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NOVEMBER 2024

THIS MONTH

**TEN BEAUTIFUL THINGS
AUTHOR & EXHIBIT**

**LIBRARY CLOSED
NOV. 11, 28, & 29**

**BOOK SALE
NOV. 14-17**

AND MORE

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LIBRARY HOURS

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

Ten Beautiful Things Photo Exhibit

November 1-30, Vestibule

See the winning entries to the *Ten Beautiful Things* photo contest, inspired by the book by Molly Beth Griffin. Entries came from all over Iowa, celebrating the beauty of our state. The cover of this month's Page One feature's one of the winning entries.

The author of *Ten Beautiful Things* will visit the Library November 13 for a special event. See more on page 5.



**Sunday, November 3
2pm, Auditorium**

Four Shillings Short—the husband/wife duo of Aodh Og O’Tuama from Cork, Ireland and Christy Martin from California—bring together music, stories and folklore from the Celtic lands to celebrate the ancient festival of Samhain.

Samhain marks the end of harvest, beginning of winter, and the Celtic New Year. It is the origin of modern-day Halloween, traditionally celebrated at the end of October/beginning of November. It is believed that the border between the world of the living and the dead is thinnest on Samhain night.

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**Monday, November 4
3:30pm, Teen Space**

Join Ames Public Library and YSS for an Adulting 101 Family Feud game with prizes and snacks!

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and YSS.



**Tuesdays, November 5-26
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.

- November 5: Microsoft Word
- November 12: Microsoft PowerPoint
- November 19: Microsoft Excel
- November 26: Free Office Software

Teen D&D Campaign

Tuesdays, 6-8pm, Rotary Room

Register at www.AmesPL.org/events

Teens are invited to sign up for a four-week Dungeons and Dragons campaign. Please plan to attend all four sessions.

Kids Chess Club

1st and 3rd Tuesday of Each Month
(November 5 & 19)
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.

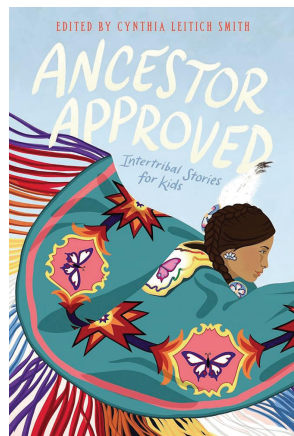
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1st Thursday of Each Month (November 7)
10am, Teen Space

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 November, we'll talk about *Ancestor Approved: Intertribal Stories for Kids* edited by Cynthia Leitch Smith. December's book will be *Tea Dragon Society* by Katie O'Neill.



Teen Videogames

Thursdays
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.



Parenting Circle

2nd Friday and 4th Saturday of Each Month
(November 8 & 23)
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

2nd Saturday of Each Month
(November 9)
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.





**Saturday, November 9
10am-12pm, Auditorium**

This year's free International Friendship Fair offers a unique opportunity for community members and ISU international students to dispel stereotypes and gain a better intercultural understanding of one another.

International volunteers will share their cultures in a fun and educational atmosphere through informal presentations, pictures, native attire, historical and world-famous places, instruments, food, games, and activities!

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

Pokémon Club

**2nd Sunday of Each Month (November 10)
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!

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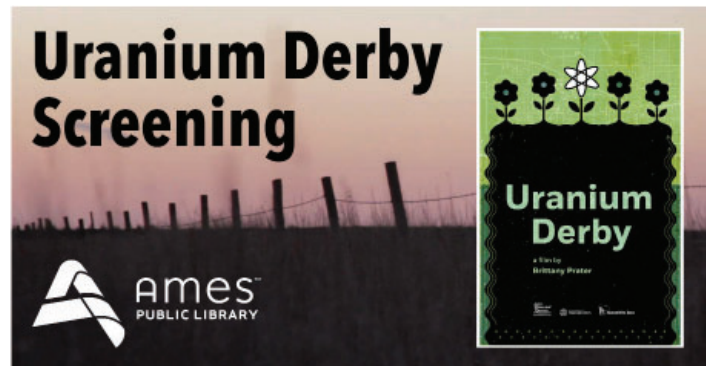


**Sunday, November 10
1:30-4:30pm, Danfoss Room**

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.



