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DECEMBER 2024

THIS MONTH

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**COMING UP:
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AND MORE



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LIBRARY HOURS

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

Winter READING CHALLENGE

Dec. 1, 2024 - Jan. 31, 2025

For all ages!

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PUBLIC LIBRARY

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](https://www.AmesPublicLibrary.beanstack.com).

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Library Prepares for New Carpeting

Ames Public Library will soon be getting new carpet in many high-traffic areas! The current carpet has seen nearly 4 million visitors and, despite diligent cleaning and maintenance, needs a refresh.

Starting early in January and continuing as late as mid-March, there will be a multi-phase project to replace carpet in the Library's Adult Services and Youth Services main floors, study rooms, Teen Space, and Vestibule. The Library will remain open throughout the project, but parts of the building will be closed to the public during certain phases.

There will be times when different collections will be unavailable to the public. At those times, small, curated collections will be available in the Lobby. Library users will also be able to request and pick up holds, though processing may be slower due to shelves being inaccessible. The IDEA Center, study rooms, and some meeting rooms will be unavailable during the project. A computer lab with printing, scanning, and faxing will be available.

Thank you for your patience as we work to keep your library clean and inviting!

Watch for more information at www.AmesPL.org, or sign up for the Library's e-mail newsletter at www.AmesPL.org/page-one-newsletter.

Small Business WEEKEND

November 29-December 2

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).

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



Memory Project
Exhibit



December 2 - January 29
Library Vestibule

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

Art students at Ames High School used reference photos of children from Honduras 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.

To learn more contact Lindsay Wede at:
lindsay.wede@ames.k12.ia.us

Architecture Photography Exhibit

December 1-7
2nd Floor Gallery

See photography showcasing architecture around Ames and the country by Logan Conley, an architecture student at Iowa State University.

As part of her emphasis in digital media, she has elected to learn more about digital photography. Combining these skills led her to an exploration in architectural photography.



STORYWALK®

December 5-31, Downtown Ames

Start at Ames Public Library and find the pages of **Big Snow** by Jonathan Bean in windows of downtown businesses.

As you walk, you'll read the story of a boy dreaming for a really big snow as he "helps" his mom with tasks at home.



The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

Kids Chess Club

1st and 3rd Tuesday of Each Month
(Through December 3)
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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Teen Videogames

Thursdays
(Through December 12)
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.



MLK Day Essay Contest

The Ames-Story County MLK Day Celebration Committee is hosting its 4th Annual Essay Writing Contest to commemorate the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. All Ames/Story County area 9th-12th graders are invited and encouraged to participate.

Contestants are asked to share "How Dr. King, Jr. impacted your life or the lives of family, friends, and community, which helps motivate and inspire others to continue his legacy."



Prizes are available for the winning essays.

Entries are due Sunday, December 15. Find out more at bit.ly/AmesMLKDay



1st Thursday of Each Month (December 5)
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.

For December, read a book from any nonfiction topic that interests you, and come prepared to talk about it. In January, we'll talk about *Garlic and the Vampire* by Bree Paulsen.



Sunday, December 8
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.

Pokémon Club

2nd Sunday of Each Month
(December 8)
2-3:30pm, Auditorium

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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LEGO® Builders

2nd and 4th Tuesday of Each Month
(Through December 10)
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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Swift Youth Writers Group

2nd Sunday of Each Month
(December 8)
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.

TAG: Teen Advisory Group

2nd Wednesday of Each Month
(December 11)
5-6pm, Board Room

Register at AmesPL.org/events or e-mail banderson@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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Did you know you can borrow games for PS3, PS4, Xbox 360, Xbox One, Xbox X, Wii, and WiiU from the Library? Game on!



STUDY SPACE

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

Monday-Thursday, Dec. 9-12:
9am-8:45pm, Danfoss Room

Friday-Saturday, Dec. 13-14:
9am-5:45pm, Danfoss Room

Sunday, December 15:
1-4:45pm, Danfoss Room

Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 16-18:
9am-8:45pm, Danfoss Room

Thursday, December 19:
9am-5pm, Danfoss Room



Parenting Circle

2nd Friday and 4th Saturday of Each Month
(Through December 13)
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.



