

# *This Month* at The Urbana Free Library



Rendering of library expansion by Ray Lytle.

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## The Debut of CU Catalog!

Powered by an improved search engine to help you find everything you need, **CU Catalog** is the new automation database to be shared by The Urbana Free Library and Champaign Public Library. The catalog replaces LINC, the catalog of the former Lincoln Trail Libraries System, for access to the collections of Urbana and Champaign.

So what can you expect from **CU Catalog**? Economically speaking, it will offer library staff greater efficiency in operations. From the user perspective, we think you'll love the variety of cool, user-controlled options. When using **CU Catalog**, you can:

- Access your personal library account
- View and print your account information
- Renew items online
- Keep saved reading lists
- Save favorite searches and have new results emailed to you
- Receive text messages for notices
- Search for your favorite titles with ease and flexibility

With **CU Catalog**, some features will be different, but the catalog has a user-friendly interface that is easy to learn. We think you're going to love it!



## UFLive! Presents the New Orleans Jazz Machine

Sunday, December 18 • 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
Busey-Mills Reading Room

Back by popular demand! Escape the winter blues and lift your spirits with the sweet, sizzling sounds of the **New Orleans Jazz Machine**. Led by clarinetist and local favorite Carl Johnson, your toes will be tapping in no time as you listen to the sextet's unique blend of Dixieland swing and jazz. It will be pure pizzazz!



All **UFLive!** concerts take place on the third Sunday of most months and are made possible by the generous support of The Urbana Free Library Foundation.

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## This Month's Events

**Library Exhibit Case - *Joys for the Journey***  
by Karen Gottlieb, presented through **International Galleries**, Urbana, IL.

**Library Gallery** - Framed prints by **Wind Water & Light Gallery**, Urbana, IL.

**Children's Services:** A display of creative art by the students of **Hua Nian Art Studio**, Urbana, IL. December 17 - January 2.

**2 (Fr) - Urbana Otaku Manga Club.** All things manga, plus snacks and a prize drawing. Lewis Auditorium. 4:00-5:00 p.m.

**3 (Sa) - Bob Zuppke and the Foundations of Illinois Football.** Book discussion with author Maynard Brichford. Lewis Auditorium. 3:00-4:00 p.m.

**8 (Th) - Wings of Defeat.** Free public screening of the 2009 Erik Barnouw Award-winning historic documentary. Lewis Auditorium. 7:00-8:45 p.m.

**10 (Sa) - Second Saturday Board Games.** Join us for this monthly drop-in program for all ages. MacFarlane-Hood Reading Room. 2:00-6:00 p.m.

**10 (Sa) - Second Saturday Drop-in Video Gaming.** If you're in grade 6 through 12, come find out if you've got game. Lewis Auditorium. 2:00-5:00 p.m.

**11 (Su) - UFL Reads! Tea & Talk.** Meet and greet fellow readers at a special UFL Reads! social event. MacFarlane-Hood Reading Room. 2:00-3:00 p.m.

**13 (Tu) - The Urbana Free Library Board of Trustees.** Monthly meeting. Jean Evans Archives Room. 7:30-9:00 p.m.

**15 (Th) - Ugly Christmas Sweater Party.** Teens are welcome to come have fun and show off their tackiest holiday sweater. Lewis Auditorium. 3:00-5:00 p.m.

**16 (Fr) - Prairie Breezes Concert Series.** Music and mayhem with **The Viper**. Lewis Auditorium. 4:15-5:00 p.m.

**18 (Su) - UFLive! Concert Series.** Lift your spirits with the **New Orleans Jazz Machine**. Busey-Mills Reading Room. 2:00-3:30 p.m.

**24 - 25**

(Sa-Su) - **Library Closed for Christmas Holiday.**

**31 (Sa) - Library Closes at 6:00 p.m. for New Year's Eve.**

## January 1

(Su) - **Library Closed for New Year's Day.**

For a complete schedule of all current and upcoming events at The Urbana Free Library, visit [urbanafreelibrary.org](http://urbanafreelibrary.org) and view the library's online events calendar.

