

John H. Ames Reading Series
40 Years and 230+ Readings by Nebraska Authors!

In date order

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Program #	Names	Date of Reading
1	Catherine Kidwell	06/20/1985
2	Mordecai Marcus	07/18/85
3	Chuck Jagoda	10/24/85
4	Kathleene West	11/21/85
5	William Kloefkorn	12/19/85
6	Virginia Gilbert	01/16/86
7	Carol Ann Russell	02/13/86
8	Art Homer	03/27/86
9	Dwight Marsh	04/24/86
10	Michael Zangari	06/19/86
11	Fred Zydek	07/17/86
12	Susan Strayer Deal	09/25/86
13	Marcia Southwick	10/23/86
14	Ted Kooser	11/20/86
15	Peg Sheldrick	12/18/86
16	Richard Duggin	01/15/87
17	Barbara Schmitz	02/19/87
18	Trish Murphy	03/19/87
19	Lorraine Duggin (held at YWCA)	04/16/87
20	John McNamara	06/18/87
21	Stephen Behrendt	07/16/87
22	Sally Herrin	09/17/87
23	Anne Bardens	10/15/87
24	Mark Sanders	11/19/87
25	Judith Nelson	12/17/87
26	Calvin Miller	01/21/88
27	Kim Wheeler	02/18/88
28	Georgia Robertson	03/10/88
29	Twyla Hansen	04/21/88
30	John Stevens Berry	05/19/88
31	Karen Mockler	06/16/88
32	Charles Flowerday	09/15/88
33	Glenna Luschei	10/20/88
34	David McCleery	11/17/88
35	Joletta Alice	12/15/88
36	Tamora Whitney	01/19/89
37	Ella Robinson	02/16/89
38	Nancy Peters Hastings	03/16/89
39	Erin Belieu	04/20/89

40	Kent Haruf	05/18/89
41	Miriam Ben-Yaacov	09/21/89
42	Greg Kosmicki	11/16/89 (no video)
43	John Phillips Palmer	12/14/89
44	Clay Walker/ David McCleery	01/18/90
45	Terry Oberst	02/15/90
46	William Kloefkorn	03/15/90
47	Timothy Houghton	04/19/90
48	Les Whipp	05/17/90
49	Stephen Behrendt	09/20/90
50	Fran Reinehr	10/18/90
51	Herb Hyde	11/15/90
52	Greg Kuzma	12/13/90 (no video)
53	Nancy McCleery	01/17/91
54	Tom Adamson	02/21/91
55	Evelyn Haller	03/21/91
56	Kate Cavanaugh	04/18/91
57	Don Welch	05/16/91
58	Robert Schenck	09/19/91
59	Helen Crosswait	10/17/91
60	Roy Scheele	11/21/91
61	Marcia Southwick	01/16/92
62	Charlene Neely	02/20/92
63	Frederick Luebke	03/19/92
64	Sally Herrin	04/16/92
65	Fred Zydek	05/21/92
66	Ruth Thone	09/17/92
67	Jim Fargher	10/15/92
68	Tamora Whitney	11/19/92
69	Marge Saiser	12/17/92
70	Claire Mattern (poetry of) By Carren Miller	01/20/93
71	Susanne George	02/18/93
72	Robert Reed	03/18/93
73	Joan Rossiter Burney	04/15/93
74	Twyla Hansen	05/20/93
75	Amil Quayle	09/16/93
76	M. K. Lorens	10/21/93
77	Ronald Piggee	11/18/93
78	Tom Adamson	01/20/94
79	Helen Winter Stauffer	02/17/94
80	Nancy McCleery	03/17/94
81	Susan Strayer Deal	04/21/94
82	Otto Rosfeld	09/15/94
83	Jim Cihlar	10/20/94
84	Marilyn Dorf	11/17/94
85	James Reed	01/19/95
86	Cheryl St. John	02/26/95
87	Clarence Davis	03/16/95