**Sunday, November 10
2pm, Auditorium**

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

The story, centered in Ames, Iowa, begins with a curious native filmmaker (Brittany Prater) casually looking into her hometown's highly secretive involvement in the Manhattan Project during the 1940s. Her investigation into this history triggers a chain reaction of encounters through which it becomes clear that the topic of nuclear waste has been more successfully buried than the waste itself.

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Swift Youth Writers Group

2nd Sunday of Each Month
(November 10)
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.

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

Ames Public Library and the Bookmobile will be
CLOSED
Monday, November 11
for Staff Training.

The digital library is always open.



Available Now!

Read on Libby.

LEGO® Builders

2nd and 4th Tuesday of Each Month
(November 12 & 26)
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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GREAT READS FROM GREAT PLACES

TEN BEAUTIFUL THINGS



Wednesday, November 13
10am, Auditorium or via Zoom

Come meet the author of *Ten Beautiful Things*, Iowa's youth selection for the 2024 Great Reads from Great Places initiative through the Library of Congress Center for the Book.

Molly Beth Griffin will share her writing process and the Iowa connections and inspirations behind this book. She'll also offer tips and tricks for learning to notice the beautiful things all around us, and making art from what we find.

Books will be available to purchase at the event.

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

Be sure to check out the Ten Beautiful Things photo contest winners in the Library's Vestibule all month long!

Get FREE online tutoring, test prep,
and writing lab with Brainfuse
HelpNow and your Library card.

Get started at www.AmesPL.org/databases

TAG: Teen Advisory Group

2nd Wednesday of Each Month
(November 13)
5-6pm, Board Room

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

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

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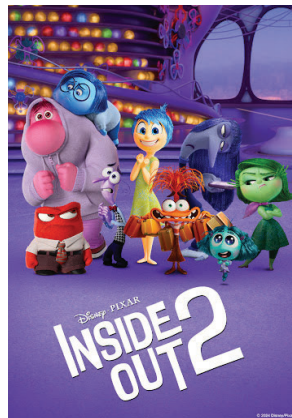
Movies with
MAINSTREAM

Thursday, November 14
10am-1pm, Rotary Room

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
Inside Out 2 with a squishy
stress ball craft activity to
follow in the Danfoss Room.



Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Mainstream Living.

Teen Anime Club

3rd Friday of Each Month
(November 15)
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 6th-12th graders. Anime
watched is considered to be
rated G to PG-13.



D.I.Y. BEESWAX WRAP WORKSHOP



Monday, November 18
6:30-8pm, Auditorium

Register at www.AmesPL.org/events

Zero-waste enthusiast, Carissa Thoma from Down to
Earth Living, will teach principles of zero waste living,
and then participants will make a reusable beeswax wrap
to take home! Say goodbye to plastic wrap, and hello to
green living!

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What's cooking?

Get inspired with our
collection of cookbooks.
Check out recipes from
holiday standouts to
weeknight standards!



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BOOK SALE

515 Douglas Avenue • Auditorium



Thursday

NOV. 14

5:30-8:30pm

\$2 Admission

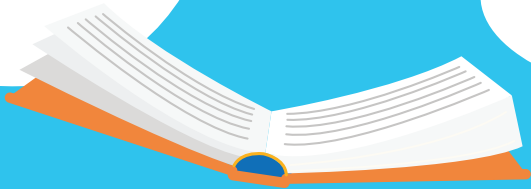
Free admission and early entry starting at 5pm for current donors to the APLFF at the \$20 level and above.

Fri. & Sat.

