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THIS MONTH

BOOK SALE

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EVENT & EXHIBIT

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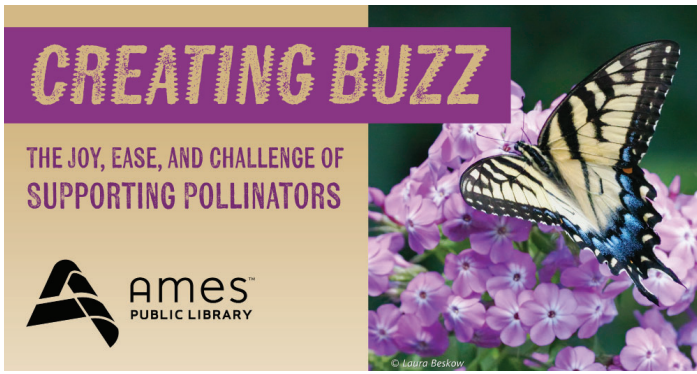


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LIBRARY HOURS

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



**Saturday, March 1
10am-12pm, Auditorium or via Zoom**

**Speaker — Jamie Beyer, Lifetime Master Gardener;
President of Central Iowa Beekeepers Association;
Recipient of the Spencer Award from Leopold Center
for Sustainable Agriculture**

Pollinators like butterflies, hummingbirds, native bees, and honey bees are essential to our ecosystems—and they need our help! This lively presentation dives into the fun of planting beautiful, nectar-rich flowers, the ease of simple steps like reducing sprays and mowing less, and the rewarding challenge of shifting attitudes about weeds and wild spaces.

Whether you're a seasoned gardener, a renter, or simply curious about supporting nature, this talk will leave you inspired and ready to create a buzz in your community. After all, in nature, "diversity is the key to stability," and "the more you know, the less you mow!"

The Ames Seed Library will be on site, stocked with native and pollinator-friendly seeds and resources.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, Story County Conservation, and the City of Ames Pollinator Committee.



The Ames Seed Library is a community resource that offers free vegetable, flower, fruit and herb seeds. Make sure to check it out!



Ames Butterflies Exhibit

Feb. 26 - March 27, Vestibule

Discover the stunning butterflies of Ames in this photo exhibit by Laura Beskow.

This display highlights some of the beautiful pollinators that call our community home and raises awareness of Ames' 10-year Pollinator-Friendly Community Plan (www.prrcd.org/ames-pollinator-plan).

Kids Chess Club

**1st and 3rd Tuesday of Each Month
(March 4 & 18)
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.

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.



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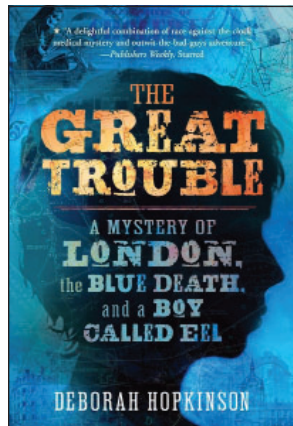
1st Thursday of Each Month (March 6)
10am, Teen Space

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.

March 6:
The Great Trouble by Deborah Hopkinson

April 3:
Love That Dog by Sharon Creech



Friday, March 7, 3-4pm, Teen Space

Teens are invited to drop into the Teen Space with whatever questions or concerns are on your mind. YSS staff will be here to chat and answer your questions.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and YSS.



Saturday, March 8
9am-12pm, Community Center Gym
(515 Clark Ave.)

Get help planning summer events for your kids!

Drop in to the Summer Camp Fair to learn about summer camps, programs, and activities available in Ames and the surrounding area for summer 2025.

Exhibitors will share information about what types of programs are offered, dates, times, cost, etc.

Come ask questions and gather information to help find the best summer opportunities for you and your children.

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library, The City of Ames, Story County Reads, and United Way of Story County.

Fiber Arts Meetup

2nd Saturday of Each Month
(March 8)
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, March 8
2-4pm, Auditorium**

The local Mirage Dance Troupe is a transcultural fusion (belly) dance troupe that has been holding practices at the library for two decades.

To show their appreciation for the community's support, and to celebrate the community that belly dance provides for women, they are excited to present an International Women's Day Hafla (hahf-la). A hafla is an informal dance performance featuring a variety of numbers and ending with an open group dance!

