

This Month at The Urbana Free Library

Rendering of library expansion by Ray Lytle.

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In Megan's Garden

Thanks to the generosity of Glenna Dean Spitze and the imaginative artistry of Glen C. Davies (*pictured right*), visitors to the library can now enjoy the vibrant blooms of spring 365 days a year.

Megan's Garden, which can be viewed from the north windows of Children's Services on the ground floor, is the library's second mural created in memory of Megan Haines Spitze (*pictured below*), by local artist Glen C. Davies. Delightful and enchanting, this personal tribute portrays colorful flowers, woodland creatures, several of Megan's treasured toys, and some familiar toys found in the children's play area of the library. **Megan's Garden** is a wonderful companion to the mural that welcomes children to **Megan's Reading Room**, also painted by Glen C. Davies and made possible by a gift from Robert Spitze, Hazel Taylor Spitze (*see article on page 3*), Glenna Dean Spitze, and Christopher Taylor Franklin.



Megan's Tea Party

Sunday, October 4
2:00 - 2:45 p.m.
Lewis Auditorium

Let's have a tea party! Come help the library celebrate the completion of the **Megan's Garden** mural, created by Glen C. Davies, at a fanciful tea party. You're welcome to arrive dressed up (if you so desire) and enjoy crafts, music, treats, and tea, of course! After the party, you can view **Megan's Garden** through the windows in Children's Services. How many colorful toys and woodland creatures will you spy?

Megan's Tea Party is for children of all ages, seven and under with an adult.



This Month's Events

Library Gallery – Framed prints provided by downtown Urbana galleries.

Exhibit Case – Display by the C-U Spinners and Weavers Guild.

1, 8, 15, 22, 29

(Th) - **Champaign County Historical Archives Workshop Series: Introduction to Genealogy.** Jean Evans Archives Room. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

3 (Sa) - **Urbana Free Library Staff at the Market at the Square.** Free balloons, stories, and smiles. Lincoln Square. 7:30-11:30 a.m.

3 (Sa) - **Master Drummer Bolokada Conde.** Traditional West African drumming performance and instruction. Lewis Auditorium. 1:00-2:30 p.m.

6 (Tu) - **Champaign County Lincoln Exhibits Committee.** Meeting. Satterthwaite Conference Room. 4:30-6:00 p.m.

6 (Tu) - **Girl Talk.** Fun and educational opportunities for teen girls co-sponsored by the University of Illinois Extension. Lewis Auditorium. 6:00-7:30 p.m.

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

7, 14, 21, 28

(We) - **Film Crew @ The Urbana Free Library.** We provide the cameras and the training to help teens create a film. Lewis Auditorium. 3:00-4:45 p.m.

8 (Th) - **Champaign County Lincoln Bicentennial Commission.** Meeting. Satterthwaite Conference Room. 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

10 (Sa) - **Champaign County Historical Archives Workshop Series: Why Did My Ancestor Do That?** For registration information, contact the Champaign County Historical Archives at 367-4025. Lewis Auditorium. 10:00 a.m.-Noon.

12 (Mo) - **Girl Talk.** Video production workshop. Lewis Auditorium. 3:30-6:15 p.m.

13 (Tu) - **Moving Perspectives: Approaches to Understanding Water through Geology, Environment, Art & Society.** A Mahomet Aquifer Project panel discussion. Lewis Auditorium. 7:00-8:30 p.m.

13 (Tu) - **Champaign County Genealogical Society.** Monthly meeting. Jean Evans Archives Room. 7:00-8:45 p.m.

13 (Tu) - **Urbana Free Library Board of Trustees.** Monthly meeting. Satterthwaite Conference Room. 7:30-9:00 p.m.

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New @ Your Library... the MyMediaMall Download Station

Here's some great news for folks who've been dying to try out the library's **MyMediaMall** service, but don't have a computer or have a slow Internet connection. Your library now has a **MyMediaMall** download station set up where you can download audiobooks, eBooks, and videos directly to your laptop or portable device.

MyMediaMall is also available 24/7 from the convenience of your home, your office, or anywhere in the world – now your library never closes!

With hundreds of popular and classic titles to select from, **My Media Mall** has something for everyone. With a digital collection that is nearing 8,000 and growing, and titles that are automatically returned at the end of the lending period (no late fees!)—how can you resist? All you need is a valid library card and a computer.

For more information about **MyMediaMall**, stop by Adult Services or call 367-4405.

Summer Reading Wrap-up

READ
ON THE
WILD SIDE!



To all those eager readers who participated in the 2009 Summer Reading Program, The Urbana Free Library wants to give you enthusiastic thumbs up! This year, 1,163 children and teens signed up for **Read on the Wild Side** and **Summer Reading @ the Movies** and read 15,890 books. This is a UFL summer reading all-time record – Congratulations!

