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#### **LIBRARY HOURS**

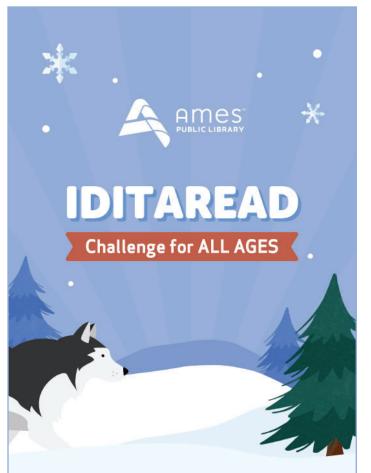
Monday-Thursday: 9am-9pm Friday & Saturday: 9am - 6pm

Sunday: 1pm - 5pm

### JANUARY CLOSURE

Ames Public Library and Bookmobile will be closed:

Monday, January 1



December 1, 2023 through January 31, 2024

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.

Supported by Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.



### December 21 - January 3 Literary Grounds Bookstore

Stop by the Literary Grounds Bookstore in the Library's lobby for \$1 off items with a red sticker.

There are some great holiday treasures just waiting for the right person!

Gift certificates are available too!

Presented by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation. Proceeds are used to enhance Ames Public Library's collections, programs, and services.



### January 2-15 Library Vestibule

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

Ames High School art students used reference photos of children from orphanages in India to create portraits so that they can send a message of kindness, respect, and encouragement. These portraits will be on display in the Library's entryway before they are delivered to the children who inspired the artwork.

Contact Lindsay Wede at lindsay.wede@ames.k12.ia.us if you would like to learn more.

# poetry WORKSHOP



with poet, performer, and producer CALEB RAINEY





Sunday, January 7: 2-4pm, Danfoss Room or Online Sunday, January 14:

2-4pm, Rotary Room or Online and Sunday, January 21:

2-4pm, Danfoss Room or Online

Register for the entire series by e-mailing sign up@ameswriterscollective.org

Calling all young poets and writers! (You don't have to write poetry to join the fun.) You are invited to join poet Caleb Rainey, "The Negro Artist," who will lead a free series of three poetry workshops as part of the Swift Youth Writers Group.

Held in-person and hybrid at the Ames Public Library, these workshops build upon each other to prepare your poem for a contest to be considered for scoring by Dr. Ron McCurdy, the composer of the "Langston Hughes Project." To kick off the performance at Stephens Auditorium on February 8th, Caleb Rainey will perform the winning poems, accompanied by Dr. McCurdy's music.

Registration is required, and participants should attend all three workshops.

Don't miss your chance to learn from an acclaimed poet/ artist and develop your poetry skills and showcase your talent! For more information, visit ameswriterscollective.org.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and the Ames Writers Collective. This series is funded in part by an Ames Commission on the Arts (COTA) Special Project Grant and a Discover Ames Community Grant.



### 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of Each Month (January 9 and 23) 4pm, Storytime Room

Children in grades 3-5 are invited to get creative and build with lots of LEGO<sup>®</sup>! 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.

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#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of Each Month (January 10) 5-6pm, Board Room

Register at AmesPL.org/events or e-mail eatwell@amespubliclibrary.org

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



### Thursday, January 11 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 *Lightyear* with a space-themed activity to follow.

 $\label{presented} \textit{Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Mainstream Living}.$ 



### **Thursdays** (Starting January 11) **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.



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of Each Month (January 12 and 27) 9:30-10:30am, Teen Space

Parenting babies and toddlers is full of challenges. Join this welcoming community of families as we support each other and grow together through the early years of pregnancy, postpartum and parenthood.

Facilitated by experienced mothers and a Certified Nurse Midwife, these monthly meetups will connect families to each other and to resources and answers about birth and parenthood.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Aurelia Childbirth.



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of Each Month (January 13) 10am-12pm, Rotary Room

Crafters of all ages are invited to join fellow fiber arts enthusiasts and work on their projects. Knit, crochet, embroidery, or any other fiber craft is welcome!

Please bring your own materials.