Mirage will perform a mixture of traditional and modern (fusion) dances and educate the audience about the beauty of one of the oldest surviving forms of dance. They will also be joined by another local group, Tribal Muse.

The performance will be followed by a short intermission. Then, there will be a movement lesson for interested folks as well as an optional group dance.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Mirage Dance Troupe.



**Sunday, March 9
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
(March 9)
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

2nd Sunday of Each Month
(March 9)
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.

LEGO® Builders

2nd and 4th Tuesday of Each Month
(March 11 & 25)
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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Tuesday, March 11
7pm, Auditorium

Come to the Library for interactive learning about mental health!

We will talk about the most common mental health disorders and how you can help someone who may be experiencing a mental health challenge or crisis. We will also have information regarding community resources available.

Presenters include:

- Julie Saxton, Mental Health Advocate for Ames Police Department
- Susan Moore, Licensed Social Worker for Mary Greeley Medical Center Behavioral Health
- Becky Lundy, Alternative Response for Community Health (ARCH) social worker

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, Alternative Response for Community Health, Ames Police Department, and Mary Greeley Medical Center Behavioral Health.

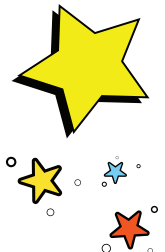
TAG: Teen Advisory Group

2nd Wednesday of Each Month
(March 12)
5-6pm, Board Room

Register at AmesPL.org/events or e-mail gcoffey@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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Ames Public Library

BOOK SALE

515 Douglas Avenue • Auditorium



Thursday

MAR. 13

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.

MAR. 14-15

9am-6pm

FREE Admission



Sunday

MAR. 16

12-5pm

\$1 Admission

Everything FREE!
(Auditorium Only)



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Thursday, March 13
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 *Tiger's Apprentice* with a tiger-related craft activity to follow.



Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Mainstream Living.

International Community Meetup

3rd Tuesday of Each Month
(March 18)
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.



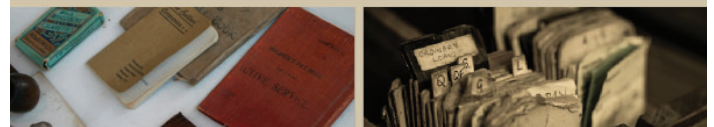
2nd Friday and 4th Saturday of Each Month
(March 14 only)
9:30-10:30am, Teen Space

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.



Genealogy Plus



Wednesday, March 19
10am-12pm, Auditorium or via Zoom

Topic — Working With RootsMagic

Speaker — Dennis Allen

Dennis will give an overview of RootsMagic software and demonstrate some of its features.

He'll also discuss his award-winning film "Chasing The Dead."

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
KEY Colors: All Ages/Mix Family Event Teen Event Adult Event Symbols: Off Site Registration Required Available Online Entry/Ticket Price		Turn travel time into learning time with a Launchpad tablet!  Check one out free from the Library. No internet needed.			Ames Butterflies Exhibit Feb. 26 - Mar. 27 Library Vestibule 		1 Creating Buzz: The Joy, Ease, and Challenge of Supporting Pollinators 10am-12pm Auditorium or via Zoom Family Storytime 10:30am, Storytime Room Conversation Circles Russian: 3-4pm French: 4-5:30pm Board Room or via Zoom
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**Wednesday, March 19
6-8pm, Teen Space**

Calling all 6th-12th graders for a new event: Teen Board Game Night!

Hosted by our Teen Advisory Group, this game night will feature an assortment of board and card game genres and styles, alongside an assortment of snacks. We hope you can join us!

Presented by Ames Public Library's Teen Advisory Group (TAG).



**Thursday, March 20
7pm, Rotary Room**

In 1992, a group of women came together as the Title IX Equity Coalition of Fresno County CA, a grassroots women's collaborative formed to enforce Title IX regulations at California State University, Fresno. Over the course of 4 years they worked to hold to account the federal government, the California State University System, and California University, Fresno and ensure the implementation of Title IX.

Come hear about their efforts and the outcomes from Anne Kinzel, who served as Fresno County Women Lawyers representative on the coalition.

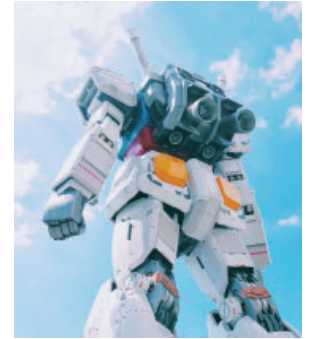
Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and the League of Women Voters of Ames & Story County.

