event/snowmen-night](http://www.AmesPL.org/event/snowmen-night) for walking route and more information.

*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.*



**Saturday, December 3  
10:30am, Auditorium**

Families are invited to the Library for a sneak peak of *The Nutcracker Ballet*, coming to Stephens Auditorium. Then participate in a challenge to design your own mousetrap to stop the evil Mouse King.

Attendees will be entered into a drawing for free tickets to the Nutcracker performances at CY Stephens Auditorium courtesy of Iowa State Center.

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, Iowa State Center Stephens Auditorium, and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.*



**Sunday, December 4  
4pm, Storytime Room**

German Storytime is a chance for children and families to immerse themselves in stories, songs, and all things fun about German culture. Come learn and engage in this bilingual storytime experience.

## Did you know...

You can borrow books and movies in several languages from the Library! Learn more at [www.AmesPL.org/languages](http://www.AmesPL.org/languages)

# STUDY SPACE

**Need somewhere quiet to get ready for tests?** We reserved space just for study time. Drop in any of the following times, or ask about our regular study rooms!

**Mon.-Tues., December 5-6:**  
1-8:45pm, Rotary Room

**Wednesday, December 7:**  
1-8:45pm, Danfoss Room

**Fri.-Sat., December 9-10:**  
9am-5:45pm, Rotary Room

**Sunday, December 11:**  
1-4:45pm, Rotary Room

**Mon.-Wed., December 12-14:**  
1-8:45pm, Rotary Room

**Thurs., December 15:**  
1-5pm, Rotary Room



**Tuesday, December 6  
4pm, Storytime Room**

Come play chess! Whether you are just a beginner or already an expert, all kids in grades 4-6 are welcome to come have fun after school on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. (NOTE: *Checkmate Chess Club* will be on break December 18 - January 8.) Drop in and learn how to play or come and face off against a new opponent.

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**Thursday, December 8  
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!

This month, we'll watch *Soul* with a music-themed activity to follow.



*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Mainstream Living.*



**Thursday, December 8  
7pm, Auditorium or via Zoom**

"NAMI: In Our Own Voice" is an interactive presentation that provides insight into what it's like to live with mental illness. The presentation is led by two adults living with mental health conditions and includes video and discussion.

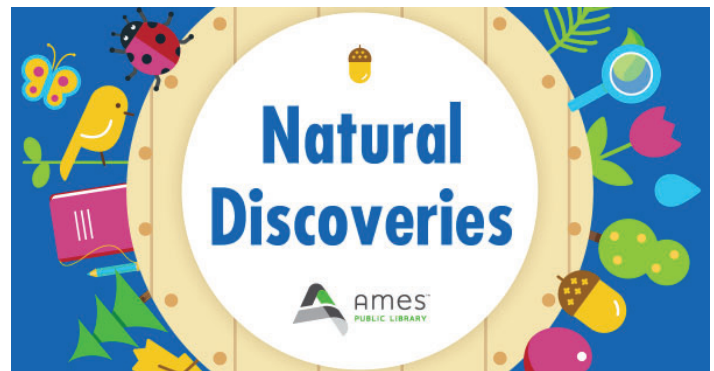
Audiences are given a safe place to ask questions and gain understanding of an often misunderstood topic. Through dialogue, we help grow the movement to build better lives.

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).*



**Saturday, December 10  
11:30am, Storytime Room**

Arabic Storytime is a chance for children and families to immerse themselves in stories, songs, and all things fun about Arabic culture. Come learn and engage in this wonderful storytime experience.



**Sunday, December 11  
2pm, 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.

This month's event will be all about nocturnal animals.

