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**THIS MONTH**

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**BRAINS & BREWS**

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GREAT PLACES**

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**LIBRARY HOURS**

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

# 120 Years of Ames Public Library Exhibit

October 1-31

Celebrate the Library's 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary! Learn about the Library's history and see photos—historical and modern—honoring the long history of Ames Public Library.

There will also be a presentation about Ames and other "Carnegie" libraries called "Andrew Carnegie's Riches in Iowa and Ames." See more information on page 10.

## Kids Chess Club

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of Each Month  
(October 1 & 15)  
4pm, Storytime Room

Come play chess! Whether you are just a beginner or already an expert, all kids in grades 1-5 are welcome to come have fun. Drop in and learn how to play or make new friends with other chess lovers.

Supported by the  
Ames Public Library  
Friends Foundation.



## BEYOND THE LAWN: Lightning Talks for Biodiversity at Home



Thursday, October 3  
6:30-8pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

Join local experts to learn how to turn your yard into a more sustainable, biodiverse environment.

Hear quick, 10-minute talks on different aspects of increasing your home's biodiversity, including learning about rebates available from the City of Ames.

Then, engage with speakers and other community members to learn more about how to move toward a pollinator-friendly environment at home.

Speakers will include: Liz Calhoun, storm water resource analyst with City of Ames Public Works and part of the team overseeing Smart Watersheds rebates; Katelyn Rinicker, Pollinator Conservation Specialist at Prairie Rivers of Iowa, who is working on the Ames Pollinator Plan; and Dr Matt O'Neal, Plant Pathology & Entomology Professor at Iowa State University (ISU) and part of the ISU Pollinator working group.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Seeds of Sustainability.

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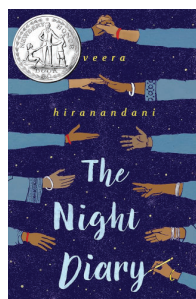
## Homeschool BOOK CLUB



1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of Each Month (October 3)  
10am, Auditorium

Join Library staff for a monthly book discussion just for families that are homeschooling! 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.

In October, we'll talk about *The Night Diary* by Veera Hiranandani. November's book will be *Ancestor Approved: Intertribal Stories for Kids* edited by Cynthia Leitch Smith.



## Teen Videogames

Thursdays (except Oct. 10)  
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.



Monday, October 7  
10:30am, Danfoss Room

Have you ever wondered what Artificial Intelligence (AI) is and how to use it?

This program for kids in grades 3-5, presented by a local high school student, will cover a brief explanation of AI and how it works, different types, the future of AI, and AI ethics.

The prevalence and importance of AI will continue to grow, so this will give kids a chance to learn, ask questions and share ideas.

After the presentation, students will be able to create and test a basic machine learning mode for themselves.

## Voter Registration at the Library

Sunday, October 6  
2-4pm, In Front of the Library

Representatives from the non-partisan League of Women Voters will be available to register voters at the Library.



Come prepared with an Iowa driver's license number, Iowa non-operator ID number, or Social Security number, if you have one.

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



Monday, October 7  
3:30pm, Teen Space

This workshop for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders focuses on increasing the ability of the youth to identify media messages and explore the impact of social media today.

*Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and YSS.*

## LEGO® Builders

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of Each Month  
(October 8 & 22)  
4pm, Storytime Room

Children in grades 1-5 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.



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# Computer Classes

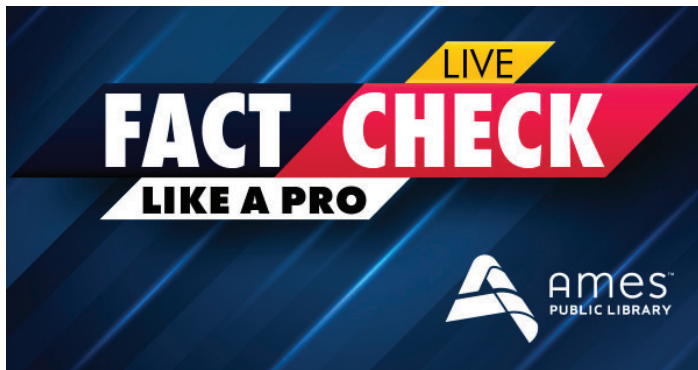


**Tuesdays, October 8-29  
1:30-3:30pm, PEO Room**

Learn the computer skills you're interested in! 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.