NOV. 15-16

9am-6pm

FREE Admission



Sunday

NOV. 17

12-5pm

\$1 Admission

Everything FREE!

(Auditorium Only)



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LIBRARY EVENTS

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
KEY Colors: All Ages/Mix Family Event Teen Event Adult Event Symbols: Registration Required Available Online Off Site Entry/Ticket Price			Personalized Picks <p>Looking for the perfect book for a reader on your list? Fill out a Personalized Picks form online, and our expert librarians will curate a customized list of ideas!</p>		1 Ten Beautiful Things Exhibit November 1-30, Vestibule Storybook S.T.E.M. 10:30am, Auditorium Destination Storytime @ the Ice Arena 11am, Ames/ISU Ice Arena 1507 Gateway Hills Park Dr. The Bridge Home 11am-2pm, Second Floor	2 Satellite Voting 9am-4pm, Library Lobby Family Storytime 10:30am, Storytime Room Conversation Circles Russian: 3-4pm French: 4-5:30pm Board Room or via Zoom
3 Four Shilling Short Samhain Concert 2pm, Auditorium	4 Toddler Storytime 10:30am, Storytime Room Mary Greeley Medical Center Behavioral Health 11am-1pm, Second Floor Conversation Circles English: 12:30-1:30pm Auditorium UnityPoint Health - Eyerly Ball 1:30-3:30pm, Second Floor Teen Workshop: Adulting 101 Family Feud 3:30pm, Teen Space	5 ELECTION DAY Family Storytime 10:30am, Storytime Room The Bridge Home 11am-2pm, First Floor Baby Time 1:30pm, Storytime Room Computer Classes 1:30-3:30pm, PEO Room Kids Chess Club 4pm, Storytime Room Teen D&D Campaign 6-8pm, Rotary Room Conversation Circles Spanish: 7-8:30pm Board Room or via Zoom	6 Toddler Storytime 10:30am, Storytime Room Baby Time 11am, Storytime Room Mystery Lovers Book Group 12pm, Board Room ACCESS at the Library 3-5pm, Second Floor Conversation Circles Chinese: 6-7pm Board Room or via Zoom	7 Homeschool Book Club 10am, Teen Space Family Storytime 10:30am, Storytime Room Teen Videogames 4-6pm, Teen Space The Bridge Home 4-7pm, Second Floor Baby Time 6pm, Storytime Room Bedtime Stories 7pm, Storytime Room	8 Parenting Circle 9:30am, Teen Space Storybook S.T.E.M. 10:30am, Auditorium The Bridge Home 11am-2pm, Second Floor	9 Fiber Arts Meetup 10am-12pm, Rotary Room International Friendship Fair 10am-12pm, Auditorium Family Storytime 10:30am, Storytime Room Conversation Circles Russian: 3-4pm French: 4-5:30pm Board Room or via Zoom
10 Math Minds Unite 1:30-4:30pm Danfoss Room Pokémon Club 2-3:30pm, Storytime Room Swift Youth Writers Group 2-4pm, PEO Room Uranium Derby Screening 2-4pm, Auditorium	11 Library & Bookmobile CLOSED for Staff Training	12 Aging Resources of Central Iowa 9am-12pm, Second Floor Family Storytime 10:30am, Storytime Room The Bridge Home 11am-2pm, First Floor Baby Time 1:30pm, Storytime Room Computer Classes 1:30-3:30pm, PEO Room LEGO® Builders 4pm, Storytime Room Teen D&D Campaign 6-8pm, Rotary Room Conversation Circles Spanish: 7-8:30pm Board Room or via Zoom	13 Great Reads from Great Places: Ten Beautiful Things 10am, Auditorium Toddler Storytime 10:30am, Storytime Room Baby Time 11am, Storytime Room Teen Advisory Group 5-6pm, Board Room Conversation Circles German: 7-8pm Board Room or via Zoom	14 Movies with Mainstream: Inside Out 2 10am-1pm, Rotary Room Family Storytime, Baby Time, Bedtime Stories See Above Teen Videogames 4-6pm, Teen Space The Bridge Home 4-7pm, Second Floor Book Sale 5:30-8:30pm Auditorium 028: Real Reads 7-8:30pm, Board Room or via Zoom	15 Book Sale 9am-6pm, Auditorium Storybook S.T.E.M. 10:30am, Storytime Room The Bridge Home 11am-2pm, Second Floor Teen Anime Club 4-6pm, Teen Space	16 Book Sale 9am-6pm, Auditorium Family Storytime 10:30am, Storytime Room Conversation Circles Russian: 3-4pm French: 4-5:30pm Board Room or via Zoom
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If you are a person with a disability who requires special assistance, please call (515) 239-5646 in advance of a program.