Thursday, December 12
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 *Despicable Me 4* with a minion paper bag craft activity to follow.



Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Mainstream Living.

Fiber Arts Meetup

2nd Saturday of Each Month
(December 14)
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, December 14
10:30am, Storytime Room**

Celebrate the Christian holiday of Christmas with a special storytime featuring a guest presenter. We'll explore the nativity story and celebrate the birth of Jesus through stories, songs, and activities.

International Community Meetup

**3rd Tuesday of Each Month
(December 17)
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.

Feeling festive?

Check out books, movies, and music from the Library to celebrate your favorite holidays, or learn more about winter holidays around the world!

You can even stream holiday movies at home for free with your Ames Public Library card! Check out Hoopla's Countdown to Christmas for ideas.

DECEMBER CLOSURES

Ames Public Library will be closed:

- Tuesday, December 24
- Wednesday, December 25
- Wednesday, January 1

The Library will be open until 5pm:

- Tuesday, December 31

The Bookmobile will be closed:

- December 23 - January 3



**Monday, December 30
5pm, Teen Space**

Teens, come watch *The Polar Express* in celebration of winter break.

Presented by Ames Public Library's Teen Advisory Group (TAG). TAG is a group of teen volunteers who meet monthly to plan library events, discuss books, and make new friends.

LIBRARY EVENTS

DECEMBER 2024



www.amespubliclibrary.org

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | |
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| 1 Small Business Weekend Nov. 30-Dec. 2 Architecture Photography Exhibit December 1-7 2 nd Floor Gallery Winter Reading Challenge for All Ages December 1 - January 31  | 2 Memory Project Exhibit December 2 - January 29 Vestibule 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 | 3 Family Storytime 10:30am, Storytime Room The Bridge Home 11am-2pm, First Floor Baby Time 1:30pm, Storytime Room Kids Chess Club 4pm, Storytime Room Conversation Circles Spanish: 7-8:30pm Board Room or via Zoom | 4 Toddler Storytime 10:30am, Storytime Room Baby Time 11am, Storytime Room Mystery Lovers Book Group 12pm, Rotary Room Conversation Circles Chinese: 6-7pm Board Room or via Zoom | 5 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 | 6 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 | 7 Family Storytime 10:30am, Storytime Room Conversation Circles Russian: 3-4pm French: 4-5:30pm Board Room or via Zoom | |
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| 29 | 30 Mary Greeley Medical Center Behavioral Health 11am-1pm, Second Floor UnityPoint Health - Eyerly Ball 1:30-3:30pm, Second Floor Teen Movie: The Polar Express 5pm, Teen Space | 31 Noon Year's Eve Party 11am-12pm, Auditorium The Bridge Home 11am-2pm, First Floor Library Closes at 5pm |  <p>Ames Public Library will soon be getting new carpet in many high-traffic areas this winter!</p> <p>Find out more on page 2, watch for more information at www.AmesPL.org, or sign up for the Library's e-mail newsletter at www.AmesPL.org/page-one-newsletter.</p>  | | | | KEY COLORS: All Ages/Mix Family Event Teen Event Adult Event SYMBOLS: Off Site Registration Required Available Online |

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.



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

Families with kids of all ages are invited to come to a Noon Year's Eve party!

Drop in for crafts, a dance party, and an all around great end to 2024! We will end our program with a special sparkling juice toast and a countdown to Noon!



No Conversation Circles December 23-31.

**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 Zoom**

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



AMES/STORY COUNTY COMMUNITY

MLK DAY

Celebration

**Monday, January 20
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.

For more information, visit bit.ly/AmesMLKDay

Read in More Languages!

Ames Public Library has books in many languages for children and adults!

Ask a librarian about our World Language Collections.



2nd Tuesday of Each Month
(December 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).