- October 8: Intro. to Computers
- October 15: Intro. to Web Browsers
- October 22: Intro. to Computer Files
- October 29: Intro. to E-mail

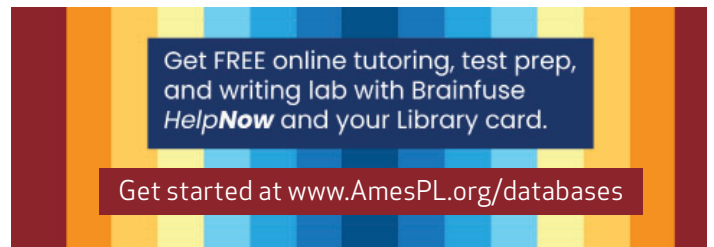
Join us again next month to learn about Microsoft Office software.



**Wednesday, October 9  
7pm, Auditorium**

Savvy media consumers need to stay ahead of the curve to keep up in today's complex news environment. Join our panel of information experts for advanced tips and tricks to stay informed in today's fast-paced world.

Panelists include Professor Sherry Berghefer from the Iowa State University Greenlee School of Journalism and Communication; Kate Garretson, Instructional Librarian at Iowa State University Libraries; and Anessa Olson, Adult Services Librarian at Ames Public Library.



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Get started at [www.AmesPL.org/databases](http://www.AmesPL.org/databases)

## TAG: Teen Advisory Group

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of Each Month (October 9)  
5-6pm, Board Room**

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

Hey 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders, help plan exciting Library events for teens, share what you're reading, make new friends, and eat some food!

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**Thursday, October 10  
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 *IF* with a purple pom-pom craft activity to follow.

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

## Parenting Circle

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of Each Month  
(October 11 & 26)  
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, these monthly meetups connect families to each other and to resources and answers about birth and parenthood.

## Fiber Arts Meetup

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of Each Month  
(October 12)  
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.

## Ames SEED LIBRARY

Got seeds? Share the bounty and donate your harvested seeds to the Ames Seed Library. Find out how at [www.AmesPL.org/SeedLibrary](http://www.AmesPL.org/SeedLibrary)

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**AUTHOR FAIR**  
October 12  
2:00-5:00pm



**Saturday, October 12**  
2-5pm, Auditorium & 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Gallery

It's time for Ames Public Library's Author Fair! Come meet Iowa authors, purchase their books or have your copy signed, and check out some local publishers and literary organizations.

Celebrate the joy of reading with local literary talent!

*Presented by the Iowa Center for the Book and Ames Public Library.*

## Pokémon Club

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Each Month (October 13)  
2-3:30pm, Storytime Room

Calling all school-aged Poké-Kids! Come learn how to play the Pokémon Trading Card Game and use a Library-supplied 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 Poké-art 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!

*Supported by Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.*



## Swift Youth Writers Group

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Each Month  
(October 13)  
2-4pm, PEO Room

Teens in 6th - 12th grade are invited to escape into creative writing and connect with other teen writers.



Each month, attendees will be led through prompts and exercises to help develop and stretch their creative writing skills. Attendees will be given a chance to share their work and have a chance to support others.

No experience is necessary so all skill levels are encouraged to attend.

At the end of the school year, writers will be asked to submit 1 to 3 pieces (depending on genre) for inclusion in an anthology, and a celebratory reading will be held.

If you have any questions, please reach out to [info@ameswriterscollective.org](mailto:info@ameswriterscollective.org).

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames Writers Collective.*

## International Community Meetup

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of Each Month  
(October 15)  
5pm, Auditorium

Join fellow international residents on the third Tuesday of each month for fun activities and culture-sharing.



*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Iowa State University's International Students and Scholars Office.*



## Genealogy Plus



Wednesday, October 16  
10am-12pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

**Topic — Useful But Lesser Known Websites for Genealogical Research**

**Speaker — Gwenna Jacobson**

You're likely familiar with FamilySearch, Ancestry, FindAGrave and other well-known genealogical websites. But are you aware there are a plethora of useful, but not as well-known, websites that you may find helpful? Gwenna will describe some of those that may just hold the keys to finding your elusive ancestors.

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

## Brains & Brews Trivia: Ames Public Library Fundraiser

Wednesday, October 16  
7-9pm, Alluvial Brewing



Ames Public Library Friends Foundation and Alluvial Brewing are teaming up to provide a fun-filled night of trivia to support programs, materials and special events at Ames Public Library!



Along with the brain-teasing rounds of trivia, Alluvial will be serving up a special library-themed brew called Library Lager, a version of their fantastic Gilbert Gold.