Ames Public Library connects you to the world of ideas through diverse and inclusive resources and programs. We welcome program proposals via our website www.AmesPL.org.

International Community Meetup

3rd Tuesday of Each Month (November 19)
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.



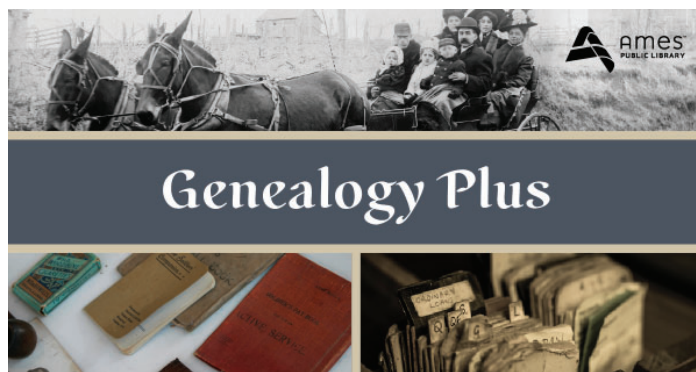
Thursday, November 21
7pm, Rotary Room

In today's increasingly digital world, staying safe online has never been more important. Dr. Doug Jacobson, Professor of Electrical & Computer Engineering at ISU, will explore common cybersecurity risks and offer tips to protect personal information, avoid online scams, and ensure privacy across various devices.

You'll learn about phishing attacks, social engineering, secure password management, and the importance of multi-factor authentication. The discussion will also include how emerging threats, including AI-powered cyberattacks, target everyday users, and provide guidance on safeguarding against them.

This session will equip you with the knowledge to navigate the digital world safely.

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



Wednesday, November 20
10am-12pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

Topic — Finding Ancestor Locations

This presentation will demonstrate a variety of resources (all accessible on the Internet) that can be used to locate the exact location where a pioneer relative lived. It will also show how Google Earth Pro and Maps street view can be used to visit the location virtually.

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



Saturday, November 23
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.

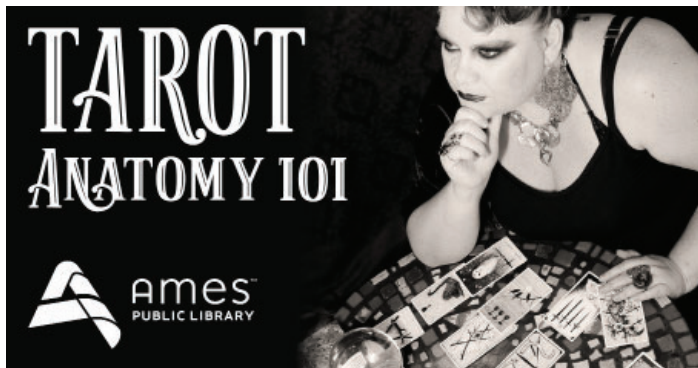


**Saturday, November 23
10:30am, Auditorium**

Come explore how ballet and STEM connect! Families are invited to the Library for a sneak peak of The Nutcracker Ballet, coming to Stephens Auditorium December 14 and 15. Then explore STEM concepts with a Nutcracker-themed design challenge using LEGO®.