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of Each Month (January 13) 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.



### 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Each Month (January 14 and 28) 2-4pm, Auditorium

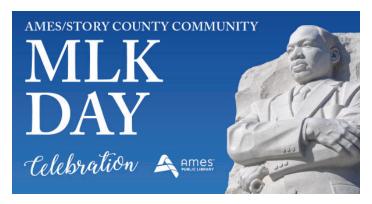
Calling all school-aged Poké-Kids! Come learn how to play the Pokémon Trading Card Game and use a Librarysupplied deck to battle other players.

You can bring your decks to talk and strategize with other players, but card trading will not be allowed.

Don't want to play? Come to watch others, enjoy Pokéart activities, chat with other kids, and build a supportive community of friends!

Kids ages 8 and under need to bring a caregiver along to help. Caregivers: not sure what Pokémon is all about? This is a great opportunity to learn along with your kids!

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## Monday, January 15 Social at 6pm • Presentation at 6:30pm Ames City Hall or via Facebook Live or YouTube

Join us for the annual Ames/Story County Community MLK Day Celebration at the City Hall Gymnasium for a social from 6 to 6:30pm.

The main program will be held in the City Auditorium at 6:30pm with keynote speaker George W. Trice and an announcement of the MLK Day Essay Contest winners.

For more information, visit bit.ly/AmesMLKDay

Presented in partnership with the Ames Chamber of Commerce, Ames Human Relations Commission, Ames Police Foundation, Ames Public Library, Ames Water and Pollution Control Department, Body of Christ Church, City of Ames, Hy-Vee Lincoln Center, Iowa State University Library, Rotary Club of Ames, Wayne and Edna Clinton, Story County League of Women Voters, NAACP – Ames branch, and YWCA Ames-ISU.



### 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of Each Month (Starting January 16) 4pm, Storytime Room

Come play chess! Whether you are just a beginner or already an expert, all kids in grades 3-5 are welcome to come have fun after school on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Drop in and learn how to play or come and face off against a new opponent.

## **JANUARY**

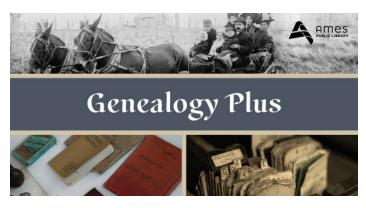


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**THURSDAY SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY** WEDNESDAY **FRIDAY SATURDAY** 1 3 6 **KEY** Holiday Book Sale IowaWORKS Library & Community and **Destination Storytime** Conversation Circles COLORS: 9:30am-12:30pm & 1:30-3:30pm Russian: 3-4pm French: 4-5:30pm Bookmobile December 21-January 3 Family Resources @ the Ice Arena 11am-1pm, Second Floor 10am, Ames/ISU Ice Arena All Ages/Mix **CLOSED** Memory Project Exhibit PEO Room Board Room or via Zoom 1507 Gateway Hills Park Dr. January 2-15 The Bridge Home Family Event IditaRead Challenge **Mystery Lovers The Bridge Home** 11am-2pm, Second Floor Library Vestibule 4-7pm, Second Floor continues through Teen Event Book Group The Bridge Home January 31 12pm, Rotary Room Adult Event 11am-2pm, First Floor ACCESS at the Library **Conversation Circles** 1-3pm, Second Floor **SYMBOLS: Spanish:** 7-8:30pm Board Room or via Zoom Off Site 🞦 Registration Required Available Online 9 10 11 12 13 **Family Storytime** 10:30am, Storytime Room Youth Poetry **Toddler 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First Aid Training **Spanish:** 7-8:30pm 5-9pm, Auditorium Board Room or via Zoom Our subscriptions get you free online access to popular news sources without the pay wall, including *The New York Times*,

The Wall Street Journal, and local, national and international

newspapers through NewsBank's Access World News.



### Online Library Resources for Genealogy Research

Wednesday, January 17 10am-12pm, Auditorium

Speaker — Megan Klein-Hewett

Learn more about the online resources offered for genealogical research at the Ames Public Library. We will take a deep dive into Ancestry Library Edition and Heritage Quest, and review other digitized resources for genealogical research in Ames and throughout the state.