Raffle tickets will be on sale during the event for \$5 per chance or \$20 for five—cash only!

Register your team of up to six people at <http://weblink.donorperfect.com/APLFFTrivia>

Learn with the League:

## How a Bill Becomes a Law in Iowa



**Thursday, October 17  
7pm, Rotary Room**

Mack Shelley, Professor of Political Science and Statistics at Iowa State University, will explain the stages of the Iowa legislative process, from the formation of an idea to final enactment and signature by the governor if the bill is approved by the Iowa House and Senate.

We will also explore how the structure and operation of the General Assembly facilitate or hinder the adoption of legislation.

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



**Sunday, October 20  
1:30-4:30pm, Storytime Room**

Math Minds Unite is a tutoring program for any child in grades 3-8 who may need a little extra help developing math skills.

Participants will be matched with a tutor who can work through grade-level math problems and help in areas where students need extra focus.

Groups will work through problems, play games, and have fun while reinforcing mathematics concepts.

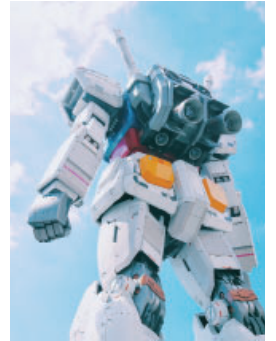
No registration is necessary.

## Teen Anime Club

**3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of Each Month  
(October 18)  
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.



## Understanding Adult Guardianships



**Saturday, October 19  
2pm, Danfoss Room**

Join us for an informative session on adult guardianships, and learn about the legal process of appointing a guardian for an adult who is unable to make decisions for themselves.

This presentation will cover key topics, including:

- What is Adult Guardianship?
- The Guardianship Process
- Roles and Responsibilities of Guardians
- Alternatives to Guardianship
- Rights of the Individual

Whether you are considering guardianship for a loved one or simply want to learn more about the process, this session will provide essential insights and resources.

