

AMES  
PUBLIC  
LIBRARY

# PAGE ONE

JANUARY 2025

**THIS MONTH**

**CARPET PROJECT  
BEGINS**

**AMES/STORY COUNTY  
MLK DAY CELEBRATION**

**YOUR LIBRARY  
ONLINE**

**AND MORE**



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**LIBRARY HOURS**

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



# 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.

## THE LIBRARY IS OPEN

The Library will remain open throughout the project, but parts of the building will be closed to the public during certain phases.

## ANTICIPATED START DATE

January 13, 2025

## DURATION

Adult Services: 6-8 weeks  
Youth Services: 3-4 weeks  
Vestibule/Entryway 1-2 days

## LOCATIONS

- Adult Services Main Floor
- Youth Services Main Floor
- Study Rooms
- Teen Space
- Vestibule

## STORYTIMES & EVENTS

Some storytimes and events will continue during the project. Check our calendar to see what's happening!

## UNAVAILABLE SPACES

The IDEA Center, study rooms, and some meeting rooms will be unavailable throughout the project.

Other parts of the building will be closed to the public during certain phases.

## GETTING BOOKS, MOVIES, ETC.

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.

Due dates will be extended, so customers can stock up and keep items while the shelves are inaccessible.

## COMPUTERS

A computer lab with printing, scanning, and faxing will be available in the Danfoss Room. (There will be a 2 hour time limit when demand is high.)

Laptops will also be available for use inside the Library.

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

Watch for more information at [www.AmesPL.org/carpet](http://www.AmesPL.org/carpet).



# Winter READING CHALLENGE

Dec. 1, 2024 - Jan. 31, 2025

For all ages!

**Ames**  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

**All ages can earn a prize by reading 30 days this winter!  
Turn in your completed reading log by 5:45pm on Friday, January 31, for a free prize.**

*Supported by Ames Public Library Friends Foundation*

## JANUARY CLOSURES

**Ames Public Library  
will be closed:**

- Wednesday, January 1

**The Bookmobile  
will be closed:**

- December 23 - January 3




**December 21 - January 3  
Library Lobby**

Stop by the Literary Grounds Bookstore in the Library's lobby December 21 - January 3 for \$1 off items with a red sticker. There are some great holiday treasures just waiting for the right person!

Gift certificates are available too!

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Got questions? We're here for you!</b></p> <p>Call us at (515) 239-5646</p> <p>E-mail us at <a href="mailto:webref@amesPL.org">webref@amesPL.org</a></p> <p>Sign up for our e-mail newsletter</p> <p>Follow us on Facebook or Instagram @amespubliclibrary</p> 			<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>Library CLOSED</b></p> <p><b>Bookmobile CLOSED Dec. 23 - Jan. 3</b></p> <p><b>Winter Reading Challenge for All Ages</b> December 1 - January 31</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>Memory Project Exhibit</b> Dec. 1 - Jan. 29, Vestibule</p> <p><b>Holiday Book Sale</b> Dec. 21 - Jan. 3, Lobby</p> <p><b>Homeschool Book Club</b> 10am, Teen Space</p> <p><b>The Bridge Home</b> 4-7pm, Second Floor</p>	<p><b>3</b></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>4</b></p> <p><b>Conversation Circles</b> 📍 <b>Russian:</b> 3-4pm 📍 <b>French:</b> 4-5:30pm Board Room or via Zoom</p>
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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.



Memory Project  
Exhibit



December 1 - 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

Ames Public Library

# Homeschool BOOK CLUB



1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of Each Month  
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.

January 2:  
**Garlic and the Vampire**  
by Bree Paulsen

February 6: **Becoming Muhammad Ali**  
by James Patterson and Kwame Alexander



## TAG: Teen Advisory Group

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of Each Month  
(January 8)  
5-6pm, Board Room

Register at [AmesPL.org/events](http://AmesPL.org/events) or e-mail  
[gcoffey@amespubliclibrary.org](mailto:gcoffey@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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audiobooks without  
leaving home!