To sign up for email notification of events, visit [urbanafreelibrary.org](http://urbanafreelibrary.org) and follow the **E-Notification** link on the homepage to the online form.

## AsiaLENS Film Series Presents Wings of Defeat

Thursday, December 8 • 7:00 - 8:45 p.m. • Lewis Auditorium



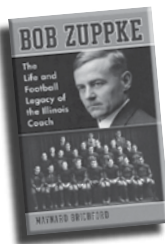
After she learned about her uncle's secret past as a surviving kamikaze pilot, Japanese American director Risa Morimoto became inspired to interview former kamikaze pilots. Now in their 80s, the pilots thoughtfully recall and share their fears, their ambivalence, their patriotism, and their guilt as survivors, when thousands of their comrades perished during Japan's most desperate hour at the end of World War II. **Wings of Defeat** is a moving, human re-examination of the kamikaze legacy from the perspectives

of those who trained for, flew, and survived suicide missions, as well as the Americans who survived such attacks.

AsiaLENS is a series of free public screenings and lecture/discussion programs on issues reflecting contemporary life in Asia. The series is co-sponsored by the Spurlock Museum and organized by the Asian Educational Media Service, a program of the Center for East Asian and Pacific Studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

## Bob Zuppke and the Foundations of Illinois Football

Saturday, December 3 • 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. • Lewis Auditorium



Our special guest, Maynard Brichford, is the author of a compelling biography of Bob Zuppke – the head football coach at the University of Illinois from 1912 to 1941. The book is a study of Zuppke's passion for football, his advocacy for its educational value, and his ability to promote and market the game.

A limited number of copies of *Bob Zuppke: The Life and Football Legacy of the Illinois Coach* will be available for \$20 (cash/check/credit accepted) at the program.

Maynard Brichford is a University Archivist Emeritus at the University of Illinois.



Take a group of alumnae from Urbana High School, add T-shirts from The Urbana Free Library, and you get one awesome photograph! Gathered in Tucson, AZ, for their birthdays were (seated, left to right) Jolene McGrogan (Myers), A.J. Thompson (Irlle), Vicki Henson (Barth), Stephanie Albers (Borleff), Joanne Dukes (Petty), (standing, left to right) Jan Walsh (St. Clair), Nancy Repp (Lyman), Dilys Avraamides (Morris). Thanks for the picture, ladies!



## Ugly Christmas Sweater Party

Thursday, December 15 • 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. • Lewis Auditorium

Remember that sweater flocked with wreaths, bows, and kitties, knitted just for you by Aunt Flo? Come show it off at the library's **Ugly Christmas Sweater Party!**

Teens, you are invited to come dressed in your tackiest (and most festive) Christmas sweater and celebrate the beginning of winter break! Play games, enjoy holiday-themed treats, and participate in a gift swap (\$3 limit). Bring a friend – we know you'll look simply MAHvelous.



For more information, check out IMHO, the teen blog, at [urbanafreelibrary.org](http://urbanafreelibrary.org).

## Prairie Breezes Presents The Viper

Friday, December 16 • 4:15 - 5:00 p.m. • Lewis Auditorium



The Viper brings his ukulele and His Famous Orchestra for an interactive show of kid-tested, grown-up-approved music and mayhem. Learn to play **The Viper** way on washtubs, suitcases, and other repurposed household materials, and sing along as the four-piece orchestra performs a unique blend of street-corner jazz, meeting-hall folk, and front porch country. For children of all ages and their families.

**Prairie Breezes** concerts take place on the third Friday of most months, and are generously sponsored by Peggy and Bob Podlasek in memory of Greg Bliss.



## UFL Reads! Tea & Talk

Sunday, December 11 • 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. • MacFarlane-Hood Reading Room

If you're a current or future follower of the library's book club for adults, you won't want to miss the special **UFL Reads!** December meet and greet. Grab a cup of tea or coffee from the library cafe and spend a happy hour getting to know each other beyond the books we read together. Come prepared to tell everyone a bit about yourself and share some of your favorite titles. Optional activity—a book grab bag! Wrap up a book to swap and recycle with a brief note about why you enjoyed it.