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



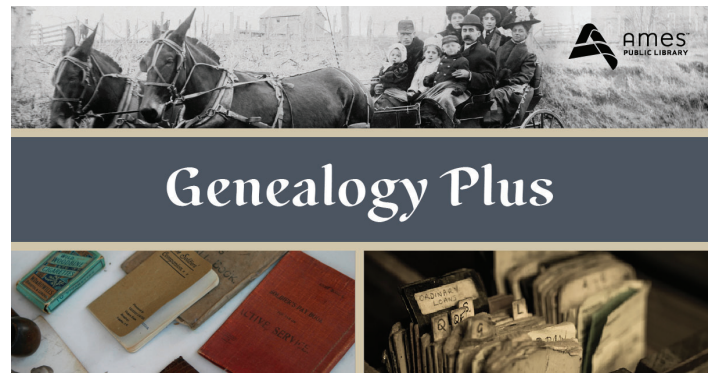
**Tuesday, December 13  
4pm, Storytime Room**

Children in grades 3-5 are invited to get creative and build with lots of LEGO®! We'll provide the bricks while the kids provide the imagination.

All LEGO® will remain at the Library, so bring a camera to capture a photo of your build. Please leave your own LEGO® at home so they don't get mixed up with the Library's.

*(NOTE: LEGO® Builders will be on break December 18 - January 8.)*

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## Genealogy Plus

**Wednesday, December 14  
10am-12pm, Online via Zoom  
(or watch on screen in the Rotary Room)**

*Register at [amespubliclibrary.org/events](https://amespubliclibrary.org/events) to receive the Zoom link by e-mail.*

**Topic — The Cultural Impact of the COVID Pandemic: Lessons for Genealogists**

**Speaker — Dr. Paul Lasley**

Family stories are an essential part of genealogy research. Dr. Lasley will describe the impacts of the COVID pandemic on Iowa families and communities.

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



**Wednesday, December 14  
5-6pm, Board Room**

*Register at [amespubliclibrary.org/events](https://amespubliclibrary.org/events) or e-mail [eatwell@amespubliclibrary.org](mailto:eatwell@amespubliclibrary.org)*

Help plan exciting Library events for teens, share what you're reading, make new friends, and eat some food!

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## Immigrants and Refugees: How to Make Ames Welcoming

**Thursday, December 15  
7pm, Auditorium or online via  
League of Women Voters of Ames  
& Story County on Facebook Live**

Join the League of Women Voters of Ames & Story County and Ames Public Library for a presentation by Diane Birt, chair of the Ames Interfaith Refugee Alliance and member of Ames Sanctuary Interfaith Partners. Ms. Birt will explain the categories of immigrants and refugees in Ames, share stories of these immigrants and refugees, and discuss the needs of asylum-seeking and undocumented immigrants and refugees in Ames. She will also talk about how you can become engaged with the organizations serving these people.

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and the League of Women Voters of Ames & Story County.*



**Thursday, December 15  
3-4:30pm, Auditorium**

Families are invited to drop in to the Library to make some wonderful wintery crafts to take home!

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**Saturday, December 17  
10:30am, Storytime Room**

Join us for a special Christmas Storytime! Local volunteers will share stories and songs about the importance of the holiday for Christians. A craft activity will follow.



**Friday, December 16, 4-6pm, Teen Space**

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

Open to 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders. Anime watched is considered to be rated G to PG-13.



**Saturday, December 31  
11am-12pm, Auditorium**

Families with kids of all ages are invited to come to a Noon Year's Eve party! Drop in for crafts, a dance party, and an all around great end to 2022! We will end our program with a special sparkling juice toast and a countdown to Noon!



**Mondays through December 19  
9:30am-12:30pm & 1:30-3:30pm, The Studio**

Ames Public Library is partnering with Iowa *WORKS* to provide easy access to critical services in our community. Come by to speak with an Iowa *WORKS* Career Planner for individualized, one-on-one career services. Career Planners can assist with resumes, mock interviews, filing for unemployment, and more.



**Tuesdays, 11am-2pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Study Room**  
**Thursdays, 4-7pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Study Room**  
**Fridays, 11am-2pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Study Room**

Ames Public Library is partnering with The Bridge Home to provide easy access to critical services in our community.

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.