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Legal Aid of Story County.*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Find information on voting, candidate forums, and more at <a href="http://www.AmesPL.org/learn-explore/civics-center/voting">www.AmesPL.org/learn-explore/civics-center/voting</a></p>		<p><b>1</b>  <b>120 Years of Ames Public Library Exhibit</b>                      October 1-31</p> <p><b>Family Storytime</b>                      10:30am, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>The Bridge Home</b>                      11am-2pm, First Floor</p> <p><b>Baby Time</b>                      1:30pm, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>Kids Chess Club</b>                      4pm, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>Conversation Circles</b>                      ↗ <b>Spanish:</b> 7-8:30pm                      Board Room or via Zoom</p>	<p><b>2</b>  <b>Toddler Storytime</b>                      10:30am, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>Baby Time</b>                      11am, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>Mystery Lovers Book Group</b>                      12pm, Rotary Room</p> <p><b>ACCESS at the Library</b>                      3-5pm, Second Floor</p> <p><b>Conversation Circles</b>                      ↗ <b>Chinese:</b> 6-7pm                      Board Room or via Zoom</p>	<p><b>3</b>  <b>Homeschool Book Club</b>                      10am, Auditorium</p> <p><b>Family Storytime</b>                      10:30am, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>Community and Family Resources</b>                      11am-1pm, Second Floor</p> <p><b>Teen Videogames</b>                      4-6pm, Teen Space</p> <p><b>The Bridge Home</b>                      4-7pm, Second Floor</p> <p><b>Baby Time</b>                      6pm, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>Beyond the Lawn: Lightning Talks for Biodiversity at Home</b>                      ↗ 6:30-8pm, Auditorium or via Zoom</p> <p><b>Bedtime Stories</b>                      7pm, Storytime Room</p>	<p><b>4</b>  <b>Storybook S.T.E.M.</b>                      10:30am, Auditorium</p> <p><b>Destination Storytime @ the Ice Arena</b>                      ↗ 11am, Ames/ISU Ice Arena                      1507 Gateway Hills Park Dr.</p> <p><b>The Bridge Home</b>                      11am-2pm, Second Floor</p>	<p><b>5</b>  <b>Bookmobile at Ames Main Street Farmer's Market</b>                      ↗ 9am-12:30pm, Main St.</p> <p><b>Family Storytime</b>                      10:30am, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>Conversation Circles</b>                      ↗ <b>Russian:</b> 3-4pm                      ↗ <b>French:</b> 4-5:30pm                      Board Room or via Zoom</p>
	<p><b>6</b>  <b>Voter Registration</b>                      2-4pm, In Front of the Library</p>	<p><b>7</b>  <b>Toddler Storytime</b>                      10:30am, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>Intro. to A.I. (for Kids!)</b>                      10:30am, Danfoss Room</p> <p><b>Mary Greeley Medical Center Behavioral Health</b>                      11am-1pm, Second Floor</p> <p><b>Conversation Circles</b>                      English: 12:30-1:30pm                      Auditorium</p> <p><b>UnityPoint Health - Eyerly Ball</b>                      1:30-3:30pm, Second Floor</p> <p><b>Teen Workshop: Exploring Media Messages</b>                      3:30pm, Teen Space</p>	<p><b>8</b>  <b>Aging Resources of Central Iowa</b>                      9am-12pm, Second Floor</p> <p><b>Family Storytime</b>                      10:30am, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>The Bridge Home</b>                      11am-2pm, First Floor</p> <p><b>Baby Time</b>                      1:30pm, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>Computer Classes</b>                      1:30-3:30pm, PEO Room</p> <p><b>LEGO® Builders</b>                      4pm, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>Conversation Circles</b>                      ↗ <b>Spanish:</b> 7-8:30pm                      Board Room or via Zoom</p>	<p><b>9</b>  <b>Toddler Storytime</b>                      10:30am, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>Baby Time</b>                      11am, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>Teen Advisory Group</b>                      ↗ 5-6pm, Board Room</p> <p><b>Conversation Circles</b>                      ↗ <b>German:</b> 7-8pm                      Board Room or via Zoom</p> <p><b>Fact Check Like a Pro</b>                      7pm, Auditorium</p>	<p><b>10</b>  <b>Movies with Mainstream: IF</b>                      10am-1pm, Auditorium</p> <p><b>Family Storytime, Baby Time, Bedtime Stories</b>                      See Above</p> <p><b>Community and Family Resources</b>                      11am-1pm, Second Floor</p> <p><b>The Bridge Home</b>                      4-7pm, Second Floor</p> <p><b>028: Real Reads</b>                      ↗ 7-8:30pm, Board Room or via Zoom</p>	<p><b>11</b>  <b>Parenting Circle</b>                      9:30am, Teen Space</p> <p><b>The Bridge Home</b>                      11am-2pm, Second Floor</p>
<p><b>13</b>  <b>Pokémon Club</b>                      2-3:30pm, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>Swift Youth Writers Group</b>                      2-4pm, PEO Room</p>	<p><b>14</b>  <b>Toddler Storytime</b>                      10:30am, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>Mary Greeley Medical Center Behavioral Health</b>                      11am-1pm, Second Floor</p> <p><b>Conversation Circles</b>                      English: 12:30-1:30pm                      Auditorium</p> <p><b>UnityPoint Health - Eyerly Ball</b>                      1:30-3:30pm, Second Floor</p>	<p><b>15</b>  <b>Family Storytime</b>                      10:30am, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>The Bridge Home</b>                      11am-2pm, First Floor</p> <p><b>Baby Time</b>                      1:30pm, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>Computer Classes</b>                      1:30-3:30pm, PEO Room</p> <p><b>Kids Chess Club</b>                      4pm, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>International Community Meetup</b>                      5pm, Auditorium</p> <p><b>Conversation Circles</b>                      ↗ <b>Spanish:</b> 7-8:30pm                      Board Room or via Zoom</p>	<p><b>16</b>  <b>Genealogy Plus</b>                      ↗ 10am-12pm, Auditorium or via Zoom</p> <p><b>Toddler Storytime</b>                      10:30am, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>Baby Time</b>                      11am, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>ACCESS at the Library</b>                      3-5pm, Second Floor</p> <p><b>Conversation Circles</b>                      ↗ <b>Chinese:</b> 6-7pm                      Board Room or via Zoom</p> <p><b>Brains &amp; Brews Trivia: Ames Public Library Fundraiser</b>                      ↗ 7-9pm, Alluvial Brewing</p>	<p><b>17</b>  <b>Family Storytime, Baby Time, Bedtime Stories</b>                      See Above</p> <p><b>Community and Family Resources</b>                      11am-1pm, Second Floor</p> <p><b>Teen Videogames</b>                      4-6pm, Teen Space</p> <p><b>The Bridge Home</b>                      4-7pm, Second Floor</p> <p><b>Learn with the League: How a Bill Becomes a Law in Iowa</b>                      7pm, Rotary Room</p> <p><b>Library Board of Trustees Meeting</b>                      7pm, Board Room</p>	<p><b>18</b>  <b>Storybook S.T.E.M.