The Urbana Free Library would like to thank the Friends of The Urbana Free Library and all of the local sponsors who provided book incentives and prizes for this year's summer reading program. Your support of the library and the literacy of local teens and children is greatly appreciated.



Summer Book Sale Results

The Friends of The Urbana Free Library Summer Book Sale raised \$7,605.42 for the purchase of new books for the library collection and for reading programs. Thanks to the Friends and to all those who attended the sale – we hope you found some treasures.

The library would also like to thank those who work behind the scenes to make each book sale a success. To the generous members of community who donate thousands of books, to the helpful volunteers who sort and organize book donations and work at the book sale, and the “rough and tough” library staff who move hundreds of boxes of book donations and set up the book sale – we thank you.

The next Friends book sale will take place November 19 through November 23.

**Moving Perspectives:
Approaches to Understanding Water
Through Geology, Environment,
Art & Society**

**Tuesday, October 13
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Lewis Auditorium**

Moving Perspectives is presented as part of the Mahomet Aquifer Project, an innovative project that uses dance performances, panel discussions, video, and workshops to explore how our community needs and uses water. Jennifer Monson, the project's creator, is an internationally acclaimed artist with a passionate commitment to our environment. This program is one of a series of events taking place around east central Illinois.

Moderated by environmental philosopher Michael Scoville, panelists for the discussion include:

- **George Roadcap** – Hydrogeologist with the Illinois State Water Survey at the University of Illinois
- **Cecily Smith** – Prairie Rivers Network
- **Brett Bloom** – Artist and activist
- **Bright Kelly** – Award-winning poet and teacher
- **Jennifer Monson** – Choreographer and creator of the Mahomet Aquifer Project



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- 14** (We) - **Research Night at the Archives.** Jean Evans Archives Room. 6:00-8:45 p.m.
- 16** (Fr) - **Reception for Faculty and Students of the UIUC Graduate School of Library and Information Science.** Lewis Auditorium. 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- 18** (Su) - **UFLive!** concert series. Performer TBA. Busey-Mills Reading Room. 2:00-3:30 p.m.
- 20** (Tu) - **National Council of Teachers of English National Day on Writing Celebration.** Lewis Auditorium. 5:00-8:45 p.m.
- 21** (We) - **CITES Laptop Clinic.** Get help making your laptop secure. 5:00-8:45 p.m.
- 25** (Su) - **UFL Reads! Controversial Books.** Join us as we discuss *The Bookseller of Kabul* by Asne Seierstad. MacFarlane-Hood Reading Room. 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- 27** (Tu) - **Urbana Free Library Foundation.** Monthly meeting. Satterthwaite Conference Room. 7:00-8:30 p.m.

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.

**In Memoriam:
Hazel Taylor Spitze**

Hazel Taylor Spitze passed away on Saturday, August 22, 2009, at her Urbana home. A long-time resident of Urbana, Hazel was a professor emerita of home economics education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Both Hazel and her husband, Robert Spitze, had a strong commitment to education, to family, to community, and to world peace. The Spitzes have been generous supporters of The Urbana Free Library.



Hazel Taylor Spitze and Robert Spitze

LIBRARY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Circulation Services (renewals)	367-4057
Adult & Teen Services	367-4405
Children's Services	367-4069
Champaign Co. Historical Archives	367-4025
Administrative Offices	367-4058
TTY for hearing-impaired	367-4405

WEBSITE & ONLINE CATALOG

urbanafreelibrary.org

LIBRARY HOURS

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

ARCHIVES (LOCAL HISTORY & GENEALOGY)

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



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The Friends of The Urbana Free Library
The Urbana Free Library Foundation**

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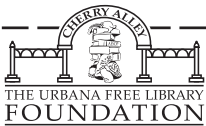
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New in Audiobooks – The Samuel W. Buford Memorial Donation

The library wishes to thank Jane Scherer and family, who provided a generous donation as a memorial to her father, the late Samuel W. Buford. Their gift supported the purchase of United States and world history audiobooks for the library's adult collection. The wide-ranging titles feature four works on Abraham Lincoln and his life, including *Did Lincoln Own Slaves?*; biographies of the Founding Fathers, such as *The Ascent of George Washington*; profiles of important events from World War II; "human histories" of slave ships and coal mining; and more.

For more information about the Samuel W. Buford Memorial Donation, and to obtain a complete list of titles, stop by Adult Services or call 367-4405.



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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Most events take place in the Lewis Auditorium.
Unless noted, registration is not required. All programs are free.

Children's Services
210 W. Green St., Urbana, Illinois
217.367.4069
urbanafreelibrary.org

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

Events for children and families at The Urbana Free Library

PRESCHOOL TALES

Thursdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22,
and 29
9:45 - 10:15 a.m.

For preschool groups, children and
their families

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

CHESS CLUB FOR KIDS

Saturdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24,
and 31
4:00 - 5:45 p.m.

