

This Month at The Urbana Free Library

Rendering of library expansion by Ray Lytle.

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'Tis the Season

When the holidays approach, one perpetual question looms in everyone's mind—what to give? In this edition of *This Month at The Urbana Free Library* we'll provide you with gift-giving suggestions for friends, for family, or that hard-to-buy-for person you may know. Whether you're crafty enough to create your gifts or searching for something unique to purchase, your library can offer a bevy of giftable ideas.

- From the basics of knitting to baking gingerbread, your library has an extensive collection of craft and cookery books to help from concept to creation of almost any holiday gift or treat.
- The library's **Latté Da!** coffee shop is the spot to find library gear. UFL tote bags, T-shirts, note cards—gifts guaranteed to put a smile on the face of the library lover in your life.
- Why not give someone a **Latté Da!** gift card? It's the perfect gift for anyone who frequently visits The UFL and loves coffee, tea, or smoothies. And, it never goes out of style.
- Also found at **Latté Da!**—a selection of gently used books for sale from the Friends of The Urbana Free Library. Prices begin at \$2—what a bargain!

Staying in town for the holidays? Drop by and browse through the library's collection of movies, music, and books—many of them holiday-themed to help put you in the spirit of the season. If your holiday plans include houseguests, why not share your favorite library with them? We have numerous events for everyone to attend, including our monthly **UFLive!** concert and regular children's programs, such as **Babies' Lap Time** and **Preschool Tales**.

For a complete schedule and description of all events during the month of December, visit urbanafreelibrary.org and view the library's online events calendar.



Give the Gift of Reading to a Non-resident

Still trying to think of a holiday gift for an avid reader, music fan, or movie buff who would love to use the library, but who lives outside of The Urbana Free Library's taxing district? Your search is over! Purchase a non-resident card and give a gift that will bring hours of enjoyment and will keep on giving throughout the year.

Your gift will entitle all members of a household to library cards—great for families! Non-resident cards may be purchased for one year or four months. We will also provide you with a gift letter to present to the new library cardholders notifying them of your generous gift.

To learn more about how to purchase a gift non-resident card, contact Circulation Services at 367-4057 or stop by the circulation desk.

This Month's Events

Art gallery – Framed prints provided by **Heartland Gallery**.

Exhibit Case - Displayed art provided by **Heartland Gallery, Cinema Gallery, and International Galleries**.

2 (Tu) - Girl Talk. Friends, music, and lots of girl talk for junior and high school girls. Lewis Auditorium. 6:00-7:30 p.m.

2 (Tu) - Friends of The Urbana Free Library. Monthly meeting. Satterthwaite Conference Room. 7:00-8:30 p.m.

7 (Su) - Dinette Set 20th Anniversary. Book signing and chat with author Julie Larson. Busey-Mills Reading Room. 1:30-3:00 p.m.

9 (Tu) - Urbana Free Library Board of Trustees. Monthly meeting. Archives. 7:30-9:00 p.m.

10 (W) - Research Night at the Archives. Archives. 6:00-8:45 p.m.

21 (Su) - New Orleans Jazz Machine. Get in the holiday spirit with Carl Johnson and friends. **UFLive!** concert series. Lewis Auditorium. 2:00-3:30 p.m.

24 - 25 (We - Th) - Library Closed for Christmas Holiday.

31 (W) - Library closes at 6:00 p.m. for New Year's Eve.

January

1 (Th) - Library closed for New Year's Day.

For a complete schedule and description of programs for children, pick up a copy of our **Children's Events** monthly calendar. For a complete schedule of all current and upcoming events at The Urbana Free Library, visit urbanafreelibrary.org and view the library's online events calendar.

Give the Gift of Program FUN!

The library is looking for donations of equipment to support our very popular adult and children's programs. If you have any of the following items, and would like to donate them to the library, please contact Adult Services at 367-4405 or Children's Services at 367-4069. We are specifically looking for:

- A large-screen TV
- A portable projector screen
- Good-quality Xbox game controllers
- Xbox games
- A digital camcorder
- LCD projector
- Portable CD player

Many Thanks...

...To the City of Urbana's Landscape Recycling Center for their generous donation of wood chips for the grounds and flowerbeds around the library.



Carl Johnson and **New Orleans Jazz Machine** will help everyone jazz up their holiday at **UFLive!** on Sunday, December 21, from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Give the Gift of Local History

The Champaign County Historical Archives has a number of publications for sale that make excellent gifts. Among these are:

- ***The Combined 1893, 1913 and 1929 Atlases of Champaign County, Illinois.*** A hardbound reprint of all three scarce plat book atlases, complete with an every-name index by Archives volunteers and staff. Third edition. \$45.
- ***From Salt Fork to Chickamauga: Champaign County Soldiers in the Civil War.*** Robert Behrens's book has sufficient detail to allow you to trace the history of anyone who served in a Champaign County unit. \$45.
- ***Ivesdale, A Photographic Essay,*** by Raymond Bial. The first of this local author's books of photographs, and only a few left at \$12.
- ***Stopping By: Portraits From Small Towns.*** A photographic essay of small-town life in central Illinois by local author, Raymond Bial.
- ***Upon a Quiet Landscape: The Photographs of Frank Sadorus.*** Only a handful of copies remain of this widely reviewed book. \$18.
- Reprints of Alexander Bowman's 1858 map of Urbana and West Urbana and his 1863 map of Champaign County. \$6 each.

