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Please join us on Saturday, February 27th, from 12 pm to 4 pm, for a fun-filled Open House, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, to honor the newly renovated Ames Free Library.

Learn about all the changes, commune with old friends, and revel in the beauty and accessibility of your re-designed library!

#### Upcoming Events

##### **Book Club Rescheduled from 2/10**

Lush Life by Richard Price  
 Wednesday February 17th  
 1:30 pm  
 Main Reading Room

##### **Wednesday Tax Series!**

February 17th, 24th, and March 10th  
 6:00 pm  
 Main Reading Room

##### **Music Together Demo (6 mos. - 3 yrs)**

Friday February 19th, 2010  
 10:30 am  
 Children's Room

##### **Wild Night Life Show**

**New Ames Free Library Website**  
[www.amesfreelibrary.org](http://www.amesfreelibrary.org)

Wednesday February 17th  
2:00 pm  
Oakes Ames Hall

**Tweens Book Club for Grades 4 - 6**

Tuesday March 9th  
6:30 - 7:30 pm  
Children's Room

[Eventkeeper Calendar](#) for all Events

**Just in Time for Tax Season**

*H&R Block Specialist Michael Lemke*

**Wednesday Tax Series With Michael Lemke**



Feb. 17th, 24th, & March 10th  
Starts at 6:00 pm  
Main Reading Room, First Floor  
53 Main Street

Feb. 17th, 6 - 7:00 pm  
Saving for Higher Education and Related Tax Credits

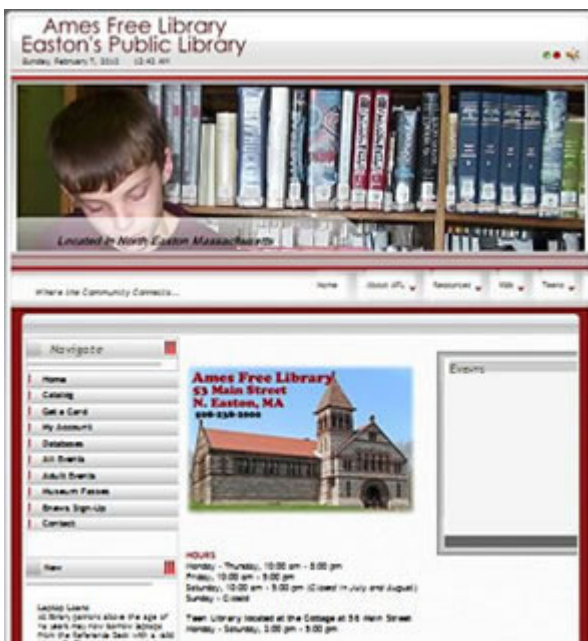
How can one save for children's college education these days? There will be a discussion of tax credits available, the financial aid process, and how to apply for scholarships.

Feb. 24th, 6 - 7:00 pm  
Being a Homeowner

Ideal for both first-time home buyers and homeowners. Credits for energy efficient improvements and purchases, and an introduction to Schedule A- Itemized Deductions will be presented. We also touch on selling your home.

March 10th, 6 - 7:45 pm  
Understanding Personal and Small Business Taxation

Credits, Tax Savings Strategies, and



You may have noticed the new look of the Library website. We hope you will find it more user friendly. Enhancements include:

- Important news and services easily found on the homepage
- Sidebar navigation and useful drop-down menus
- Sections specifically targeted for children and young adults
- Handy scroller on homepage of current happenings and events

Your comments and suggestions are welcome as we constantly seek to improve services and improve the navigation of the website. Please visit the [new site](#) and tell us what you think.

**Two New Museum Passes**



The Friends of the Ames Free Library have dedicated passes for Institute of Contemporary Art and Battleship Cove to the Museum Pass Program.

[Battleship Cove](#), located in Fall River, Massachusetts, is a nonprofit maritime museum and war memorial that traces its

Retirement Planning- What do individuals and small business owners need to know to save on taxes and how to use tax deferred savings accounts like IRAs, employer provided 401K plans, and other retirement vehicles. Plenty of time is provided for questions.

### New in the Children's Room

*Paintings Donated by Artist Ines Smrz*



Next time you are in the library, take a few moments to examine the exotic jungle themed paintings in the Children's Room donated by artist [Ines Smrz](#).

To quote Ines:

"These days, compliments on the new paintings in the Children's section of the Ames Library are generally followed by the question of why I decided to gift these two large paintings.

The simple answer is the paintings found their home.

Read the [article](#).

origins to the wartime crew of the World War II battleship USS Massachusetts.

[The Institute of Contemporary Art](#) (ICA) is an art museum and exhibition space located on the Boston waterfront. The exciting new modern museum with galleries that overhang the harbor was founded in 1936 with a mission to exhibit contemporary art.

For more information about these passes and all the available passes, please see [Eventkeeper](#).

### Laptop Loans

*Library Use Only*

Stuck without a computer? Make use of the two new wireless laptops now available at the library.



The laptops are checked out to patrons who are over the age of 16, and are able to provide a drivers license or photo identification. They are operational only within the Main Reading room and the Fireplace Room of the library.

### Library Cards For Teachers

*Easton Schools*

Teachers in Easton are invited to register for a "teacher card," to be used for curriculum related books for their classes. The cards allow a 6 week loan period instead of the usual 3 weeks. Cards are good for 12 months and may only be used at the issuing library. Please call for more details.



Thank you for reading this edition of the library eNewsletter. Any questions or comments should be addressed to our [email](#) or call 508-238-2000.