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LIBRARY HOURS

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

CAPTURING THE NIGHT SKY: ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY FOR BEGINNERS



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

Have you ever wanted to photograph a beautiful night sky, but been frustrated by your phone camera's capabilities?

Come learn about the basics of astrophotography with Jesus Acosta and Oleg Pestovsky from the Ames Area Amateur Astronomers. They will explain how to get started with this hobby, answer questions, and inspire you to explore space through a new lens.

This event includes hands-on learning with camera equipment. No experience necessary.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames Area Amateur Astronomers.

Astrophotography Exhibit

March 28 - April 30, Vestibule

Stop by the Library's entryway to see striking photography of the night sky.

These images were captured by local astrophotography enthusiasts from the Ames Area Amateur Astronomers.

Join us for Capturing the Night Sky on April 1 to learn how these stunning photographs were taken.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames Area Amateur Astronomers.

Art of Science Exhibit

**April 1-30, Near Teen Space &
Adult Services Desk**

Visit the Library to see paintings by Jill Pelto, a climate artist whose work focuses on communicating human-environment connections. She incorporates scientific data into watercolor paintings to share the emotion behind these stories of change, whether overwhelming or hopeful.

The Library will host a virtual conversation with Jill Pelto, *The Art of Science*, on April 15. See page 10 for details.

See featured artwork by Jill Pelto on the cover of this issue of Page One.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Iowa State University Greenlee School of Journalism and Communication as part of Iowa State University's First Amendment Days. Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

Kids Chess Club

**1st and 3rd Tuesday of Each Month
(April 1 & 15)
4pm, Storytime Room**

Come play chess! Whether you are just a beginner or already an expert, all kids in grades 1-5 are welcome to come have fun.

Drop in and learn how to play or make new friends with other chess lovers.

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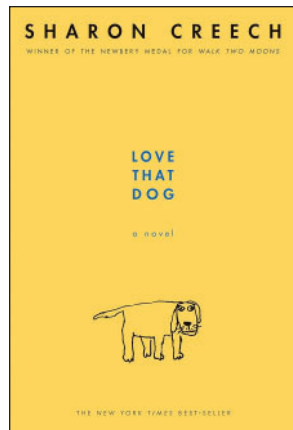
1st Thursday of Each Month (April 3)
10am, Teen Space

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.

April 3:
Love That Dog by Sharon Creech



May 1:
Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin

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.



Saturday, April 5
10-11am, Auditorium

This all-ages event will explore the process of seed-starting with a Master Gardener. Learn what plants grow well in Iowa and then have the opportunity to start your own seeds to take home and care for. Attendees can also learn more about the community Seed Library located here at Ames Public Library.

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



Saturday, April 5, 3-5pm, Auditorium

Come to Ames Public Library for a free performance of “Resistance: A Play in Two Acts.”

When a new herbicide is marketed that utilizes a novel chemical pathway, many farmers in this small Iowa town are relieved to have a new tool for combatting herbicide-tolerant weeds. But when one farmer questions the merits of the new chemical, a group of neighbors must grapple with their differing perceptions of risk—and even with each other—as they figure out how to move forward together.

This will be the final performance in EcoTheatre Lab’s Iowa tour. Don’t miss it!

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and EcoTheatre Lab. Support is provided by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Iowa Arts Council, which exists within the Iowa Economic Development Authority; the Discover Ames Community Grant Program; and Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.



**Sunday, April 6
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.



Monday, April 7, 3-4pm, Teen Space

Join us at the Library's Teen Space for an engaging presentation by YSS's Youth Employment team on how to apply for jobs. Learn valuable tips, tricks, and resources to help you find job opportunities, ace your interviews, and kick-start your career journey!

Provided in partnership with Ames Public Library and YSS.

LEGO® Builders

**2nd and 4th Tuesday of Each Month
(April 8 & 22)
4pm, Storytime Room**

Children in grades 1-5 are invited to get creative and build with lots of LEGO®! We'll provide the bricks while the kids provide the imagination.