For more information, stop by the Archives desk or call 367-4025.



Here come Santa's Reindogs! Kids can practice their reading skills and get close to some furry friends at a very special **Holiday Read to the Dogs** from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9. Call 367-4069 for information and to register.

LIBRARY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Circulation (renewals)	367-4057
Adult Reference Desk	367-4405
Children's Question Desk	367-4069
Champaign Co. Historical Archives	367-4025
Administration	367-4058
TTY for hearing-impaired	367-4405

WEBSITE & ONLINE CATALOG

urbanafreelibrary.org

LIBRARY HOURS

Adult and Children's Services

9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Friday - Saturday
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Sunday

Champaign County Historical Archives

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Monday - Saturday
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Sunday



Library Gift Ideas

UFL "Tortoise and Hare" t-shirts	\$6 - \$10
UFL insulated mugs	\$8
UFL tote bags	\$10
UFL note cards	\$10 / pkg
Urbana's 175th Birthday Commemorative Calendar	\$5 - \$7
Latte Da! gift cards	(any amount)
Latte Da! gift baskets	(amounts vary)
Friends membership	\$10
Library card for a non-resident	(amounts vary)
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows book (limited supply)	\$20
Inscribed brick in Cherry Alley	\$125
"Ibidem" bronze miniature	\$400



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Look what Keran found at The UFL!

Keran points to her engraved brick paver, which was installed in Cherry Alley in 2005. Hired in 1998, Keran has worked in Circulation Services and is now Manager of the library's Acquisitions Department.

Give a Lasting Gift - Personalize a Paver

If you've walked through Cherry Alley, located south of the library's Green Street entrance, you've likely noticed the engraved brick pavers. The pavers are part of the Cherry Alley Project, a fund-raising initiative of The Urbana Free Library Foundation. The proceeds from this ongoing project are used for the purchase of art and other enhancements to the library.

A gift of only \$125 entitles you to personalize one of the Cherry Alley pavers. What a perfect way to make your family, friends, and loved ones a permanent part of your library and share the fun of seeing your inscription every time you visit! New bricks are installed on Cherry Alley every spring and fall, as long as space remains. Deadlines are March 1 for the spring installation and Labor Day for the fall installation. They make a one-of-a-kind gift for anniversaries, birthdays, graduations, and the holidays.

For more information about the engraved pavers, contact the library at foundation@tufl.info or call the Administrative Offices at 367-4058.



THE URBANA FREE LIBRARY FOUNDATION

210 West Green Street • Urbana, Illinois 61801 • 217-367-4057 • foundation@tufl.info

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Brick Order:

Enclosed is my donation in the amount of: \$ 125 per brick
SPECIAL 5 for 5 discount \$ 500 for five bricks!

Brick Inscription: Three lines centered with 13 characters per line, including spaces and punctuation. *The library reserves the right to approve inscriptions.*

Sculpture Order:

Enclosed is my payment of \$400 for a cast bronze miniature of the new Cecilia Allen sculpture.



Donations to the Arts at UFL:

Enclosed is my donation enclosed in the amount of \$ _____ for:

- Musical performances Art
 Landscaping No preference

Donations for Planned Giving:

I would like to receive information about remembering the Library in my will and/or other forms of planned giving.

IMPORTANT: Check if you do NOT want your name/gift printed in Library or Foundation publications.

Make checks payable to: **The Urbana Free Library Foundation**

The Urbana Free Library Foundation is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization. Your gift is tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. Additional forms are available in the library or on our website at urbanafreelibrary.org/support_ufl/foundation

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Unless noted, all events take place in the Lewis Auditorium.
Registration is not required for any of these free programs.

Children's Services Library Hours:
210 W. Green St., Urbana, Illinois Monday - Thursday: 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
217.367.4069 Friday - Saturday: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.
urbanafreelibrary.org Sunday: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Events for children and families at The Urbana Free Library

BABIES' LAP TIME

Tuesdays, December 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30
9:45 - 10:15 a.m.
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

For children ages birth to 24 months with an adult

Join us for rhymes, music, and games for the youngest of our library patrons.

BABIES' LAP TIME: Moonlight Edition

Wednesday, December 3
Monday, December 15
6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

For children from birth to 24 months with an adult

Join us in the evening for a special night time Babies' Lap Time - we call it our "Moonlight Edition."

PRESCHOOL TALES

Thursdays, December 4, 11, and, 18
9:45 - 10:15 a.m.

For preschool children and their families

In this multimedia storytime, books, stories, songs, and more are all part of the fun!