OverDrive



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The one-tap reading app from our library.



## Thursday-Sunday, January 9-12 Literary Grounds

Support your local library and shop for gently-used books and more for all ages from Literary Grounds Bookstore during Winter Sidewalk Sales in Downtown Ames!

Find out more at [downtownames.org](http://downtownames.org).

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



## Thursday, January 9 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.



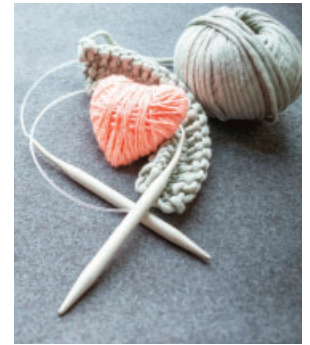
*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Mainstream Living.*

## Fiber Arts Meetup

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of Each Month (January 11) 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.



## Pokémon Club

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Each Month (January 12) 2-3:30pm, Auditorium

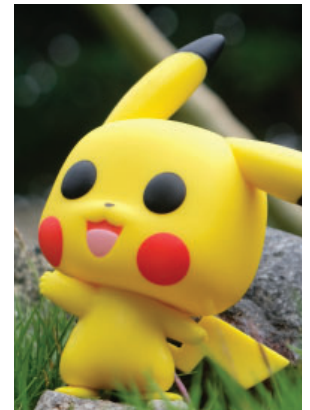
Calling all school-aged Poké-Kids! Come learn how to play the Pokémon Trading Card Game and use a Library-supplied deck to battle other players.

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!

*Supported by Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.*



## Swift Youth Writers Group

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Each Month  
(January 12)  
2-4pm, PEO Room

Teens in 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

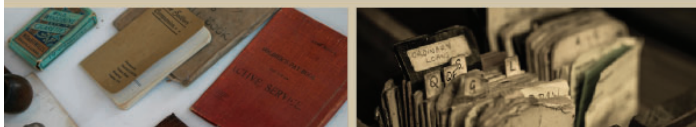
At the end of the school year, writers will be asked to submit 1 to 3 pieces (depending on genre) for inclusion in an anthology, and a celebratory reading will be held.

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.*



## Genealogy Plus



Wednesday, January 15  
10am-12pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

**Topic — Genealogy and Artificial Intelligence**

**Speaker — Jim Anderegg**

This presentation will discuss how the ever-evolving field of A.I., Artificial Intelligence, is impacting the world of genealogy. Some examples of the use of it will be shown.

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

## Ames Repair Café



Saturday, January 18  
10am-2pm, Auditorium

*Items for repair must be at the Library by 1:30pm.*

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

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

### What can you bring for repairs?

- Computers & Laptops
- Portable Electronics
- Lighting, including Holiday Decorations
- Sewing & Mending
- Small Home & Kitchen Appliances
- Jewelry & Accessories
- Musical Instruments

The Repair Café aims to reduce waste, share tools and resources, and help build self-reliance skills in our community. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please e-mail [AmesRepairCafe@gmail.com](mailto:AmesRepairCafe@gmail.com).

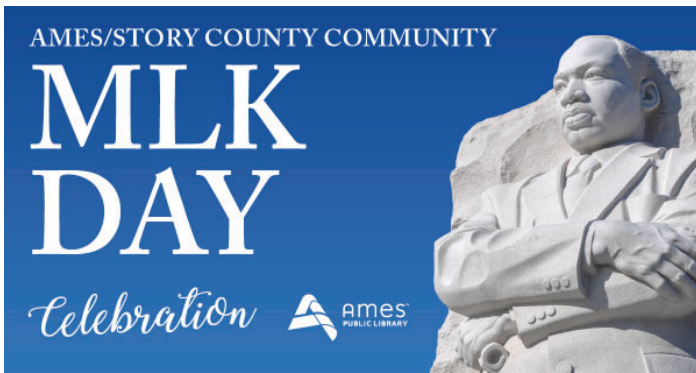
*Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library, City of Ames, and Seeds of Sustainability.*





**Saturday, January 18  
10:30am, Rotary Room**

Children of all ages and their grown-ups are invited to a special storytime celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr. and his legacy.