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

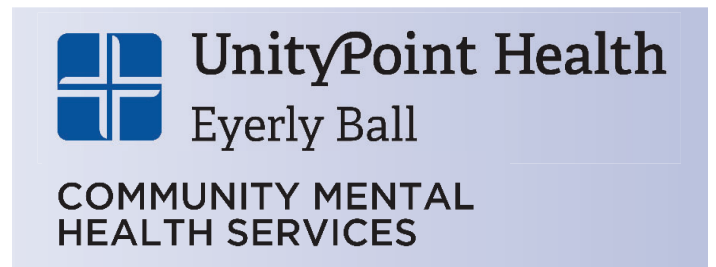
Staff from The Bridge Home will be available in the Library to assist individuals and families on the verge of—or experiencing—homelessness with apartment searching, appointment scheduling, job applications, and more.

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.



Are you trying to track down **addresses and phone numbers**?



Looking for **a new job** by skills, location, and industry?



Searching for **business opportunities**?



Researching historical **market trends**?

Your Ames Public Library card gives you **free access to Reference Solutions**, a powerful online resource for job seekers, small business owners, and entrepreneurs.

Residential listings are also useful for sending out **holiday letters** or **wedding invitations** and tracking down long-lost friends and neighbors.

Visit www.AmesPL.org/ databases and log in using your library card number to get started.



reference solutions

❄️ **No Regular Family Events: December 15 - January 5** ❄️

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.

* There will be no Family Storytime Saturday, December 14. Families are invited to attend a Christmas Storytime featuring Nativity stories.

Bedtime Stories

Thursdays at 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!

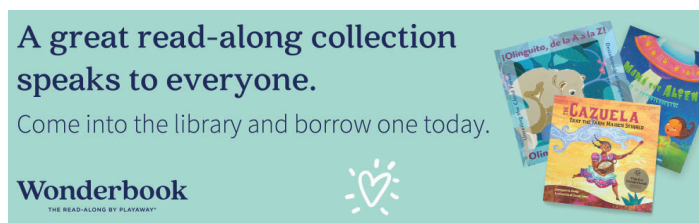


@ the Ice Arena

1st Friday of Each Month
(December 6)

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.



BOOK GROUPS

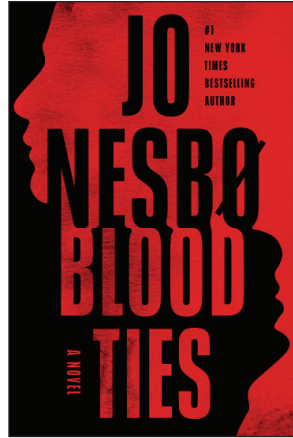
MYSTERY LOVERS Book Group

1st Wednesday of
Each Month *
12pm, Rotary Room

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

December 4: Jo Nesbø

* January 8:
Graphic Novel
Mysterries

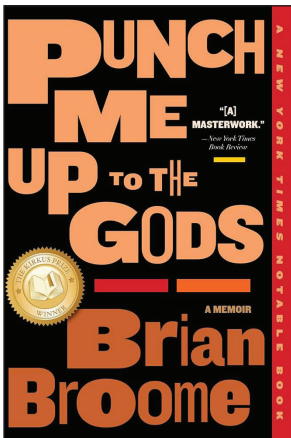


VIEW FROM THE MARGINS Book Group

4th Wednesday of Each Month *
7pm, PEO 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.



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

January 22:
The Leavers
by Lisa Ko

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* Note date change.

028: REAL READS Book Group

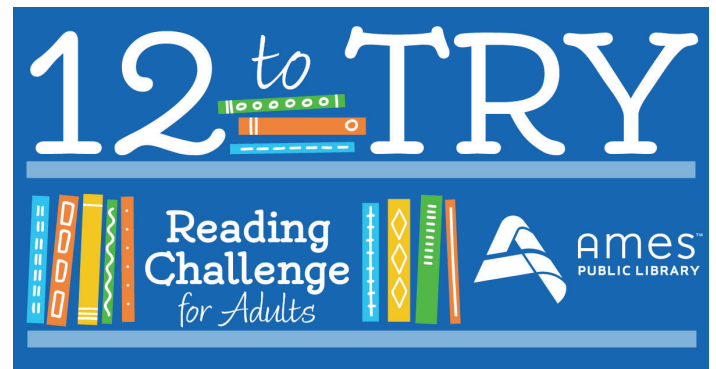
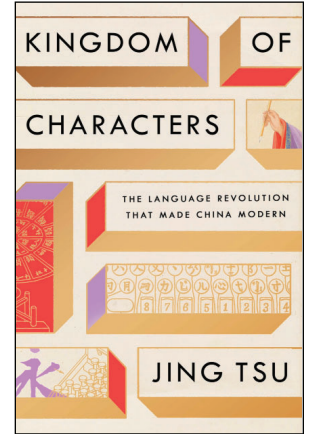
2nd Thursday of Each Month
7pm, Board Room or via Zoom