All LEGO® will remain at the Library, so bring a camera to capture a photo of your build. Please leave your own LEGO® at home so they don't get mixed up with the Library's.



Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.



**Tuesday, April 8
5:30-6:30pm, PEO Room**

Join ISU and ACCESS for an engaging session on starting meaningful conversations with your teen about relationships. Gain valuable insights and practical tools to empower your teen in building healthy, respectful, and fulfilling connections. Snacks will be provided!

There will be a session for teens on April 15.
See page 7 for details.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Parenting: It's a Life (PIAL).

Check out
PARK PACKS
at Ames Public Library!



Go exploring outside with a Park Pack from your local library! Each backpack is filled with guidebooks, tools, and ideas for learning about a different topic.



Drawn to the Library



National Library Week April 6-12, 2025

Ribbon Cutting for **NEW CARPET**



Wednesday, April 9
4pm, Library 2nd Floor

Come to the Library for a ribbon cutting event celebrating our new carpet and National Library Week! After the ceremony, explore the Library through a scavenger hunt to earn a prize.

Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation and Ames Regional Economic Alliance.

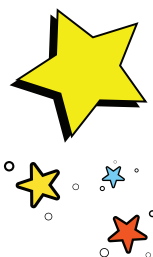
TAG: Teen Advisory Group

2nd Wednesday of Each Month (April 9)
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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Movies with **MAINSTREAM**

Thursday, April 10
10am-1pm, Auditorium

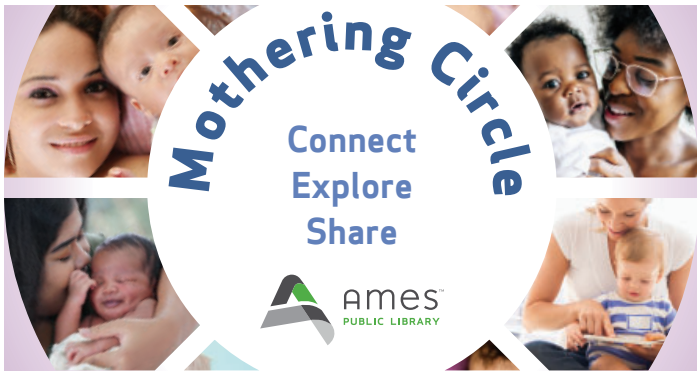
Join the Mainstream Living community for a monthly movie screening and related activity!

Selected movies are appropriate for adults who are neurodivergent and/or have an intellectual disability. Movies with Mainstream is open to all ages!

This month, we'll watch *Harold and the Purple Crayon* with a purple crayon and pom-pom craft to follow.



Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Mainstream Living.



2nd Friday and 4th Saturday of Each Month
 (April 11 & 26)
9:30-10:30am, Teen Space

Parenting babies and toddlers is full of challenges. Join this welcoming community of families as we support each other and grow together through the early years of pregnancy, postpartum, and parenthood.

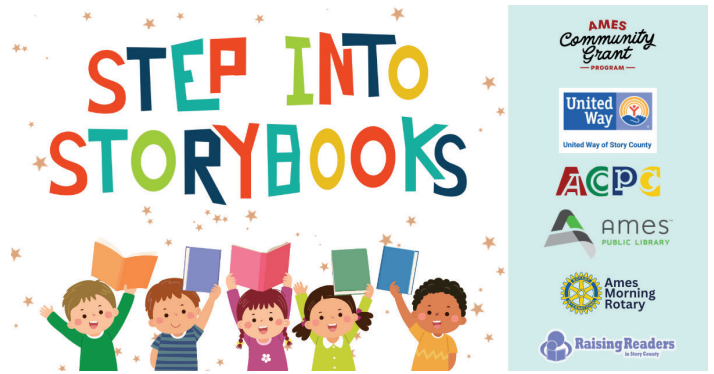
Facilitated by experienced mothers, these monthly meetups connect families to each other and to resources and answers about birth and parenthood.