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, and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.



**Saturday, November 23
2pm, Auditorium**

In this workshop, we'll explore what makes a Tarot deck.

Susan Harper, Ph.D., will take you on a brief tour through the standard Tarot deck and familiarize you with the elements. Then we'll explore the Major Arcana cards in some depth and learn how to work with these 22 important cards.

We'll work with some easy to learn spreads so that you can build your Tarot practice, too!

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Saturday, Nov. 30 - Monday, Dec. 2

Stop by Literary Grounds in the Library's Lobby for Small Business Weekend deals on gently-used books and more!

Enjoy \$1 off everything in the bookstore (except book bundles and items marked \$1).

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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.

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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.



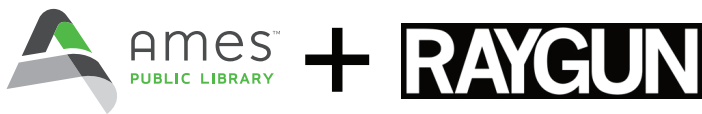
Spanish: Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm
Chinese: 1st and 3rd Wednesdays
of Each Month, 6-7pm
German: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays
of Each Month, 7-8pm

Russian: Saturdays, 3-4pm

French: Saturdays, 4-5:30pm

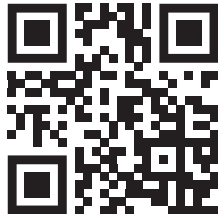
Board Room or via Zoom

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



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Order locally-printed, library-themed shirts for yourself, friends, and family with 40% of the price benefiting the Library at bit.ly/RaygunAPL



LITERARY GROUNDS Bookstore

Shop for gently-used books, puzzles, and more for all ages at Literary Grounds, located near the Library's lobby.



Literary Grounds also sells gift cards for those hard-to-shop-for friends and family!

Proceeds from Literary Grounds are used to enhance Ames Public Library's services, programs, and collections.

Your Library card gives you **free access to ConsumerReports** online, so you can research products, from air fryers and bed sheets to e-book readers and treadmills.

Visit www.amespubliclibrary.org/databases and look for the Consumer Reports link to get started.





2nd Tuesday of Each Month
(September 10)
9am-12pm, 2nd 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).



1st and 3rd Wednesdays of Each Month
(September 4 & 18)
3-5pm, 2nd 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.



Tuesdays: 11am-2pm, 1st Floor Study Room
Thursdays: 4-7pm, 2nd Floor Study Room
Fridays: 11am-2pm, 2nd Floor Study Room

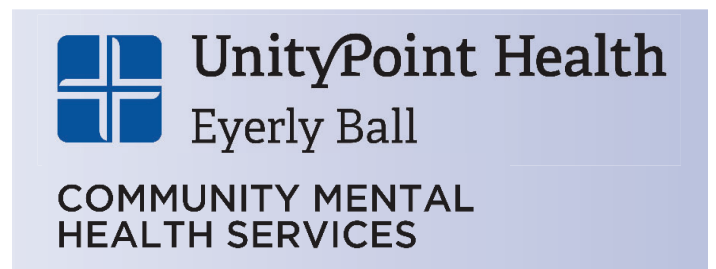
Staff from The Bridge Home will be available in the Library to assist individuals and families on the verge of—or experiencing—homelessness with apartment searching, appointment scheduling, job applications, and more.

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



Mondays, 11am-1pm, 2nd 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.



Mondays, 1:30-3:30pm
2nd Floor Study Room

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



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.

* There will be no Family Storytime Saturday, Nov. 23. Families are invited to Nutcracker Ballet + STEM!

Bedtime Stories

Thursdays
7pm, Storytime Room

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



Fridays at 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

1st Friday of Each Month (*November 1*)
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.

Getting ready for a road trip?

Check out a Launchpad learning tablet loaded with educational games, books, and videos for children—no internet needed!

