

City of Ames

- December Project Highlights - 2017

Library

WOW Wall

Come check out the WOW Wall in the Library's Youth Services Department. When the library is open, kids can choose from a variety of hands-on activities and make the light display respond to the season and time of day they select. Come by at night to see the moving lights and changing colors from outside! ***Provided by the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust, Kinney-Lindstrom Foundation, and Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.***



Holiday Book Sale

Saturday and Sunday, December 2-3, Farwell T. Brown Auditorium during Library Open Hours

Shop for gently-used books to give as gifts or fill your own bookshelves! Select books will sell for half price on Sunday.

Holiday Concert Featuring *Jive for Five!*

Sunday, December 10 at 2pm, Farwell T. Brown Auditorium

Jive for Five! is a brass quintet from the Fort Dodge area that entertains with a wide variety of music from Bach to rock. Enjoy a free concert featuring unique arrangements of holiday songs ranging from traditional to contemporary. There will be a drawing for free tickets to Mannheim Steamroller at Stephens Auditorium. ***Provided in partnership with KHOI Community Radio and the Performing Arts Series at Stephens Auditorium, with support from Ames Public Library Friends Foundation.***

Christmas Carol Sing

Sunday, December 17 at 2pm, Farwell T. Brown Auditorium

Everyone is welcome to a Christmas Carol Sing at the Library. Song sheets and hymn books will be provided. You can also call out your favorite Christmas carol to sing together. Participants are

encouraged to bring a holiday snack to share after singing. ***Provided in partnership with Ames Mennonite Church and First Baptist Church.***

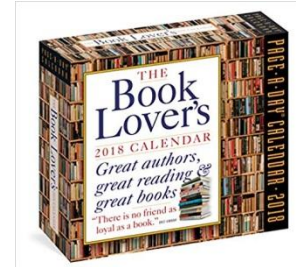
Holiday Schedule

December 18 - January 1: Bookmobile Service Suspended

Sunday and Monday, December 24-25: Library Closed

Sunday, December 31: Library OPEN 1-5pm

Monday, January 1: Library Closed



2018 Book Lover's Calendars

Enjoy a year of stellar book recommendations across all genres.

Page-a-day calendars are now on sale in the Library lobby for only \$10.

Water & Pollution Control

In December, Council will be asked to issue a Notice to Bidders for the **Low-Head Dam Modifications Project**. This project includes elements of source water protection, aquatic ecosystem improvements, in-stream safety improvements, and bank-side park amenities.



Conceptual rendering of the proposed modifications

Work on the **new Water Treatment Plant** has been slowly inching towards completion. A handful of important project elements remain unfinished, the most important of which is the plant control and reporting systems. Staff and its consulting design team continue to meet semi-weekly with the contractor to keep the project moving.

Staff anticipates releasing a Request for Proposals to install a **Distributed Antenna System** inside the new Water Treatment Plant. Building Codes require the installation of an antenna system to carry radio traffic for first responders inside large commercial and industrial facilities. The system will also carry cellular signals, something that is an essential safety element for the staff working inside the facility. The cost for the antennas, estimated at \$135,000, is included in the overall budget for the project and will be included in the State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan for the new facility.

On November 13, the bridge on 280th Street in rural Story County collapsed. This bridge, constructed in 1927, is east of the **Water Pollution Control Facility** and is the only public access route to the site. The County is still evaluating its options for restoring access for the City and for private land owners. Back in the mid-1980s, the City requested that Story County upgrade the bridge to accommodate heavy loads during construction of the WPC Facility. The County declined to make any improvements, leaving the City no choice but to construct its own private access road – including a bridge – so that construction could proceed. That private road now provides the only access to the Facility.

In the next few weeks, staff will be entering into an Engineering Services agreement with Veenstra & Kimm for the design and construction of a **replacement sanitary sewer force main**. The force main connects the lift station located on South Dayton Avenue east of Skunk River with the main outfall sewer on the west side of the river. V&K was selected following a competitive solicitation. Replacement of the force main is expected to be ready for bids in the early spring 2018.

Public Works

A Complete Streets online survey is available at <http://www.cityofames.org/government/departments-divisions-i-z/public-works/traffic/complete-streets/cs-survey-1>. The survey includes questions and exercises that were discussed during the first public open house for Complete Streets.

Housing and Community Development

Staff will be presenting for City Council's review and discussion the Developer's Agreement between the City of Ames and J-Corp. This relates to development of a mixed-income housing subdivision at 321 State Avenue. The 2017-18 CDBG Public Infrastructure Improvement Program will also be discussed at the December 19th Council meeting.