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Closed all day:
December 24 & 25

Close at 6 p.m. December 31
Closed all day: January 1

GINGERBREAD

Saturday, December 6
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.
For children of all ages, 7 and under with an adult

Run, run as fast as you can to the Urbana Free Library for a program about gingerbread. We will have songs, stories, a gingerbread craft, and a gingerbread snack.

CHESS CLUB FOR KIDS

Saturdays, December 6, 13, 20, and 27
4:00 - 5:45 p.m.

For children who play chess

HOLIDAY READ TO THE DOGS

Tuesday, December 9
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
For children in grades K - 5
Registration begins immediately

Ruff! Don't miss your chance to read to some furry four-footed friends with the volunteers from "Canine Connection." Come join us if you are learning to read, practicing your reading skills, or just love reading to an audience. School-age children, both pre-readers and readers, will have a the opportunity to read and do some dog-related activities with the Champaign County Humane Society.

TODDLER TIME: Winter Animals

Wednesday, December 10
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.
For children ages 2 - 4 with an adult

Cuddle up with Mom or Dad while you listen to stories and sing songs about animals in winter. You will also create a warm winter craft that you can take home.

WRITE ON!: Creative Writing Workshop

Thursday, December 11
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

For children in grade 3 and up
Registration begins immediately

Sharpen your pencil and come to an afternoon workshop to focus on the craft of writing with librarian Elaine Bearden. This month we will create our own magnetic poetry to take home or give as a gift.

SPANISH STORY TIME in Megan's Reading Room

Saturday, December 13
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
For families

Hola! Join us for stories, songs, and activities in English and Spanish. This event is cosponsored by the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies at the University of Illinois.

CANDY CHRISTMAS TREES

Saturday, December 13
11:00 - 11:45 a.m.
For children of all ages, 7 and under with an adult

Join us for stories and songs about Christmas trees and make your own delicious candy Christmas tree to take home.

WEDNESDAY Wii

Wednesday,
December 17
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
For children in
grades 2 - 5

Come join the Wii generation Wednesday afternoon for Wii sports, games, and more!



MIDDLE EAST STORY TIME in Megan's Reading Room

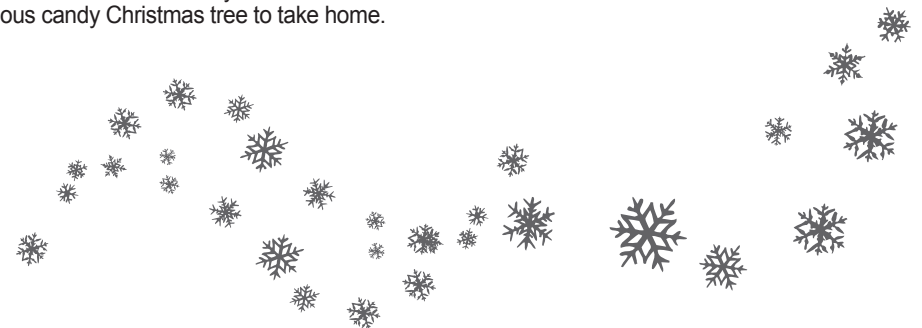
Saturday, December 20
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
For families

Join Angela Williams of the Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies for a Middle East Story Time with activities, music, and stories.

PRESCHOOL TALES: Starlight Edition



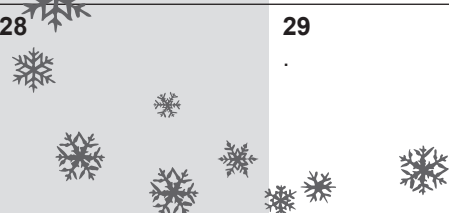

Monday, December 22
6:30 - 7:00 p.m.
For preschool children and their families

If you want to take your child to storytime, but are unable to come in the daytime, this is a wonderful opportunity to participate.



CHILDREN'S EVENTS

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Babies' Lap Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	3 Babies' Lap Time: Moonlight Edition 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.	4 Preschool Tales 9:45 - 10:15 a.m.	5	6 Gingerbread 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Chess Club for Kids 4:00 - 5:45 p.m.
	7	9 Babies' Lap Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Holiday Read to the Dogs 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	10 Toddler Time: Winter Animals 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	11 Preschool Tales 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. Write on!* 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	12	13 Candy Christmas Trees 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. Spanish Story Time 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Chess Club for Kids 4:00 - 5:45 p.m.
14	15 Babies' Lap Time: Moonlight Edition 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.	16 Babies' Lap Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	17 Wednesday Wii 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	18 Preschool Tales 9:45 - 10:15 a.m.	19	20 Middle East Story Time 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Chess Club for Kids 4:00 - 5:45 p.m.
21 	22 Preschool Tales: Starlight Edition 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.	23 Babies' Lap Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	24 LIBRARY CLOSED Christmas Eve	25 LIBRARY CLOSED Christmas Day	26	27 Chess Club for Kids 4:00 - 5:45 p.m.
28 	29 .	30 Babies' Lap Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	31 LIBRARY CLOSSES at 6:00 p.m.	1 January LIBRARY CLOSSES New Year's Day		

* registration required

For detailed information on these programs, see back.