Teen Anime Club

**3rd Friday of Each Month
(March 21)
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.



**4th Saturday of Each Month
(March 22)
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, March 22
10am-12pm, Auditorium**

Need support as a new parent and don't know who to ask?

Come meet professionals and community partners to find resources and help for questions about pregnancy, birth, postpartum, and health for you and your child(ren). This drop-in event will feature chiropractors, midwives, lactation specialists and more!



Saturday, March 22, at 2pm, Rotary Room

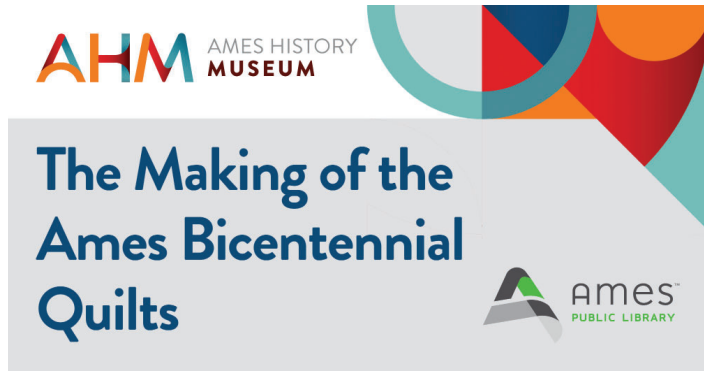
Join us for an informative session on adult guardianships, and learn about the legal process of appointing a guardian for an adult who is unable to make decisions for themselves.

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.



**Tuesday, March 25
7pm, Auditorium or via Zoom**

Register at ameshistory.org to receive the Zoom link by e-mail.

Topic — Back Stories: The Making of the Ames Bicentennial and Iowa Signatures Quilts

Speaker — Charlotte Menzel, Ames quilter

These two quilts were made by a group of inspired Ames women to celebrate the 1976 American Bicentennial. The Bicentennial Quilt features 30 distinctive scenes of Ames and the Signatures Quilt features 35 names of famous Iowans in their own handwriting.

Charlotte organized the ideas and got the group started. She will relate the stories of the quilts and the many diligent women involved in their making and how the quilts were later shared. The two quilts will be on display in the auditorium during the lecture. This lecture complements the current Museum exhibit, “Quilted Together.”

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames History Museum.

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

Learn more at www.AmesPL.org/IDEACenter

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



Saturday, March 29
10am-1pm, Auditorium

Register at AmesPL.org/events

Looking to level up your gardening game? Join local experts for a hands-on apple tree grafting workshop.

After a presentation explaining the grafting process, participants will get experience grafting trees. Participants will leave with 2-3 tree grafts. All supplies will be provided. Registration is required and limited to 30 participants.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library, Seeds of Sustainability, Iowa State University Department of Horticulture, and Iowa State Extension and Outreach - Story County. Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.



Saturday, March 29
10:30am-12pm, The Gallery (on 2nd Floor)

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.

Looking for gardening inspiration?

Flip through gardening magazines at the Library or online in Libby/Overdrive to get ideas for your 2025 garden! The Library also has a large selection of books on gardening available to check out.



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.



Capturing the Night Sky: Astrophotography for Beginners

Tuesday, April 1
6-8:30pm, Auditorium

Resistance: A Play in Two Acts

Saturday, April 5
3-5pm, Auditorium

Ribbon Cutting for New Carpet

Wednesday, April 9
4pm, Library 2nd Floor



Mary Greeley
MEDICAL CENTER

Behavioral Health at the Library

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.



UnityPoint Health

Eyerly Ball

**COMMUNITY MENTAL
HEALTH SERVICES**

**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.



Tuesdays: 11am-2pm, 1st Floor Study Room
2nd and 4th Thursday of Each Month (March 13 & 27): 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.



2nd Tuesday of Each Month (March 11)
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).

STORYTIMES & MORE

Baby Time

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



Fridays at 10:30am
Auditorium (or Storytime Room)

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 (March 7)
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.

A graphic for 'Natural Discoveries' featuring a central illustration of a magnifying glass over a book, surrounded by nature-themed icons: a bird, a ladybug, a butterfly, a flower, a leaf, and an acorn. The text 'Natural Discoveries' is written in blue on a white circular background. The Ames Public Library logo is at the bottom left.