</b>                      10:30am, Auditorium</p> <p><b>The Bridge Home</b>                      11am-2pm, Second Floor</p> <p><b>Teen Anime Club</b>                      4-6pm, Teen Space</p>	<p><b>19</b>  <b>Satellite Voting</b>                      9am-4pm, Library Lobby</p> <p><b>Family Storytime</b>                      10:30am, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>Understanding Adult Guardianships</b>                      2pm, Danfoss Room</p> <p><b>Conversation Circles</b>                      ↗ <b>Russian:</b> 3-4pm                      ↗ <b>French:</b> 4-5:30pm                      Board Room or via Zoom</p>
<p><b>20</b>  <b>Math Minds Unite</b>                      1:30-4:30pm                      Storytime Room</p> <p><b>A Taste of Tarot</b>                      2pm, Auditorium</p>	<p><b>21</b>  <b>Toddler Storytime</b>                      10:30am, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>Mary Greeley Medical Center Behavioral Health</b>                      11am-1pm, Second Floor</p> <p><b>Conversation Circles</b>                      English: 12:30-1:30pm                      Auditorium</p> <p><b>UnityPoint Health - Eyerly Ball</b>                      1:30-3:30pm, Second Floor</p>	<p><b>22</b>  <b>Family Storytime</b>                      10:30am, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>The Bridge Home</b>                      11am-2pm, First Floor</p> <p><b>Baby Time</b>                      1:30pm, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>Computer Classes</b>                      1:30-3:30pm, PEO Room</p> <p><b>LEGO® Builders</b>                      4pm, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>Andrew Carnegie's Riches in Iowa and Ames</b>                      7pm, Auditorium</p> <p><b>Conversation Circles</b>                      ↗ <b>Spanish:</b> 7-8:30pm                      Board Room or via Zoom</p>	<p><b>23</b>  <b>Toddler Storytime</b>                      10:30am, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>Baby Time</b>                      11am, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>Conversation Circles</b>                      ↗ <b>German:</b> 7-8pm                      Board Room or via Zoom</p> <p><b>View from the Margins</b>                      ↗ 7pm, Danfoss Room or via Zoom</p>	<p><b>24</b>  <b>Family Storytime, Baby Time, Bedtime Stories</b>                      See Above</p> <p><b>Community and Family Resources</b>                      11am-1pm, Second Floor</p> <p><b>Teen Videogames</b>                      4-6pm, Teen Space</p> <p><b>The Bridge Home</b>                      4-7pm, Second Floor</p> <p><b>The Truth About Political Polling</b>                      ↗ 7pm, Auditorium or via Zoom</p>	<p><b>25</b>  <b>Downtown Ames Trick-or-Treat</b>                      10am-2pm, Library Lobby and Downtown Ames</p> <p><b>Storybook S.T.E.M.</b>                      10:30am, Auditorium</p> <p><b>The Bridge Home</b>                      11am-2pm, Second Floor</p>	<p><b>26</b>  <b>Satellite Voting</b>                      9am-4pm, Library Lobby</p> <p><b>Parenting Circle</b>                      9:30am, Teen Space</p> <p><b>Generative Writing Workshops</b>                      ↗ 10am-12pm, PEO Room or via Zoom</p> <p><b>Family Storytime</b>                      10:30am, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>Conversation Circles</b>                      ↗ <b>Russian:</b> 3-4pm                      ↗ <b>French:</b> 4-5:30pm                      Board Room or via Zoom</p>
<p><b>27</b>  <b>Chinese Traditional Culture Festival</b>                      2-4pm, Auditorium</p>	<p><b>28</b>  <b>Toddler Storytime</b>                      10:30am, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>Mary Greeley Medical Center Behavioral Health</b>                      11am-1pm, Second Floor</p> <p><b>Conversation Circles</b>                      English: 12:30-1:30pm                      Auditorium</p> <p><b>UnityPoint Health - Eyerly Ball</b>                      1:30-3:30pm, Second Floor</p>	<p><b>29</b>  <b>Family Storytime</b>                      10:30am, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>The Bridge Home</b>                      11am-2pm, First Floor</p> <p><b>Baby Time</b>                      1:30pm, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>Computer Classes</b>                      1:30-3:30pm, PEO Room</p> <p><b>After School Adventures</b>                      4pm, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>Conversation Circles</b>                      ↗ <b>Spanish:</b> 7-8:30pm                      Board Room or via Zoom</p>	<p><b>30</b>  <b>Toddler Storytime</b>                      10:30am, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>Baby Time</b>                      11am, Storytime Room</p> <p><b>Great Reads from Great Places: The Swine Republic</b>                      ↗ 7pm, Auditorium or via Zoom</p>	<p><b>31</b>  <b>Trick-or-Treat at the Library</b>                      9am-9pm</p> <p><b>Family Storytime, Baby Time, Bedtime Stories (Halloween Themed)</b>                      See Above</p> <p><b>Community and Family Resources</b>                      11am-1pm, Second Floor</p> <p><b>Teen Videogames</b>                      4-6pm, Teen Space</p> <p><b>The Bridge Home</b>                      4-7pm, Second Floor</p>	<p><b>KEY</b></p> <p><b>Colors:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Ages/Mix</li> <li>Family Event</li> <li>Teen Event</li> <li>Adult Event</li> </ul> <p><b>Symbols:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registration Required</li> <li>Available Online</li> <li>Off Site</li> </ul>	