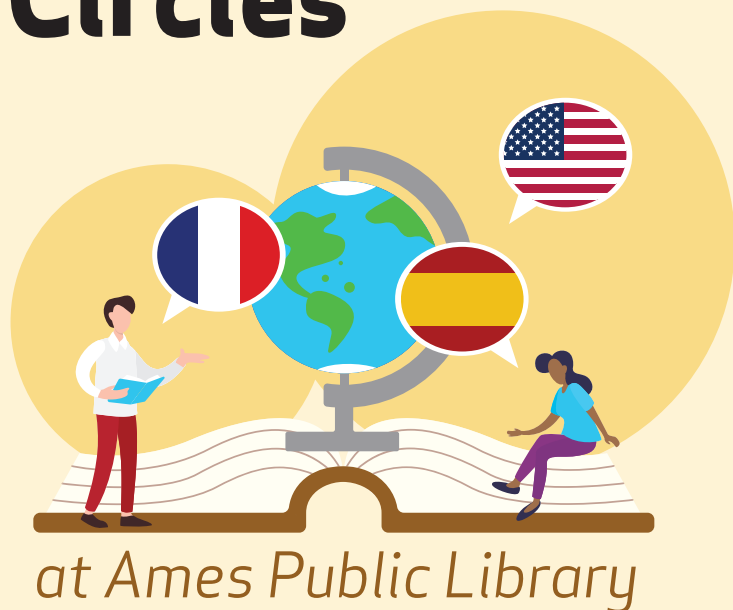
**Wednesdays, 11am-12pm**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Floor Study Rooms**

Ames Public Library is partnering with Lutheran Service in Iowa (LSI) to provide families with easy access to critical services in our community.

Staff from LSI will be available in the Library to assist individuals and families with free parent education, resources, and support.

A certified LSI Parent Educator can help you learn what to expect in your child's growth and development from pregnancy to birth to age five, so you can give them a great start to a bright future!

# Conversation Circles



**No Conversation Circles December 26, December 31, and January 2.**

## English

**Mondays, 12:30-1:30pm, 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**

**German: Wednesdays, 7-8pm**

**Russian: Saturdays, 3-4pm**

**French: Saturdays, 4-5:30pm**  
**Board Room or Zoom**

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

# STORYTIMES & MORE

**Regular Family Events will be on break December 18 - January 8.**

## Baby Time

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

Mondays and Wednesdays  
10:30am, Storytime Room

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

## Family Storytime

Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays\*  
10:30am, Storytime Room

Preschool-age children and their grown-ups are invited to enjoy stories, songs, and movement activities while building early literacy skills.

\* *Except December 3 and 17. See special events!*



**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!



**Thursdays, December 1 & 8  
4pm, Auditorium**

Kids in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to the Library for a wide variety of fun activities after school on Thursdays! Our activities could include art, science, games, and more! We will also provide a small snack.





# BOOK GROUPS

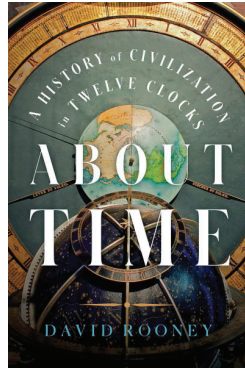
## 028: Real Reads

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of Each Month  
7pm, Board Room or via Zoom

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

December 8:

**About Time:** *A History of Civilization in Twelve Clocks* by David Rooney



January 12:

**Facing the Mountain:** *An Inspiring Story of Japanese American Patriots in World War II* by Daniel James Brown

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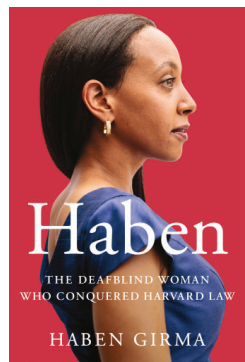
## View from the Margins

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Each Month  
2-4pm, Board Room or via Zoom

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.

December 11:

**Haben:** *The Deafblind Woman Who Conquered Harvard Law* by Haben Girma



January 8:

**Gold Diggers** by Sanjena Sathian

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## Mystery Lovers Book Club

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

Mystery readers, come talk about books by a selected author or on a theme!