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

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

January 9:
**The Rediscovery
of America: Native
Peoples and
the Unmaking of U.S. History** by Ned
Blackhawk

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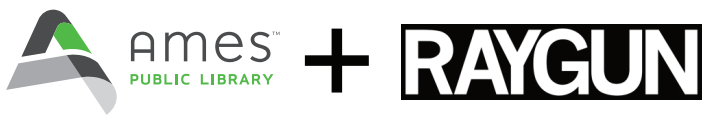
Adults are invited to join a new "12 to Try" year-long
challenge featuring all new categories! Read your way
through 12 books that fit the 12 challenge categories
between now and August 31, 2025, and earn prizes.

Sign up online, or pick up a tracking sheet at the Library
or Bookmobile!

Find out more at www.AmesPL.org/12toTry



Gift Ideas for Book Lovers



RAYGUN and the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation bring you the greatest Ames Public Library shirts in the universe!

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.



Looking for the perfect book for a reader on your gift list?

Check out our 2024 Gift Guides, available at the Library's service desks and on our website.

You can also try out our Personalized Picks service, where our expert librarians curate a customized list of ideas based on the types of books you like.

Find our Gift Guides and Personalized Picks online form at www.AmesPL.org/books-movies-more/recommendations





Stream & Download

Your Ames Public Library card gets you **free access** to e-books, streaming movies, and more!

To use Ames Public Library's streaming and downloading services, you will need:

- Your library card number
- Your library PIN or password

To use them on a computer, go to the Library's webpage at www.AmesPL.org, then click on Stream and Download.

To use them on your phone, tablet, or e-reader, download the Libby app (Bridges), Hoopla app, Kanopy app, or ComicsPlus app.

Once you are on the appropriate app or website, you will need to choose "Ames Public Library" as your library.

Enter your library card number and library PIN when requested.

NOTE: Only residents of the City of Ames or rural Story County can access these services with an Ames Public Library card.

Have questions?

Stop by the Library's adult services desk, call us at (515) 239-5646 ext. 4, or schedule a 1-on-1 help session.



Browse, borrow, and enjoy e-audiobooks, e-books, and videos on your computer or tablet.



Download e-audiobooks, graphic novels, e-books, movies, music, and television, all with no holds queue.



Stream or download over 30,000 of the world's best films, including award-winning documentaries, rare and hard-to-find titles, film festival favorites, indie and classic films, and world cinema.



ComicsPlus offers unlimited, simultaneous access to thousands of digital comics, graphic novels, and manga from 100+ publishers without wait lists or monthly limits.

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**
December 23 -
January 3.

Ending the Year With Giving

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

Thank you to our donors and volunteers for your generous support throughout the year. You make a real difference in our library, and I am so thankful for your partnership.

If you are still thinking about a gift to the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation this tax year, don't forget you can maximize your support and get tax benefits by making your contribution through an IRA charitable rollover.

A quick refresher on how rollover gifts work: if you are 70½ years or older, you can use your IRA to make your gift directly to APLFF. You can donate up to \$100,000 to charitable organizations without it being counted as taxable income, and it satisfies your RMD for the year.

Here's how your IRA rollover can help:

- **Tax Benefits:** Avoid paying income tax on your IRA distribution while making a meaningful impact.
- **Convenient:** A simple process to contribute directly from your IRA to APLFF.
- **Immediate Impact:** Your donation supports library collections, programs and services.

To make your IRA rollover gift or for any questions, please contact me at development@aplff or (515) 239-5632. Or, talk with your financial advisor.

P.S. Our end-of-year letter has probably hit your mailbox. Thank you in advance for your generous response; Your support makes a significant impact at Ames Public Library!

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