If you are a person with a disability who requires special assistance, please call (515) 239-5646 in advance of a program.





**Sunday, October 20**  
**2pm, Auditorium**

Get an introduction to what Tarot is, how it differs from oracle and other card-based divination systems, a brief history of Tarot, and the basic elements of the Tarot deck.

Participants will come away with a better understanding of the basics of Tarot and with a set of exercises and ideas to help build their own practice.

Practice time and opportunities for questions is included.

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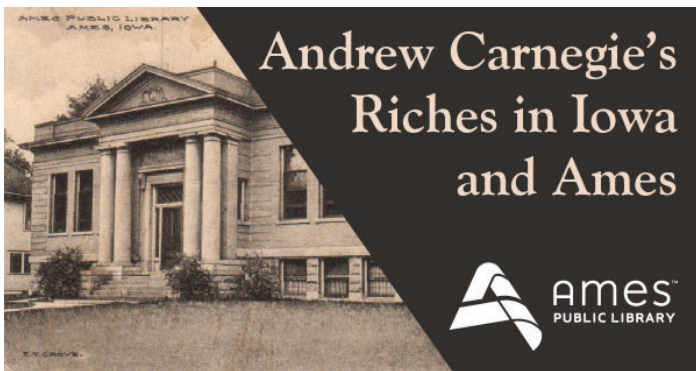


**Thursday, October 24**  
**7pm, Auditorium or via Zoom**

In an election year, it seems like we are bombarded with political polls, but what do they actually mean?

In this non-partisan event, Professor Dave Peterson of Iowa State University's Department of Political Science will explain what political polls can actually tell us...and what they can't.

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and the Iowa State University Department of Political Science.*



**Tuesday, October 22**  
**7pm, Auditorium**

Ames Public Library is 120 years old! Join Shana Stuart of the Carnegie Libraries in Iowa Project to explore how the Ames Public Library secured a Carnegie grant to open our community's library in 1904.

Stuart will share the library's significance within the broader context of Carnegie library funding in Iowa, delve into the impact of this grant on the library's development, and look at its place among other Carnegie libraries in the state.

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, Ames History Museum, and the Carnegie Libraries in Iowa Project.  
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**Saturday, October 26**  
**10am-12pm, PEO Room or via Zoom**

Do you dream of writing "someday," but don't know where to start? Perhaps you already write, but you're stuck.

Join this free monthly writing workshop for adults, which provides a safe space for writers of all stages and genres to generate stories inspired by prompts running the gamut from phrases, poems, photography, guest authors and their prompts, or a piece of artwork. We will read our stories to one another and share only positive feedback.

These workshops are inspired by the Amherst Writers & Artists Method, which believes that everyone is a writer.

*Presented by the Iowa Center for the Book and Ames Public Library in partnership with the Ames Writers Collective.*



Sunday, October 27  
2-4pm, Auditorium

All ages are invited to the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Chinese Traditional Culture Festival.

This free event is open to the public and will celebrate Chinese culture through crafts, games, and food.

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames Chinese Language Academy.*

## Research your GENEALOGY like the pros.

Your Ames Public Library card gets you free access to **Ancestry Library Edition** (*in Library only*) and **Heritage Quest**—no subscription needed! Make connections, find the stories of your ancestors, and fill out your family tree.

