

# Ames Free Public Library eNewsletter

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## Reminder!

Wednesday, March 14, 6:30PM, Main Library  
**An Evening of American Travel**

Easton author Lori Hein-Belanger will read from her book, [Ribbons of Highway: A Mother-Child Journey Across America](#), and show slides from the 12,000 mile back road odyssey that the globetrotting writer took with her children, Adam and Dana Belanger of Easton, after September 11th.

## Museum and Park Passes Availability is Just a Click Away

Easton residents may reserve passes for several area museums. These passes are made available through the generosity of the Easton Lion's Club, Friends of the Library, and other donors. Please call or stop by either the Main Library or Branch to reserve your passes in advance, or make an online reservation by clicking [HERE](#).

Here are the passes we offer:

- [Boston Children's Museum](#) (will re-open April 2007)
- [Children's Museum in Easton](#)
- [Massachusetts ParksPass](#)
- [Museum of Fine Arts](#)
- [Museum of Science](#)
- [Plimoth Plantation](#)
- [Roger Williams Park Zoo](#)

To learn more about these passes and guidelines for use, click [HERE](#).

## National Women's History Month

*Celebrating American Women*

Each March is a celebration of the accomplishments of women throughout American history.

### Links

[The National Women's History Project \(NWHP\)](#) recognizes and celebrates the diverse and historic accomplishments of women by providing information, educational materials and programs.

[History.com](#) is affiliated with the A&E television channel, and currently includes a feature in honor of Women's History Month.

In 1969, a group of women and men of Seneca Falls created the [National Women's Hall of Fame](#), believing that the contribution of American women deserved a permanent home in the small village where it all began.

## Loan Period Changes! *New Policies Effective Now*

In response to many requests, we have changed loan periods as follows:

- All items (EXCEPT DVD's and Videos) may be borrowed for THREE weeks, with one renewal allowed.
- DVD's and Videos may be borrowed for ONE week, with one renewal allowed.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## Try out NovelList *A New Online Reader's Advisory*

[NovelList](#) is an online Reader's Advisory Service that is free with Easton Library cards.\* Find the convenient link to NovelList at the [Ames Free Library Website](#).

So what can NovelList do for you?

- Help you locate all titles in a series that are of interest to you.
- Help you find titles based on subject matter that interests you.
- Give you a list of all books that an author has written.
- Provide lists of "read alike" to help you find new authors.
- Display book jackets and sample pages of the book.
- Provide book reviews and reading guides.

*\*Home access is available only to patrons with Easton Library cards. Library access is free to all visitors!*

## Book Lovers of Easton Shows Airing Soon

Tune in to Channel 9 in Easton for Book Lovers of Easton Cable TV Show

## Books

[A History of Women in the United States: State-by-State Reference](#), edited by Doris Weatherford. R305.40973 HIST 2004

[America's Women: Four Hundred Years of Dolls, Drudges, Helpmates, and Heroines](#), by Gail Collins. 305.40973 COLL 2003

[Born For Liberty: A History of Women in America](#), by Sara M. Evans. 305.4 EVA

[Chronology of Women Worldwide: People, Places & Events That Shaped Women's History](#). R305.409 CHRON 1997

[Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation](#), by Cokie Robert. 973.3092 ROBE 2004

[I Dwell In Possibility: Women Build a Nation, 1600-1920](#), by Donna M. Lucey. 305.40973 LUCE 2001

[Ladies First: 40 Daring American Women Who Were Second to None](#), by Elizabeth Cody Kimmel. JUV REF 920.720973 KIMM 2006

[Landmarks of American Women's History](#), by Page Putnam Miller. 973.082 MILL 2003

[Lighting the Way: Nine Women Who Changed Modern America](#), by Karenna Gore Schiff. 920.720973 SCHI 2006

[The Sea Captain's Wife: a True Story of Love, Race, and War in the Nineteenth Century](#), by Martha Hodes. 306.84 HODES 2006

[Women in the Middle Ages: an Encyclopedia](#). R305.409 WOMEN 2004

[Women's Letters: America from the Revolutionary War to the Present](#), edited by Lisa Grunwald & Stephen J. Adler. 305.40973 WOME 2005

## Reference Guides to Movies *Finding the Right Movies for You or Your Family*

Whether it's finding a family-friendly movie, a decent Sci-Fi movie or drama, you'll find good advice from a movie guide. Nobody has the time or money to watch all the past and current releases. The resources below will help you avoid the "turkeys," and make movie time a truly enjoyable experience.