Fiber Arts Meetup

2nd Saturday of Each Month (April 12)
10am-12pm, Rotary Room

Crafters of all ages are invited to join fellow fiber arts enthusiasts and work on their projects. Knit, crochet, embroidery, or any other fiber craft is welcome!

Please bring your own materials.



Saturday, April 12, from 10am-1pm
North Grand Mall (2801 Grand Avenue)

Join us at North Grand Mall for a fun, family event that includes free books, early childhood resources, and a whole morning full of engaging learning activities for children ages 0-5 and their families. See you there!

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Story County Reads.



Saturday, April 12
3-5pm, Auditorium

In this workshop, we'll explore the Major Arcana cards in 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!

Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

Get **local history** from your **local library** wherever you are, 24/7!

The online Ames Tribune Archive lets you search issues of the Ames newspaper dating back to 1877 online for free! Glimpse the past with the Farwell T. Brown Photographic Archive, including hundreds of original photographs, postcards, advertisements, and news articles which chronicle the history of the Ames area. Get started at www.AmesPL.org/learn-explore/local-history



Pokémon Club

2nd Sunday of Each Month (April 13)
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.



International Community Meetup

3rd Tuesday of Each Month (April 15)
5pm, Auditorium

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

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



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Swift Youth Writers Group

2nd Sunday of Each Month (April 13)
2-4pm, PEO Room

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



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

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

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

If you have any questions, please reach out to info@ameswriterscollective.org.

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



Tuesday, April 15
5:30-7pm, Teen Space

Hey teens, come explore the key elements of strong, respectful, and supportive relationships—whether with friends, family, or romantic partners.

Pizza will be provided!

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Parenting: It's a Life (PIAL).

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
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The Art of Science

A Conversation
with Artist Jill Pelto



Tuesday, April 15
6pm, Online via Zoom

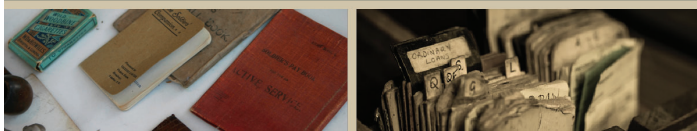
Join artist and science communicator Jill Pelto for a virtual presentation. Pelto's paintings incorporate real graphs about environmental change—from local to global—to share the underlying narratives behind data through color, pattern and perspective.

The presentation will also be played live on a screen in the Danfoss Room.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Iowa State University Greenlee School of Journalism and Communication as part of Iowa State University's First Amendment Days. Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.



Genealogy Plus



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

Topic — Researching the History of Houses and Their Inhabitants

Speaker — Lori Osmus Kappmeyer

How can someone find out about the people who have lived in a particular house, or where certain people lived during their lives? The presenter will describe her experience in doing this for her 2000 ISU master's thesis on Queen Anne style houses in Boone, Iowa, and for her research on family history in Joliet, Illinois.

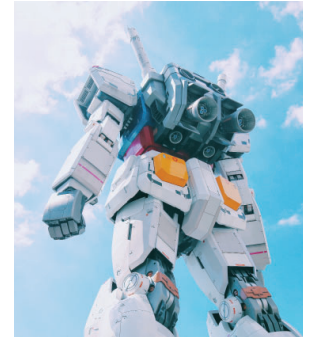
Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Story County Genealogical Society.

Teen Anime Club

3rd Friday of Each Month (April 18)
4-6pm, Teen Space

Join our monthly meetup to watch some anime, talk about your favorite manga, or create your own art and manga.

Open to 6th-12th graders.
Anime watched is considered to be rated G to PG-13.



Ames Repair Café

Saturday, April 19, 10am-4pm, Library

See flyer insert.

Ames Public Library will be

CLOSED

Sunday, April 20



Wednesday, April 23
6:30-8:30pm, Auditorium

Run into a brick wall? Not sure where to start researching your roots? Stop by this meetup of local genealogists to get help with research, software and writing your family story.