You can also access **Family Search** locked records from Ames Public Library's computers or Wi-Fi.

Visit [www.AmesPL.org/databases](http://www.AmesPL.org/databases) to get started.



Wednesday, October 30  
7pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

Join *The Swine Republic* author, Chris Jones, for an author talk and book signing. *The Swine Republic: Struggles With the Truth About Agriculture and Water Quality* is Iowa's 2024 selection for adults for Great Reads from Great Places and an unexpected hit across Iowa.

Jones, a retired University of Iowa researcher, writes for a popular audience about how politics and economics have influenced changes in Iowa's water quality. His ability to simplify the complex relationship between agriculture and water makes his science writing uniquely accessible. Jones is passionate about getting the truth about the water we consume out to everyday Iowans, farmers, and scientists alike.

Books can be purchased online from Dog-Eared Books ahead of time and picked up at the event: <https://dogearedbooksames.com>. A small selection of books will also be available for purchase at the event.

*Presented in partnership with the Iowa Center for the Book, Ames Public Library, and Dog-Eared Books. This project was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.*



Tuesday, October 29, 4pm, Storytime Room

Hey 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders, come to the Library and build cool creations with unexpected materials.

# Conversation Circles

**English:** Mondays  
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  
**Chinese:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays  
of Each Month, 6-7pm

**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.



## Four Shillings Short Samhain Concert

Sunday, November 3, 2pm

All ages are invited to enjoy music, stories, and folklore from the Celtic lands to celebrate the ancient festival of Samhain.

## Uranium Derby Screening

Sunday, November 10, 2pm

Join us for a free screening of *Uranium Derby*, a feature-length documentary about the role of Ames, Iowa, in the American nuclear experiment.

## Great Reads from Great Places: 10 Beautiful Things

Wednesday, November 13, 10am

Come meet Molly Beth Griffin, author of the children's book *Ten Beautiful Things*.



**Mary Greeley**  
MEDICAL CENTER

Behavioral Health at the Library

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

Staff from Mary Greeley Medical Center will be available in the Library to talk about inpatient and outpatient mental health services in the Ames community.



**UnityPoint Health**  
Eyerly Ball

COMMUNITY MENTAL  
HEALTH SERVICES

Mondays, 1:30-3:30pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Study Room

Staff from UnityPoint Health - Eyerly Ball will be available in the Library to connect you with mental health services.



**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Each Month (September 10)  
9am-12pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Study Room**

Staff from Aging Resources of Central Iowa will be available in the Library to provide information about maximizing the quality of life, independence, health, and safety of older adults.

Get assistance with state applications, such as applying for Medicaid, waiver assistance, food stamps, etc. and continued follow through until the process is complete. Staff can also find resources to safely stay at home or connect to resources to help with a level of care change move (nursing facility, assisted living, etc).



**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of Each Month  
(September 4 & 18)  
3-5pm, 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 pre-appointment 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.

# STORYTIMES & MORE

## Baby Time

Tuesdays at 1:30pm, Storytime Room  
Wednesdays at 11am, Storytime Room  
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.

## Bedtime Stories

Thursdays at 7pm, Storytime Room

Join us for a cozy version of our weekly Family Storytime. PJs optional!



*Baby Time, Family Storytime, and Bedtime Stories on October 31 will have a Halloween theme!*



**Fridays (except Oct. 11) 10:30am, Auditorium**

Families are invited to enjoy a short storytime and get hands-on with a fun related STEM activity for all ages!



**@ the Ice Arena**

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday of Each Month (October 4)  
11am, 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.

**Downtown Ames Trick-or-Treat**

**Friday, October 25, 10am-2pm**

Stop by the Library during the Trick-or-Treat event in Downtown Ames for a treat and a free book for young children (while supplies last). Babies, toddlers, kids, and parents... everyone is encouraged to dress up.

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# BOOK GROUPS

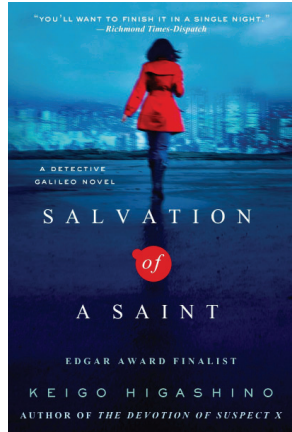
## MYSTERY LOVERS Book Group

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!