BOOK GROUPS

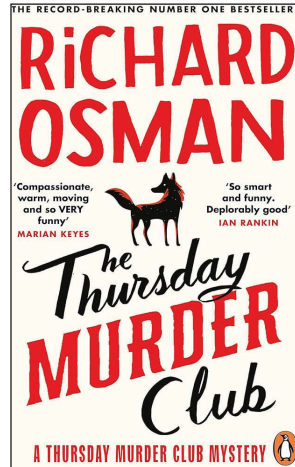
MYSTERY LOVERS Book Group

1st Wednesday of
Each Month
12pm, Rotary Room

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

November 6:
Richard Osman

December 4:
Jo Nesbø

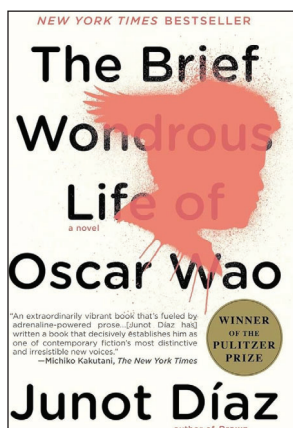


VIEW FROM THE MARGINS Book Group

4th Wednesday of Each Month*
(Note date changes for Nov. & Dec.)
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.



* November 20: **The Brief and Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao**
by Junot Díaz

* December 18:
Punch Me Up to the Gods: A Memoir by
Brian Broome

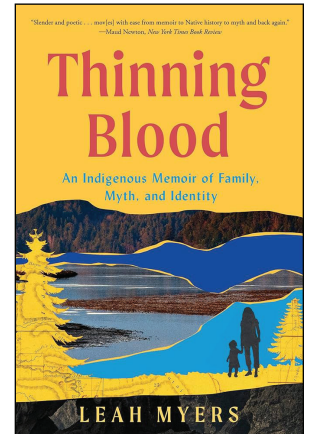
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028: REAL READS Book Group

2nd Thursday of Each Month
7pm, Board Room or via Zoom

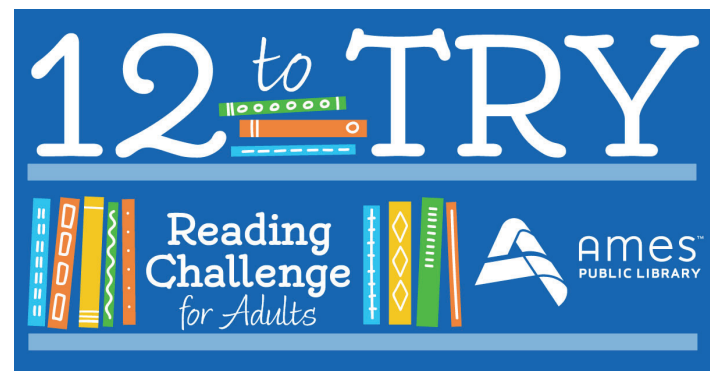
028 focuses on recently published, popular nonfiction
on a variety of topics.

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



December 12:
**Kingdom of
Characters: The
Language Revolution
That Made China
Modern** by Jing Tsu

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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, 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)

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)

The Bookmobile
will be **CLOSED**
November 25-29.

Feeling Thankful

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

Trivia question: What does the word "philanthropy" mean in Greek?

Answer: Love of humanity.

We felt the love during our Brains & Brews Trivia: Ames Public Library Fundraiser October 16 at Alluvial Brewing. New and old friends turned out for a fun night of trivia, a few sips of the special Library Lager and to generously support of the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

Very special thanks to Alluvial's Elliot Thompson and trivia hosts, Jordan Baumgardner, Brady Hubbard, and Cody Simons, who donated their time and expertise.

And thanks to the folks at Stephens Auditorium, Provisions, Bar La Tosca and Aunt Maude's for their generosity in supporting our terrific raffle prizes.

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