1st Sunday of Each Month (March 2)
2pm, Storytime Room

Join ISU's Environmental Education Club for storytime, a craft, and fun activities based on a different ecological theme each month. Children of any age can come explore and learn more about our environment.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and the ISU Environmental Education Club.

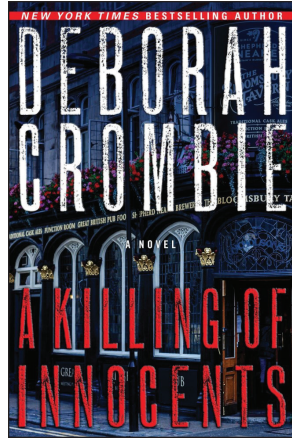
MYSTERY LOVERS Book Group

1st Wednesday of
Each Month
12pm, Board Room

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

March 5:
Deborah Crombie

April 2: Mysteries
with a sleuth who is a
medical professional

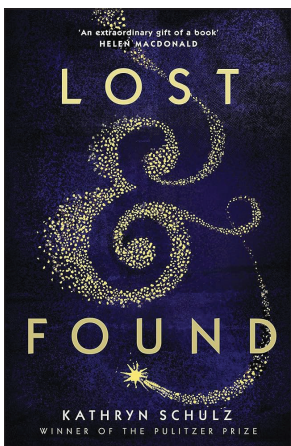


VIEW FROM THE MARGINS Book Group

4th Wednesday of Each Month
7pm, 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.



March 26:
Lost and Found:
A Memoir
by Kathryn Schulz

April 23:
Hell of a Book
by Jason Mott

*Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends
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028: REAL READS Book Group

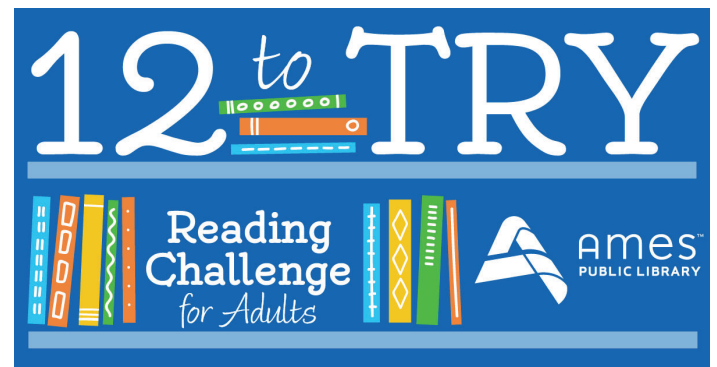
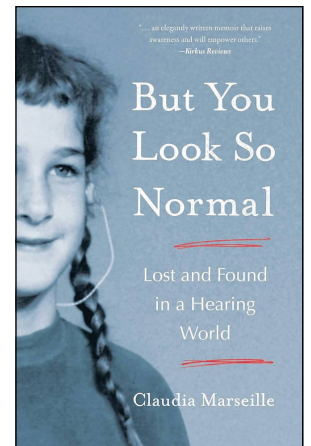
2nd Thursday of Each Month
7pm, Board Room or via Zoom

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

March 13:
**But You Look
So Normal:** Lost
and Found in a
Hearing World by
Claudia Marseille

April 10:
Cobalt Red:
How the Blood
of the Congo
Powers Our Lives
by Siddharth Kara

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Adults are invited to join a "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

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**
March 17-21.

Grow and Renew with Your Library

by Cassie Benning Luze, Development Director
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I often feel we Midwesterners give March more credit than she deserves with regard to the arrival of spring-like weather. She often disappoints us, but March stubbornly hangs on as our first promise of spring and another season of growth and renewal.

Spring symbolizes growth, which is at the heart of everything we do at Ames Public Library. Your generous support is an important part of that growth. With your help, the Library can continue to offer an ever-expanding collection of resources and diverse programs and shine as a place where everyone can learn, explore, and flourish.

This spring, rediscover the hope and promise that the Library brings to our community. Join us in celebrating the season of renewal and let the Library be your place of growth, connection, and inspiration.

Stay connected with Ames Public Library and the APL Friends Foundation through our websites (www.aplff.org and www.AmesPL.org) and social media @amespubliclibrary for the latest updates and event announcements. And don't forget our annual spring book sale, March 13-16.

Here's to a season full of hope, new beginnings, and endless possibilities at our library!

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