**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 with keynote speaker Toyia K. Younger and an announcement of the MLK Day Essay Contest winners.

For more information, visit [bit.ly/AmesMLKDay](http://bit.ly/AmesMLKDay)

*The community celebration is co-sponsored by the Ames Regional Economic Alliance, Ames Human Relations Commission, Ames Police Foundation, Ames Public Library, Ames Water and Pollution Control Department, Body of Christ Church (BCC), City of Ames, Hy-Vee Lincoln Center, Rotary Club of Ames, Wayne and Edna Clinton, Story County League of Women Voters, United Church of Christ (UCC), NAACP – Ames branch, and YWCA Ames-ISU.*

## International Community Meetup

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of Each Month  
(January 21)  
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, January 23  
7pm, Auditorium**

**Topic — One4Water**

**Speaker — Hank Kohler**

In 2021 Hank paddled over 1900 miles from west central Minnesota to the Gulf of Mexico. The uniqueness of the journey, which he named One4Water, was that he left from the same starting point where in 1979 he canoed to Hudson Bay. He was in his twenties then and the trip was really just for the challenge and adventure.

Forty two years later the journey south was for much more. Tens of thousands of dollars have been raised through donations and book sales, benefitting youth conservation programs at the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium in Dubuque. He is not a scientist, but a storyteller and is honored to be able to share tales of One4Water and explain its mission and how the book came to be.

*Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Outdoor Alliance of Story County.*





**Saturday, January 25**  
**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.*



**Monday, January 27**  
**7pm, Auditorium**

Join us for a free screening of *Together We Cycle*, a 60-minute documentary about the events that led to a revival of cycling culture in the Netherlands.

After the screening a panel of local experts will discuss the film, and share what lessons our community can learn in the journey to making cycling more accessible in Ames.

**Panelists:**

- John Haila, City of Ames Mayor
- Damion Pregitzer, City of Ames, Traffic Engineering Manager
- Austin Dunn, Iowa State University, Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture
- Grant Olsen, Ames Community Member

# Conversation Circles

*No Conversation Circles January 1.*

**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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Bridge Home, Mary Greeley Medical Center Behavioral Health, and Unity Point Eyerly Ball will not be at the Library January 13-31.



**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**  
*Through January 10*

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.



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**Mary Greeley**  
MEDICAL CENTER

Behavioral Health at the Library

**Monday, January 6**  
**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.



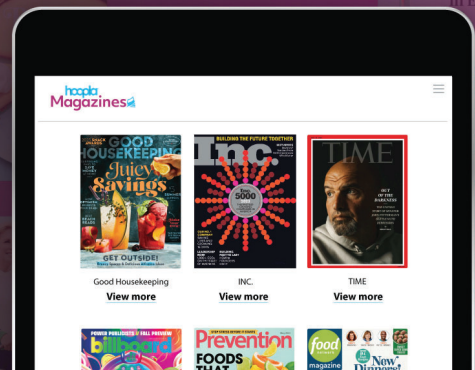
**UnityPoint Health**  
Eyerly Ball

**COMMUNITY MENTAL  
HEALTH SERVICES**

**Monday, January 6**  
**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.

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# 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**  
Dec. 23 - Jan. 3.

## A Year of Possibility

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

Happy new year!

As I looked through the pages of a recent *Page One* newsletters, I was struck by how many programs and events said **“Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.”**

For our APLFF donors, I think another way to say that is, **“Supported by YOU!”**

Your support has helped make so much of what happens at the library possible:

- Oodles of programs and special events for children and adults
- Clubs like kids’ chess and Pokémon and lots of adult book clubs
- Nearly \$63,000 in support for electronic, youth, adult and large print materials
- About \$28,000 for give-away books that get the gift of reading into the hands and homes of our younger patrons
- Nearly \$18,000 bought wi-fi hot spots to help connect people to online resources they might not otherwise be able to access

If you donated in 2024, thank you! If you're planning a contribution in 2025, thank you in advance! **YOU** are a large part of why Ames Public Library is a cornerstone of our community.