88	Fred Murray	04/20/95
89	Lenore Castillo	09/21/95
90	Betty Stevens	10/19/95
91	Mignon Eberhart (Barbara Rix & Lila McVay)	11/16/95
92	Marly Swick	02/15/96
93	Irene Rose Gray	03/21/96
94	Marion Marsh Brown	04/18/96
95	Joe Starita	05/16/96
96	Robert McEwen	09/19/96
97	Paul Johnsgard	11/21/96
98	John Sorensen	01/16/97 (no video)
99	Carol Miles Petersen	02/20/97
100	Stephanie Whitson	03/20/97
101	Lela Knox Shanks	04/17/97
102	Hilda Raz	09/18/97
103	John Janovy	10/16/97
104	Charlyne Berens	11/20/97
105	Ruth Thone	01/15/98
106	Victoria Alexander	02/19/98
107	Art Homer	03/19/98
108	JV Brummels	04/16/98
109	Terri Brown Davidson	09/17/98
110	Roy Scheele	10/15/98
111	Barbara Schmitz	11/19/98
112	Ron Block	02/18/99
113	Neil Harrison	03/18/99
114	PlainSense of Things with Twyla Hansen, Ted Kooser, Marge Saiser and Roy Scheele	04/15/99
115	Hobe Hays	09/16/99
116	Marge Saiser	10/21/99
117	Robert Reed	11/18/99
118	Paul Eggers	01/20/2000
119	Jim Reese	02/17/00
120	David Wishart	03/16/00
121	Karen Shoemaker	04/20/00
122	Barbara Jones	09/21/00
123	Judith Slater	10/19/00
124	Susan Rosowski	11/16/00
125	Jonis Agee	01/18/01
126	Constance Merritt	02/15/01
127	Greg Kosmicki	03/15/01
128	Lucy Adkins, Sarah Fairchild, Robert King	04/19/01*
129	Mary K. Stillwell	09/20/01
130	Grace Bauer	10/18/01
131	Richard Kimbrough	11/15/01
132	Ruth Thone	01/17/02
133	Roy Scheele	02/21/02

134	David Bristow	03/21/02
135	Richard Dooling	04/18/02
136	Steve Langan	09/19/02
137	Christine Pappas	10/17/02
138	Nancy McCleery	11/14/02
139	Steve Buhler	01/16/03
140	Hilda Raz	02/20/03
141	Timothy Schaffert	03/20/03
142	Twyla Hansen	04/17/03
143	Marge Saiser	09/18/03
144	Marilyn Dorf	10/16/03
145	William Kloefkorn	11/13/03
146	Lisa Knopp	01/15/04
147	Brent Spencer	02/19/04
148	Paul Johnsgard	03/18/04
149	Kathleene West	04/15/04
150	Robert McEwen	09/16/04
151	Lucy Adkins	10/21/04
152	Don Welch	11/18/04
153	Karen Shoemaker	01/20/05
154	David Gardiner	03/17/05
155	Julie Kaewert	04/28/05
156	Charles Fort	09/15/05
157	Pam Barger	10/20/05
158	James Solheim	11/17/05
159	Shirley Maly	01/19/06
160	Robert Reed	02/16/06
161	Susanne George Bloomfield	03/16/06
162	Ladette Randolph	04/20/06
163	Joy Carol	09/21/06
164	Alex Kava	10/19/06
165	Bill Kloefkorn, Carlos Frey	11/16/06
166	Kelly Madigan Erlandson	01/18/07
167	Rajeane Luebs Shepherd	02/15/07
168	Betty Levitov	03/15/07
169	Ladette Randolph, Joe Starita, John Price, Lisa Knopp	04/19/07
170	Twyla Hansen, Paul Johnsgard	09/20/07
171	Charlotte Hogg	10/18/07
172	Greg Kosmicki	11/15/07
173	Matt Mason	1/17/08
174	Rajeane Luebs Shepherd	2/21/08
175	Ted Kooser	3/20/08
176	Sean Doolittle	4/17/08

Due to library closing at 6pm each evening, Ames Reading Series was moved to Sundays, 2pm.