For children who play chess or want
to learn

Calling all kids! Would you like to
learn chess, or are you a beginning
or advanced chess player looking
for an opportunity to improve your
skills?

MEGAN'S TEA PARTY

Sunday, October 4
2:00 - 2:45 p.m.

For children of all ages, 7 and under
with an adult

Celebrate the completion of the
Megan's Garden mural at a tea
party. Crafts, music, and treats will
all be part of the fun. The garden
mural was created by local artist
Glen Davies in memory of Megan
Haines Spitze and can be viewed
from the north window in Children's
Services.

BABIES' LAP TIME

Tuesdays, October 6, 13, 20, and
27
9:45 - 10:15 a.m.
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Babies' Lap Time Moonlight Edition

Wednesday, October 7 and Monday,
October 19
6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

For children from birth to 2 years
with an adult

This program of songs, books, and
rhymes is for our youngest patrons.

TODDLER TIME: Look What I See!

Wednesday, October 7
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

For children ages 2 - 4 with an adult

Open your eyes and learn about
them while enjoying stories and a
craft presented by the University of
Illinois student chapter of Unite for
Sight.

WRITE ON!

Thursday, October 8
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 of creative
writing with librarian Elaine Bearden.

SECOND SATURDAY STORYTIME

Saturday, October 10
11:00 - 11:30 a.m. Sidewalk chalk
fun

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon Stories

For children of all ages with an adult

Meet outside at the bench on the
north side of the library by the
Children's Department windows
to decorate the sidewalk with your
finest chalk drawings, then stay for
stories.

SPANISH STORY TIME

Saturday, October 10
2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

For children of all ages, 7 and under
with an adult

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

TODDLER TIME: Families

Wednesday, October 14
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Monday, October 26
6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

For children ages 2 - 4 with an adult

Join us for a Toddler Time all about
our families. We will have stories,
songs, and a craft.

PRAIRIE BREEZES: Mr. Stephens

Wednesday, October 14
6:30 - 7:15 p.m.

For families

Don't miss crazy fun kids music for
fun crazy kids with Mr. Stephens.
Learn the alphabet and how to
count to 20 while howling like a dog!
You'll be stomping your chicken feet
with Mr. Stephens' hilarious lyrics
and guitar.

FREE DRAWING LESSONS

Saturday, October 17
1:00 - 1:45 p.m.

For children ages 5 - 12

Hua Nian, local artist, is offering free
drawing lessons. Come and see the
magic that you can create with a
piece of paper and a pencil!

MIDDLE EAST STORYTIME

Saturday, October 17
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

For families

Join Angela Williams of the Center
for South Asian and Middle Eastern
Studies for activities, music, and
stories.

MAD SCIENTIST WORKSHOP

Saturday, October 24
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

For children in grades K - 5

Join us for the first in a new Saturday
series, The Mad Scientist Workshop!
You're in for an exciting day with our
resident mad scientist.

TODDLER TIME: Leaves

Wednesday, October 28
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

For children ages 2 - 4 with an adult
Leaves are falling everywhere! After
stories and songs all about leaves,
we'll make a leaf-collecting book to
take home.

HALLOWEEN!

Saturday, October 31
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

For children of all ages, 7 and under
with an adult

Slink over to The Urbana Free Library
for a spoo-ooky Halloween program.
We will be serving up monster books
and songs and have a Halloween craft
and snack. Wear a costume if you
like!



CHILDREN'S EVENTS

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Preschool Tales 9:45 - 10:15 a.m.	2	3 Chess Club for Kids 4:00 - 5:45 p.m.
4 Megan's Tea Party 2:00 - 2:45 p.m.	5	6 Babies' Lap Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	7 Toddler Time: Look What I See! 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Babies' Lap Time: Moonlight Edition 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.	8 Preschool Tales 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. Write On! 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	9	10 Sidewalk Chalk Fun and Second Saturday Storytime 11:00 a.m. - Noon Spanish Story Time 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Chess Club for Kids 4:00 - 5:45 p.m.
11	12	13 Babies' Lap Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	14 Toddler Time: Families 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Prairie Breezes: Mr. Stephens 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.	15 Preschool Tales 9:45 - 10:15 a.m.	16	17 Free Drawing Lessons 1:00 - 1:45 p.m. Middle East Storytime 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Chess Club for Kids 4:00 - 5:45 p.m.
18	19 Babies' Lap Time: Moonlight Edition 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.	20 Babies' Lap Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	21	22 Preschool Tales 9:45 - 10:15 a.m.	23	24 Mad Scientist Workshop 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Chess Club for Kids 4:00 - 5:45 p.m.
25	26 Toddler Time: Families 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.	27 Babies' Lap Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	28 Toddler Time: Leaves 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	29 Preschool Tales 9:45 - 10:15 a.m.	30	31 Halloween! 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Chess Club for Kids 4:00 - 5:45 p.m.

* registration required

For detailed information on these programs, see back.