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



Ames Public Library's IDEA Center connects library users to technology to digitize personal photos, slides, videos and sound recordings.

The IDEA Center is free to use with your library card. You will also need to complete a brief online orientation prior to using the space.

Find out more at www.AmesPL.org/IDEAcenter

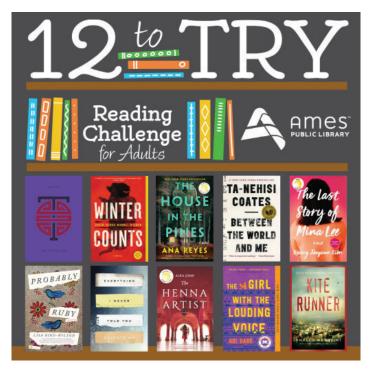
The IDEA Center is supported by generous donations to the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.



#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of Each Month (January 19) 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.



Shake up your shelf with the "12 to Try" Reading Challenge for adults! You'll get a free prize just for reading a book from each of 12 categories listed.

This month, we're sharing recommendations for the first book written by a BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, or Person of Color) author. See some on display on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, on Facebook and Instagram, and online at www.AmesPL.org/12toTry



#### Tuesday, January 23 7-8:30pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

What is the condition of lakes, rivers, and streams in Story County? What has changed? Dan Haug with Prairie Rivers of Iowa will share findings from the fourth year of a locally-led water monitoring program that includes volunteers, Story County Conservation, laboratory support from the City of Ames, and more.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, Outdoor Alliance of Story County, and Prairie Rivers of Iowa.



### Wednesdays, January 24 & 31 5-9pm, Auditorium

#### Register at www.AmesPL.org/events

Mental health challenges impact our community members, friends, and family. Complete this free Mental Health First Aid certification course to learn more about how mental health impacts adults in the US, understand the Mental Health First Aid Action Plan, and become a better advocate to support those in crisis.

This course is 8-hours over two days. Meal will be provided. Attendance at both days is required for certification. Registration required.

Presented in Partnership with Ames Public Library, City of Ames, and Mary Greeley Medical Center. Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.



### Saturday, January 27, from 10am-4pm Library Auditorium

Drop in to a free Repair Café at the Library! Volunteers will help repair broken items to give them a longer life cycle. There is no charge for repairs at the Repair Café.

If they're unable to repair your item, or parts are required, they'll help you find a local repair shop that can help. (If you have replacement parts, you can bring them with your broken item.) Repair volunteers can also teach basic maintenance.

What can you bring for repairs?

- Sewing
- Computers & Electronics
- Jewelry
- Home & Kitchen

**NEW Screen Printing Station:** Bring a shirt or tote bag and we will screen print the Ames Repair Café or Ames Seed Library logo on it for you!

The Repair Café aims to reduce waste, share tools and resources, and help build self-reliance skills in our community.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please e-mail AmesRepairCafe@gmail.com.

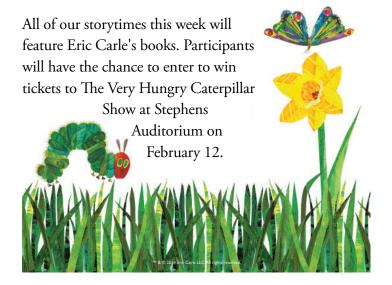
Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, City of Ames Resource Recovery, City of Ames Public Works, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, and Iowa State University Library.





### January 29 - February 3

Join us for a week celebrating Eric Carle, beloved creator of brilliantly illustrated picture books including *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* 



### **Coming in February**

### Speed Friending

Saturday, February 3 2-4:30pm, Auditorium

It is hard to make friends as an adult! Join us for a round of speed friend-matching and casual socializing.

Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

### Celebrating 150 Years of Willa Cather

Wednesday, February 28 7pm, Auditorium

Join us for an evening of readings to celebrate 150 years of Willa Cather, one of the most significant and treasured American writers of the 20th century.