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



**A Little Ames
Quilt History:
Bicentennial Quilts**

Thursday, April 24, Auditorium
Social: 6-6:30pm
Presentation 6:30-7:30pm

Charlotte Menzel will lead a Bed Turning and story about two quilts which were made 50 years ago. The first represents the history of Ames. The second, which was made to be raffled off to pay for storage of the first, includes names of famous Iowans.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and Ames Quilt Guild. Supported by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.

*Generative Writing
Workshops*

**4th Saturday of Each Month
(April 26)**
10am-12pm, PEO Room

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.

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



Saturday, April 26, 3-4:30pm, Auditorium

All ages are welcome to attend Des Moines Metro Opera's free performance at the Library of Cinderella, the classic story of a young woman given the chance to live her dreams for one special night and dance with the prince.

Presented in partnership with Ames Public Library and the Ames Chapter of the Des Moines Metro Opera Guild. Supported in part through local option tax funds provided by the City of Ames through the Commission on the Arts and by the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.



**Wednesday, April 30
7pm, Auditorium or via Zoom**

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

Topic — The Bells of Iowa State: An Enduring Tradition

Speaker — Bob Lindemeyer, retired ISU Associate Director for Media Development and Stanton Memorial Carillon Foundation past president

As Iowa State University marks the Campanile's historic 125th anniversary, experience this multi-media history of the Carillon located in this iconic structure. Melodies from this 50-bell instrument are woven into daily life on campus – memorable to students and visitors alike. The program includes a charming video of Jim Wilson telling the story of his composing "Green Hills: The Bells of Iowa State."

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



Straws, Tape, and Popsicle Sticks

Tuesday, April 29, at 4pm, Storytime Room

Come create with us! Make some friends – and some inventive creations! Materials provided. Open to 1st through 5th Grade.



**English: Mondays (except April 7)
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.

COMING SOON: ISU Student Fringe Festival Performances

Saturday, May 3 & Sunday, May 4
1-3 pm, Danfoss Room



Tuesdays: 11am-2pm, 1st Floor Study Room
2nd and 4th Thursday of Each Month (April 10 & 24): 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.



Tuesdays: 1:30-3:30pm
Wednesdays: 4-6pm
2nd Floor Study Room

The American Heart Association's local HeartCorps service member will be available in the Library to answer questions about heart health, check blood pressure, and demonstrate hands-only CPR. They can also help connect visitors with HeartCorps programs and other informational materials.



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.



2nd Tuesday of Each Month (April 8)
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 (except April 3)
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
(except April 5)

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



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

Friday, April 4
11am, Ames/ISU Ice Arena

Join Library staff at the ice arena on the first Friday of each month for a free storytime! After the storytime, the ice arena will offer skating and children's activities on the ice for a small fee.

Natural Discoveries

1st Sunday of Each Month (April 6)
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.

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BOOK GROUPS

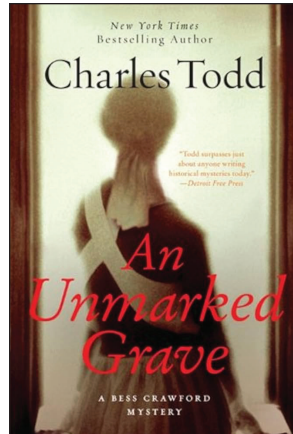
MYSTERY LOVERS Book Group

1st Wednesday of
Each Month
12pm, Board Room

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

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

May 7:
Joe Ide

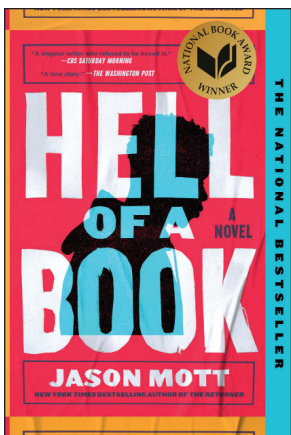


VIEW FROM THE MARGINS Book Group

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.