[Awake In the Dark: The Best of Roger Ebert](#). 791.4375 EBER 2006

[Roger Ebert's Movie Yearbook](#), by Roger Ebert. R 791.437 EBERT 2007

[The A List: The National Society of Film Critics' 100 Essential Films](#). 791.4375 CARR 2002

[The Animated Movie Guide](#), by Jerry Beck. OVERSIZE 016.4303 BECK 2005

[The Best Old Movies for Families: a Guide to Watching Together](#), by Ty Burr. ON ORDER

## Monday, March 12th, at 8PM

[Leo Landry](#), Children's Author and [Anita Silvey](#), Author of [500 Great Books for Teens](#), professor at Simmons College, and noted expert in children's literature discuss publishing trends, how successful authors write for children and get published, what children like, and the effect of the Internet and TV, and other topics.

## Monday, March 19th, at 8PM

[Wayne Potash](#), Singer and songwriter entertains and discusses his music, work with young children, and sources of his inspiration.

## Reference Books *Valuable and Unique Resources*

Although libraries such as ours are embracing a wide variety of online databases and resources, we will continue to offer both print and electronic resources for many years to come.

Printed reference books contain facts compiled from many sources and are organized for quick and easy use. They include encyclopedias; dictionaries; yearbooks; almanacs and handbooks; biographies; atlases; and indexes.

Below is a small sampling of unique and sometimes unusual reference books available at the Library.

[History of the Internet: a Chronology, 1843 to the Present](#). This book provides historical background of the various developments which led to the Internet as we know it today. R 004.678 HIST

[Gale Encyclopedia of the Unusual and Unexplained](#) by Brad Steiger. This source will satisfy the interest among students for information on topics relating to magic, witchcraft, the supernatural and other mysterious phenomena. R 130.3 STEI 2003

[The Encyclopedia of Science and Religion](#) addresses the interactions, contradictions, and tensions between science and religion, both historically and in contemporary life. R 291.175 ENCY

[How to be a Perfect Stranger: the Essential Religious Etiquette Handbook](#). A handy source when you are about to attend an unfamiliar wedding or other life-cycle event within a faith, or if you are simply going to be a guest at a particular religion's worship service. R 291.380973 HOW 2003

[Encyclopedia of Money](#), by Larry Allen. Alphabetically arranged entries cover the many forms that money has assumed throughout history and people's attitudes about money. Did you know (probably not..) that large stone wheels called fei serve as currency on the island of Yap? R 332.403 ALLEN 1999

[The Value of a Dollar: Prices and Incomes in the United States](#). Theater Tickets in 1877 would cost somewhere in the range of \$.40 to \$1.50. This is a book about what things have cost, and how much money people have made in order to buy them. R 338.52 DERKS 1999

[Failed Technology: True Stories of Technological](#)

[Great American Playwrights on the Screen: Critical Guide to Film, TV, Video, and DVD](#), by Jerry Roberts. 791.436 ROBE 2003

[The Rough Guide to Cult Movies](#). R 791.4375 ROUGH 2004

[The Village Voice Film Guide: 50 Years of Movies from Classics to Cult Hits](#), edited by Dennis Lim. 791.4375 VILL 2007 NEWNONFIC

[Who is That?: The Late Late Viewers Guide to the Old Old Movie Players](#), by Warren B. Meyers. 791.43 MEYE 1982

[Disaster](#). Entries include the Ford Pinto, Hindenburg, Love Canal, MGM Grand Hotel Fire, Three Mile Island reactor, and of course, the infamous Titanic. JUV REF 620.20 FREI

[CD's, Superglue, and Salsa: How Everyday Products are Made](#), provides information on the invention, manufacturing, and future uses of thirty common high-interest products. JUV REF 670 CDS. Also see [How Products are Made: an Illustrated Guide to Product Manufacturing](#). R 670 HOW (1994-02 7 vols.)

[The Rough Guide to Cult Fiction](#). Wikipedia defines cult fiction as "books that tend to attract a cult following including banned books, transgressive fiction, controversial books, erotic literature and genre fiction." You can find lists of these books here. R823.009 ROUGH 2005

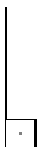
[Great Misadventures: Bad Ideas That Led to Big Disasters](#), by Peggy Saari. Tells of adventures gone wrong, such as Alexander the Great's trek across the Gedrosia Desert that cost the lives of hundreds of men, women and children or the fatal attempts to climb Mount Everest in 1996. R JUV 904 GREA (1999, 4 Vols.)

[Susan B. Anthony Slept Here: A Guide to American Women's Landmarks](#), by Lynn Sherr. A travel guide through towns, cities, and states, packed with facts about the role women have played in shaping U.S. history. R 973.082 SHERR

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