Readers will be reacquainted, and new readers will be introduced to Cather's body of work. There will be birthday goodies as well as a book drawing.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, National Willa Cather Center, and Ames Writers Collective.

### **Conversation Circles**

**English:** Mondays (except January 1) 12:30-1:30pm, Auditorium

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

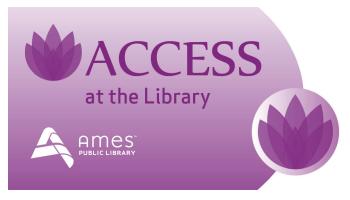
**German**: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of Each Month, 7-8pm

Russian: Saturdays, 3-4pm

French: Saturdays, 4-5:30pm

Board Room or via Zoom

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



#### 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of Each Month: 1-3pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Study Room

Staff from ACCESS will be available in the Library to provide services that enhance safety and empower survivors of domestic abuse or sexual assault. If you are dealing with sexual harassment, domestic abuse (emotional or physical), or sexual abuse, we will hold a confidential space where you can get emotional support and tips for safety planning.

We are also available to help with reporting to law enforcement, Civil No-Contact Orders, and more.



### Thursdays, 11am-1pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Study Room

Staff from Community and Family Resources will be available in the Library to provide information about addiction, substance abuse treatment, problem gambling treatment, and mental health therapy.

They can also provide assistance in getting started in any of these services including filling out some of the preappointment forms.



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

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 9:30am-12:30pm & 1:30-3:30pm, PEO Room



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.



#### A Fresh Clean Start

by Cassie Benning Luze, Development Director Ames Public Library Friends Foundation

My favorite Calvin and Hobbes cartoon was the very last one: the pals are overlooking a fresh blanket of snow that makes everything look brand new. "A new year, a fresh clean start," says Calvin.

Maybe that's so for most of us, this brand-new year. It is for me. I am the new Development Director for the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation (APLFF), having retired at the end of December from nearly 20 years of higher education fundraising. I had been on the APLFF board for a couple of years, and served similarly for many years for the Cedar Falls Public Library. I was thrilled when I had the opportunity to take on the development director's position.

Many of us have what I think of as our own "library story." A story of how important their library was to them as a child and what it means today—a safe place, a place to learn, to meet, to collaborate. It's an honor to begin the job of raising funds to ensure everyone can continue their library story and create a new one, and I'm looking forward to meeting you. Just like Calvin and Hobbes, let's go exploring together!

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### **STORYTIMES & MORE**

Regular Family Events will begin 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.



### 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!



### @ the Ice Arena

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of Each Month (January 5) 10am, Ames/ISU Ice Arena

Join Library staff at the ice arena on the first Friday of each month for a free storytime!

After the storytime, the ice arena will offer skating and children's activities on the ice for a small fee.



### MYSTERY LOVERS Book Group

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!

January 3: Mystery by an Iowa Author

February 7: Sulari Gentill



### 028: REAL READS Book Group

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.

#### January 11:

#### The Facemaker:

A Visionary Surgeon's Battle to Mend the Disfigured Soldiers of World War I by Lindsey Fitzharris

February 8:

### Visual Thinking:

The Hidden Gifts of People Who Think in Pictures, Patterns, and Abstractions by Temple Grandin

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### **BOOKTOK**Book Talk



3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of Each Month 6pm, Board Room or via Zoom

Book lovers unite!

Come talk about the latest books trending on TikTok from a variety of genres, and meet some fellow bibliophiles along the way.

January 15: **Before I Let You Go** by Kennedy Ryan

February 2:

The Darkness Outside Us

by Eliot Schrefer



### VIEW FROM THE MARGINS Book Group

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

Check out this book group for fresh insights and lively discussion about topics relating to society, identity, and culture.

Book selections include fiction and non-fiction from a

wide variety of perspectives and marginalized identities.

January 14:

#### Easy Beauty: A Memoir

by Chloé Cooper Jones

February 11: **Sorrowland** 

by Rivers Solomon