April 23:
Hell of a Book
by Jason Mott

May 28:
Yellowface
by R.F. Kuang

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028: REAL READS Book Group

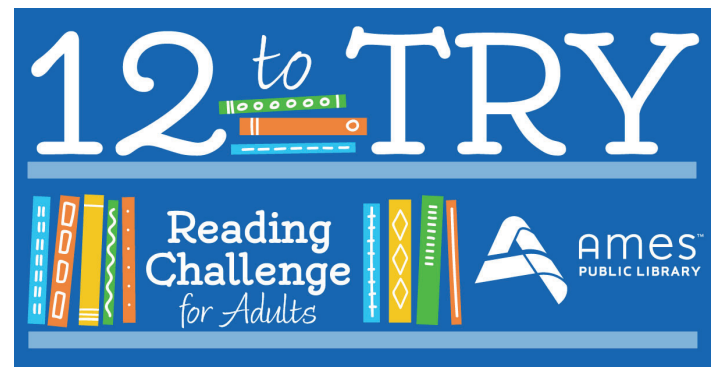
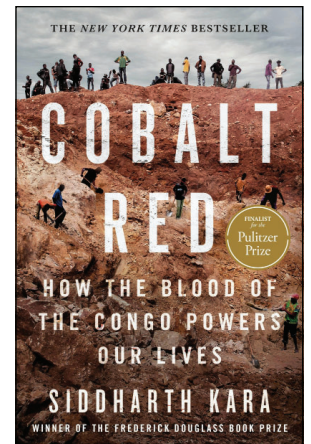
2nd Thursday of Each Month
7pm, Board Room or via Zoom

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

April 10:
Cobalt Red:
How the Blood of the Congo Powers Our Lives
by John Vaillant

May 8:
Sleeping With the Ancestors:
How I Followed the Footprints of Slavery
by Joseph McGill, Jr.

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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 Stange: 5-8pm (Stange & Bloomington)

THURSDAY

ISU Campus: 11am-1pm

(Near Kildee Food Truck Court)

Celebrate Your Library

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

In the coming days, the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation Spring appeal will land in your mailbox. If you have not made a gift to the Ames Public Library Friends Foundation lately, will you consider a gift now? Your generous support helps the Library:

- Provide free access to books, e-books, and educational materials to everyone
- Support robust early childhood literacy and outreach programs
- Offer technology and job readiness resources to help individuals succeed in an ever-changing world
- Create engaging cultural and educational programs and events that bring the community together

You can make your gift by visiting our website at <https://aplff.org/>.

This month we also celebrate National Library Week April 6-12. Two particularly special days that week are:

- **April 8: National Library Workers Day** - Tell a library staff member how much you appreciate them!
- **April 9: National Library Outreach Day** - Celebrate all the ways in which Ames Public Library meet patrons where they are, especially Smyles and our beloved Bookmobile.

Thank you for your support and friendship!

P.S. Don't miss our ribbon cutting celebrating the completion of our beautiful recarpeting project April 9!

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Ames Repair Café



Saturday, April 19, from 10am-4pm

(Items for repair must be at the Library by 3:30pm)

Ames Public Library

515 Douglas Avenue, Ames

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.)



Seed and Plant Swap (10am-2pm, Lobby)

Join the Ames Seed Library to trade and swap seeds and plants! Browse the Seed Library, bring seeds to swap or donate, and share plants to give them a second life in a new home. The City of Ames will provide free native tree saplings while supplies last.

WHAT CAN YOU BRING FOR REPAIRS?

- Computers & Laptops
- Jewelry & Accessories
- Musical Instruments
- Portable Electronics
- Sewing & Mending
- Small Home & Kitchen Appliances
- Bikes & Skateboards
- Garden Tools
- Small Engines
- Small Furniture
- Brake Light Repair (sign-up required)



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**Brake Light
Repair sign-up:**

bit.ly/AmesRepair25

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.