October 2:  
Mysteries featuring  
poison

November 6: Mysteries  
by Richard Osman

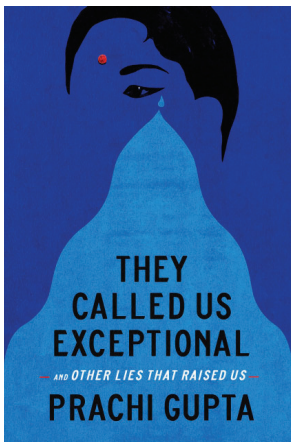


## VIEW FROM THE MARGINS Book Group

4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of Each Month  
2pm, Danfoss 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.



October 23:  
**They Called Us  
Exceptional:  
And Other Lies  
That Raised Us**  
by Prachi Gupta

November 27: **The  
Brief and Wondrous  
Life of Oscar Wao**  
by Junot Díaz

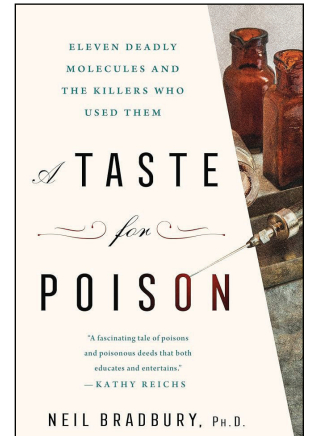
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## 028: REAL READS Book Group

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

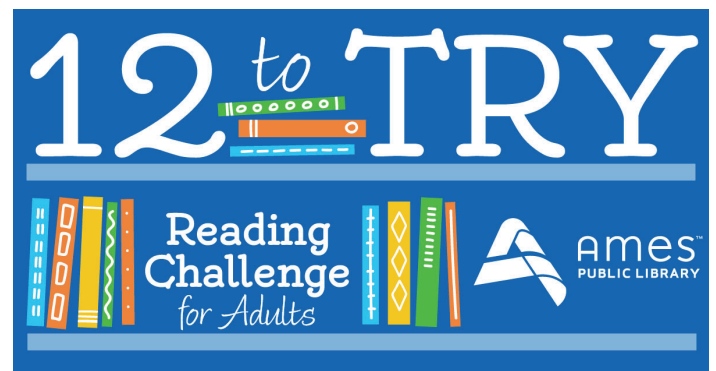
028 focuses on recently published, popular nonfiction on a variety of topics.

October 10:  
**A Taste for Poison:**  
*Eleven Deadly  
Molecules and  
the Killers Who  
Used Them*  
by Neil Bradbury



November 14:  
**Thinning Blood: A  
Memoir of Family,  
Myth, and Identity** by Leah Myers

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Adults are invited to start autumn right with a new "12 to Try" year-long challenge featuring all new categories! Read your way through 12 books that fit the 12 challenge categories between now and August 31, 2025, and earn a prize.

Sign up now at [AmesPublicLibrary.Beanstack.org](https://AmesPublicLibrary.Beanstack.org), or pick up a tracking sheet at the Library or Bookmobile!

# THE BOOKMOBILE



## MONDAY

Mitchell School:  
2:30-3:30pm (3521 Jewel)  
Sawyer School:  
5-8pm (4136 Ontario)

Visit the  
Bookmobile at the  
October 5  
Farmers' Market!

## 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 Kildee Food Truck Court)

## Libraries and Lagers

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

Brains & Brews Trivia: Ames Public Library Fundraiser is right around the corner! The Ames Public Library Friends Foundation is hosting our first annual trivia night on Wednesday, October 16, from 7-9 p.m. Join us for an evening of brain-teasing trivia and fun to support the library.

Register to your team of any size up to six people for a flat fee of \$60 per table at [www.APLFF.org/events](http://www.APLFF.org/events). Your registration fee will go directly to the Ames Public Friends Foundation to support materials and programming at Ames Public Library.

Alluvial's regular trivia hosts—Jordan Baumgardner, Brady Hubbard, and Cody Simons—are working hard on their regular rounds of challenging trivia with some extra bookish trivia mixed in.

You'll be able to enjoy a special brew, Library Lager, and win prizes for trivia rounds. A portion of the beer sales will benefit the library, thanks to the folks at Alluvial.

And don't forget our raffle! Tickets will be \$5 per chance (includes tax,) or \$20 for five and will be sold that evening—cash only please. We have some great prizes in store for you: a Kindle, theater ticket packages courtesy Stephens Auditorium, and \$100 restaurant gift cards.

Contact me at (515) 230-5632 or [development@aplff.org](mailto:development@aplff.org) for more information.

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