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The Ames Public Library  
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# STORYTIMES & MORE



❄️ **Regular Family Events will begin January 5** ❄️

## Baby Time

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

January 7-9, Storytime Room  
January 14-30, Auditorium  
*No Baby Time January 15, 16, & 23.*

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

January 6-8, Storytime Room  
January 13-29, Auditorium  
*No Toddler Storytime January 15.*

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

## Family Storytime

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

January 7-11, Storytime Room  
January 14-30, Auditorium

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

\* On January 18, families are invited to attend a MLK Day Special storytime.



**Fridays**  
**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  
(January 3)  
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

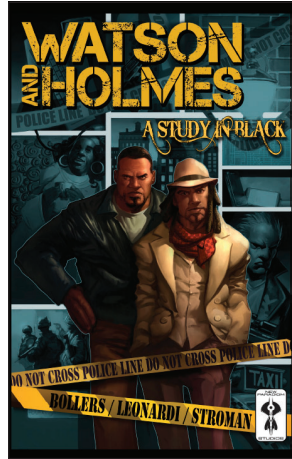
## MYSTERY LOVERS Book Group

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of  
Each Month \*  
(Note date change  
for January)  
12pm, Rotary Room

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

\* January 8:  
Graphic Novel  
Mysteries

February 5: S. A. Cosby

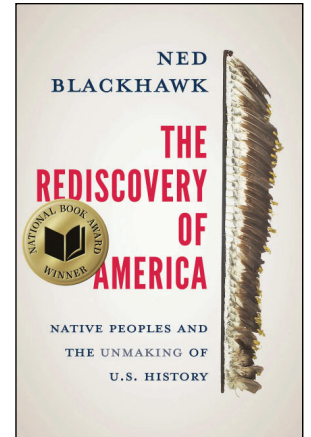


## 028: REAL READS Book Group

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

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

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



February 13:  
**Fire Weather:**  
*On the Front Lines of  
a Burning World* by John Vaillant

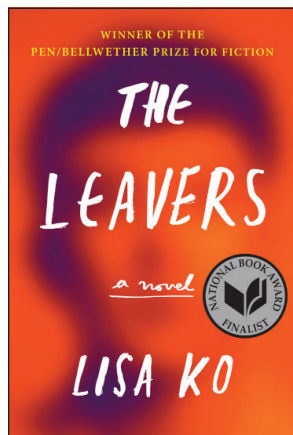
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## VIEW FROM THE MARGINS Book Group

4<sup>th</sup> 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.

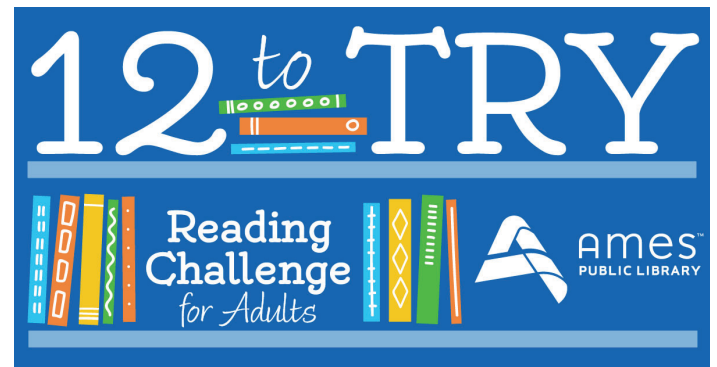
Book selections include fiction and non-fiction from a  
wide variety of perspectives and marginalized identities.



January 22:  
**The Leavers**  
by Lisa Ko

February 26:  
**Calling for a  
Blanket Dance**  
by Oscar Hokeah

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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!

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