December 7: Read a food-themed mystery

January 4: M.C. Beaton



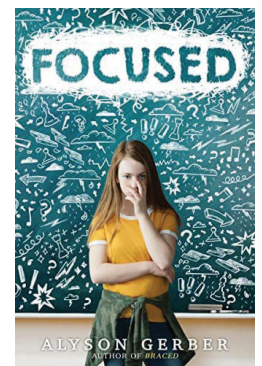
Thursday, December 1  
10am, Auditorium

Join Library staff for a monthly book discussion just for families that are homeschooling or learning remotely! This year, we have selected a diverse collection of books that mirror our world, with a special focus on stories about historically excluded identities and groups of people.

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.

December 1: **Focused** by Alyson Gerber

January 5: **Linked** by Gordon Korman



# THE BOOKMOBILE



## MONDAY

Mitchell School:  
2:30-3:30pm (3521 Jewel)

Sawyer School:  
5-8pm (4136 Ontario)

## TUESDAY

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

## WEDNESDAY

Edwards School:  
2:30-3:30pm (820 Miller)

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

## THURSDAY

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

The Bookmobile  
will be closed  
December  
19-30.

*Stock up on  
books and  
movies before  
the break!*



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p><b>KEY</b></p> <p><b>Colors:</b>                      All Ages/Mix                      Family Event                      Teen Event                      Adult Event</p> <p><b>Symbols:</b>                      Off Site                      Available Online                      Registration Required</p>			<p>Shop for gently-used books, board games, and more for all ages at <b>Literary Grounds Bookstore!</b> Gift certificates are also available.</p> 		<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>Winter Reading Challenge Begins</b>  <b>Homeschool Book Club</b>                      10am, Auditorium  <b>Family Storytime</b>                      10:30am, Storytime Room  <b>After School Adventures</b>                      4pm, Auditorium  <b>Teen Videogames</b>                      4-6pm, Teen Space  <b>The Bridge Home</b>                      4-7pm, Second Floor  <b>Baby Time</b>                      6pm, Storytime Room</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>Memory Project: Ukraine</b>                      December 2-20                      Library Entryway  <b>Snowmen at Night StoryWalk®</b>                      December 2-24,                      Downtown Ames  <b>Storybook Science</b>                      10:30am, Auditorium  <b>The Bridge Home</b>                      11am-2pm, Second Floor</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>Nutcracker Ballet + STEM</b>                      10:30am, Auditorium  <b>Conversation Circles</b>                      Russian: 3-4pm                      French: 4-5:30pm                      Board Room or via Zoom</p>
<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>German Storytime</b>                      4pm, Storytime Room</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>IowaWORKS</b>                      9:30am-12:30pm &amp;                      1:30-3:30pm, The Studio  <b>Toddler Storytime</b>                      10:30am, Storytime Room  <b>Conversation Circles</b>                      English: 12:30-1:30pm                      Danfoss Room  <b>Study Space</b>                      1-8:45pm, Rotary Room</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>Family Storytime</b>                      10:30am, Storytime Room  <b>Kids Create</b>                      11am, Youth Makerspace  <b>The Bridge Home</b>                      11am-2pm, First Floor  <b>Study Space</b>                      1-8:45pm, Rotary Room  <b>Baby Time</b>                      1:30pm, Storytime Room  <b>Checkmate Chess Club</b>                      4pm, Storytime Room  <b>Conversation Circles</b>                      Spanish: 7-8:30pm                      Board Room or via Zoom</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Toddler Storytime</b>                      10:30am, Storytime Room  <b>Baby Time</b>                      11am, Storytime Room  <b>Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI)</b>                      11am-12pm, First Floor  <b>Mystery Lovers Book Club</b>                      12pm, Rotary Room  <b>Study Space</b>                      1-8:45pm, Danfoss Room  <b>Conversation Circles</b>                      German: 7-8pm                      Board Room or via Zoom</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>Movies with Mainstream: Soul</b>                      10am-1pm, Auditorium  <b>Family Storytime, Baby Time</b>                      See Above  <b>After School Adventures</b>                      4pm, Auditorium  <b>Teen Videogames</b>                      4-6pm, Teen Space  <b>The Bridge Home</b>                      