177	Bill Kloefkorn	9/21/08
178	Susan and John Wunder	10/19/08

179	Mary Elizabeth Anderson	11/16/08
180	Robert McEwen	1/18/09
181	Stephanie Grace Whitson	2/15/09
182	Joe Starita	4/19/09
183	Harley Jane Kozak	5/17/09
184	Amelia Montes	9/20/09
185	Amil Quayle	10/18/09
186	Jeff Barnes	11/15/09
187	Michael Forsberg	1/17/10
188	N.L. Sharp	2/21/10
189	Dominique Garay, Oscar Rios	3/21/10
190	Hilda Raz	4/18/10
191	Rick Cypert	9/19/10
192	Glenna Luschei	10/17/10
193	Joseph Wydeven	11/21/10
194	Sarah Fairchild, John Philip Johnson, Mary K. Stillwell, Rex Walton	1/16/11
195	John Janovy	2/20/11
196	Brent Spencer	3/20/11
197	James Cihlar	4/17/11

At this point, programs were added to 5City TV's "Video on Demand" & YouTube

198	Roger Aden	9/18/11
199	Marge Saiser	10/16/11
200	Ted Kooser	11/20/11
201	Sarah McKinstry-Brown	1/15/12
202	Susan Grace Dittman	2/29/12
203	Paul Dickey	3/18/12
204	Mary Helen Stefaniak	4/15/12
205	Lou Leviticus	10/21/12
206	Kwame Dawes	4/14/13
207	Lucy Adkins, Becky Breed, Lisa Knopp, Marjorie Saiser, Mary K. Stillwell	10/20/13
208	Stephanie Whitson, Karen Shoemaker, Helen Waring Johnson, Andrew Jewell, Twyla Hansen	3/30/14
209	Linda Battisti & John Stevens Berry	10/19/14
210	Ron Hull & Leta Powell Drake	2/15/15
211	Lydia Kang & Tonya Kuper	
212	Steve Langan, Bradford Tice, Laura Madeline Wiseman	3/13/16
213	Jonis Agee, Anna Monardo, Ladette Randolph, Timothy Schaffert, Karen Shoemaker	10/23/16
214	J.V. Brummels, Jim Cihlar, Cat Dixon, Twyla Hansen, Greg Kosmicki, Greg Kuzma, Glenna Luschei, Sarah McKinstry Brown, Marjorie Saiser, Daniel Simon, Mary K. Stillwell	4/2/17
215	Pamela Barger, Alan Boye, John Janovy Jr., Paul Johnsgard, Mary Pipher, Barbara Schmitz	10/8/17

216	Gerry Cox, Charlene Neely, Heidi Hermanson, Mary Stillwell	4/20/18
217	Joel Green (or Sarah Dale & Ellie Piersol)	October 2018
218	Sarah Dale & Ellie Piersol (or Joel Green)	3/31/19
219	Jeff Korbelik	4/25/19
220	Matt Mason & Stacey Waite	9/22/19
221	Terese Svoboda	10/27/19
222	Dirk Chatelain	2/2/20
223	Ted Wheeler (filmed only)	9/24/20
224	Hilda Raz & Grace Bauer (Zoom)	10/24/21
225	Chris Harding Thornton (Zoom)	3/6/22
226	Tosca Lee	10/22/23
227	Prairie Trout Writing Group	5/21/23
228	Joy Castro	10/22/23
229	Kelly Weber & Julie Paschold	4/18/24
230	Lisa Clonch Tschauner	10/13/24
231	Global Journeys: New Nebraska Stories (collaboration with Lincoln Welcoming Week)	09/21/25
232	Bob Hall & Richard Graham	9/28/25
233	Allison Bitz & Alena Bruzas	10/26/25