

## Ames Public Library's Programs for Children & Families

The regular programs listed below begin September 6 unless noted otherwise. They will NOT take place on the following:

- All holidays in which the Library is closed
- December 18, 2011 - January 8, 2012
- March 11-17, 2012

However, there will be special events such as: Holiday Specials, Winter Break Movie Matinéés, Date with Dad, Spring Break Event & Matinéés, Author Visits, and more. Watch for additional information!

### babytalk

This program is designed for pre-walkers (newborns to around one year old) and their caregivers. 20 minutes of books, songs, bounces, action rhymes, and baby sign language will stimulate your baby while you learn how to incorporate early literacy skills in your day-to-day activities together. Older siblings are welcome and may want to bring a stuffed animal. Networking with other parents and baby playtime after the program is encouraged.

**Tuesdays** 1:30pm  
**Wednesdays** 11:05am  
**Thursdays** 6:00pm

*Location: Davidson Storytelling Room*



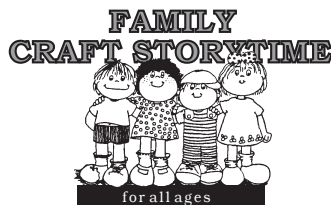
Join Dewey Bear for 20-25 active minutes of music, books, and interactive early literacy activities. This program focuses on children ages 3 and younger, accompanied by an adult caregiver.

**Mondays** 10:00am, 10:30am  
**Tuesdays** 10:00am, 10:30am, 1:00pm  
**Wednesdays** 10:00am, 10:30am

*Location: Davidson Storytelling Room*

**Thursdays** 6:30pm  
**Fridays** 9:30am

*Location: Farwell T. Brown Auditorium*



This 45-minute program consists of 30 minutes of storytime fun which builds listening, language, and literacy skills through music, rhymes, visual aids, and movement. Storytime is followed by a related craft activity that often emphasizes the process, not the finished product. Families with children of all ages are welcome to attend.

**Thursdays** 10:00am & 7:00pm  
**Fridays** 10:00am

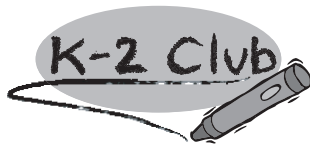
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(Family Movie Night will be held in place of Family Craft Storytime on the 3rd Thursday of each month.)



Each week this 30-minute program is the same storytime plan presented in Family Craft Storytime, only without the craft.

**Saturdays** 11:00am  
*Location: Davidson Storytelling Room*



This 45-minute program for Kindergarteners through 2nd-graders will include stories, songs, games, and activities for our younger elementary friends. K-2 Club begins in October.

**2nd and 4th Wednesday** of each month 2:45pm  
*Location: Farwell T. Brown Auditorium*

### K-2 Club Drop-in

Stop in for some self-directed fun that may include things like scavenger hunts, games, and puzzles.

**1st, 3rd, & 5th Wednesday** of each month 2:45pm  
*Location: Davidson Storytelling Room*



This 60-minute program for 3rd -5th graders will feature books, games, activities, guest presenters, and of course, lots of excitement! WoW begins in October.

**1st Wednesday** of each month 2:45pm  
*Location: Farwell T. Brown Auditorium*



Enjoy a feature length family movie and free popcorn. Family Movie Night begins in October.

**3rd Thursday** of each month 6:30pm  
*Location: Farwell T. Brown Auditorium*

### Other World Language Storytimes

These programs feature a variety of stories, songs, movies, and more presented in the following languages by native- and English-speaking volunteers.

*Location: Davidson Storytelling Room*

**Русское Чтение**  
**RUSSIAN STORYTIME**  
Every Saturday 11:45am

**한국어 이야기 시간**  
**KOREAN STORYTIME**  
1st Saturdays 1:00pm

**华夏儿童故事会**  
**CHINESE STORYTIME**  
2nd & 4th Saturdays 10:15am

**日本語のおはなし会**  
**JAPANESE STORYTIME**  
3rd Saturdays 10:15am



Looking for fun things to supplement your homeschool curriculum? Ames Public Library has numerous programs and events to help. Enjoy scavenger hunts to help navigate the nonfiction section, take a library tour, or even learn about all our resources online to help with troublesome homework problems. All events can be set up to fit your schedule. Please visit our website or ask for a brochure at the Youth Desk for more information.

### APL's Battle of the Book Clubs

Here's your chance to get a head start on reading for the Ames Public Library's Battle of the Books! Each age group will gather separately once a month to have some tasty snacks and a great discussion about the books. We'll cover the basics of each book (main characters, plot, etc). There will also be a chance to talk about what you liked or disliked. Beginning in October, book clubs will meet every month leading up to the competition.

#### 5th Grade

3rd Thursday of each month 4:00pm

#### 6th Grade

4th Wednesday of each month 4:00pm

#### 7th-8th Grade

2nd Monday of each month 4:00pm

*Location: Community Room*

*(Except for the first 7th-8th Grade BoB Club which will be held in the Davidson Storytelling Room.)*

We connect you to the world of ideas through a variety of programming for children and families.

*Why should you bring your child to Storytime at the Library?*

Storytime helps your child develop large and small motor coordination, language, listening skills, and socialization skills. In addition, regular attendance will help them develop and reinforce all aspects of the Six Early Literacy Skills that serve as a foundation for learning to read and write. They are:

#### Narrative Skills

Tell stories together, encourage pretend play, and let your child be a storyteller.

#### Letter Knowledge

Help your child find the first letter of their name in books and on street signs.

#### Print Awareness

Help your child discover how to hold a book and turn the pages.

#### Vocabulary

Teach your child the specific names of things, like vegetables in the grocery store.

#### Print Motivation

Find books that speak to your child's interests and share them often.

#### Phonological Awareness

Sing songs, play games, and share rhymes to help your child play with the sounds in words.

#### Library Hours

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| Monday - Thursday | 9:00am-9:00pm |
| Friday & Saturday | 9:00am-6:00pm |
| Sunday            | 1:00pm-5:00pm |

Questions? Stop by the Youth Desk, call (515)239-5644, email us at [youthstaff@amespubliclibrary.org](mailto:youthstaff@amespubliclibrary.org) or visit our website, [www.amespubliclibrary.org](http://www.amespubliclibrary.org).

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