4-7pm, Second Floor  <b>028: Real Reads</b>                      7pm, Board Room or via Zoom  <b>NAMI In Our Own Voice</b>                      7pm, Auditorium</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>Study Space</b>                      9am-5:45pm                      Rotary Room  <b>Storybook Science</b>                      10:30am, Auditorium  <b>The Bridge Home</b>                      11am-2pm, Second Floor</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>Study Space</b>                      9am-5:45pm                      Rotary Room  <b>Family Storytime</b>                      10:30am, Storytime Room  <b>Arabic Storytime</b>                      11:30am, Storytime Room  <b>Express Yourself With Ames Pride</b>                      1-3pm, Auditorium  <b>Conversation Circles</b>                      Russian: 3-4pm                      French: 4-5:30pm                      Board Room or via Zoom</p>	
<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>Study Space</b>                      1-4:45pm, Danfoss Room  <b>Natural Discoveries</b>                      2pm, Storytime Room  <b>View from the Margins</b>                      2-4pm, Board Room or via Zoom</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p><b>IowaWORKS</b>                      9:30am-12:30pm &amp;                      1:30-3:30pm, The Studio  <b>Toddler Storytime</b>                      10:30am, Storytime Room  <b>Conversation Circles</b>                      English: 12:30-1:30pm                      Danfoss Room  <b>Study Space</b>                      1-8:45pm, Rotary Room</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>Family Storytime, Kids Create, Baby Time</b>                      See Above  <b>The Bridge Home</b>                      11am-2pm, First Floor  <b>Study Space</b>                      1-8:45pm, Rotary Room  <b>LEGO® Builders</b>                      4pm, Storytime Room  <b>Conversation Circles</b>                      Spanish: 7-8:30pm                      Board Room or via Zoom</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>Genealogy Plus</b>                      10am-12pm                      Online via Zoom                      (or watch in Rotary Room)  <b>Toddler Storytime, Baby Time</b>                      See Above  <b>Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI)</b>                      11am-12pm, First Floor  <b>Study Space</b>                      1-8:45pm, Rotary Room  <b>Teen Advisory Group</b>                      5-6pm, Board Room  <b>Conversation Circles</b>                      German: 7-8pm                      Board Room or via Zoom</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>Family Storytime, Baby Time</b>                      See Above  <b>Study Space</b>                      1-5pm, Rotary Room  <b>Winter Crafternoon</b>                      3-4:30pm, Auditorium  <b>The Bridge Home</b>                      4-7pm, Second Floor  <b>Immigrants and Refugees: How to Make Ames Welcoming</b>                      7pm, Auditorium  <b>Library Board of Trustees Meeting</b>                      7pm, Board Room</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>Storybook Science</b>                      10:30am, Auditorium  <b>The Bridge Home</b>                      11am-2pm, Second Floor  <b>Teen Anime Club</b>                      4-6pm, Teen Space</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>Christmas Storytime Special</b>                      10:30am, Storytime Room  <b>Conversation Circles</b>                      Russian: 3-4pm                      French: 4-5:30pm                      Board Room or via Zoom</p>	
<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>Bookmobile Closed Dec. 19 - 30</b>  <b>IowaWORKS</b>                      9:30am-12:30pm &amp;                      1:30-3:30pm, The Studio</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>The Bridge Home</b>                      11am-2pm, First Floor  <b>Conversation Circles</b>                      Spanish: 7-8:30pm                      Board Room or via Zoom</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>Lutheran Services in Iowa (LSI)</b>                      11am-12pm, First Floor  <b>Conversation Circles</b>                      German: 7-8pm                      Board Room or via Zoom</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p><b>The Bridge Home</b>                      4-7pm, Second Floor</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>The Bridge Home</b>                      11am-2pm, Second Floor</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>Library CLOSED</b></p>	
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