**UFL Reads!** meets the fourth Sunday of most months. Join us on January 22 as we begin another series of good reads when **UFL Reads! Celebrates Local Authors.**

### 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.....	531-7066

### WEBSITE & ONLINE CATALOG

[urbanafreelibrary.org](http://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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## Tidings of Comfort and Joy

Conveniently located on the first floor, near the historic Race Street entrance, **The Urbana Free Library Cafe and Friends of the Library Book Shop** is your downtown Urbana hot spot for a wide array of espresso-based beverages, library gear, and gently used books for sale.

- \$1.25 brewed coffee. Any size. Any day. Bring your own non-disposable travel mug for a 25¢ discount on any drink menu item.
- Monday through Friday drink specials (12 oz. size only).
- Scrumptious seasonal menus—coming up in December, the “Holly Java” menu.
- Library T-shirts, tote bags, and travel mugs.
- Gently used books for sale from the Friends of The Urbana Free Library. Great for gift exchanges and stocking stuffers! Prices begin at \$3—what a bargain!

Remember, during the holiday season and all year round, when you support the coffee shop, you support the library.

**Great Gifts  
for  
UFL Fans**

UFL T-shirts.....	\$6 - \$10
UFL insulated mugs.....	\$8
UFL tote bags.....	\$15
Friends membership.....	\$10
Library card for a non-resident.....	(amounts vary)
Inscribed brick in Cherry Alley.....	\$125
“Ibidem” bronze miniature.....	\$400



### THE URBANA FREE LIBRARY FOUNDATION

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**Yes!** I want to help the library with a gift to the Annual Fund in the amount of:

- \$1,000    \$500    \$250    \$100    \$50    Other

**Planned Giving**

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

Check here if you would prefer an electronic version of our monthly newsletter *This Month at The Urbana Free Library*.

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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](http://urbanafreelibrary.org/support_ufl/foundation)

# DECEMBER 2011

## Programs for children and families at The Urbana Free Library

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

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](http://urbanafreelibrary.org) Sunday: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.



### Preschool Story Time

Thursdays, December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
9:45 – 10:15 a.m.

For preschool groups and children ages 3 - 5  
with a caregiver

Preschool groups and families are invited to join  
in the fun as we sing songs and listen to stories in  
this energetic story time.

### Stampin' Up Gifts with Meg

Thursday, December 1  
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

For elementary school age children

Join Meg Loven, Stampin' Up!® demonstrator as  
she helps us make gifts from paper and fabrics to  
give to friends and family.

### Reader's Theater

Saturday, December 3  
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

For children in grades 3 – 5

Hear ye, hear ye! All aspiring actors are invited  
to take the stage and wear funny props to act  
out well known folk tales. No acting experience  
needed.

### Korean Cultural Celebration

Saturday, December 3  
2:00 – 2:45 p.m.

For children of all ages and their families

Join us to experience the Korean culture through  
music, stories, and activities. This program is  
presented by the Community Affairs Team of the  
Korean Cultural Center, UIUC.

### Chess Club for Kids

Saturdays, December 3, 10, 17  
4:00 – 5:45 p.m.

For children ages 5 and up

Calling all kids! Join us on Saturday afternoons if  
you would like to learn to play chess or are looking  
for an opportunity to improve your skills.

### Nab the Aquatic Invader: What we can do to keep our lakes and rivers safe

Sunday, December 4  
1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

For children in elementary school

Be a private investigator and help "book the bad  
guys" by playing games while learning about  
aquatic invasive species. Sponsored by Illinois-  
Indiana Sea Grant.

### Babies' Lap Time

Tuesdays, December 6, 13, 20, 27  
9:45 – 10:15 a.m.  
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 7  
Monday, December 19  
6:30 – 7:00 p.m.

For children birth to age 2 with a caregiver

In this program for our youngest library fans, you'll  
find that it's never too early to learn to love songs,  
books, and rhymes.

### Polar Express Party

Tuesday, December 6  
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

For children of all ages

Experience the magic of Chris Van Allsburg's *Polar  
Express* with activities, crafts, and a bedtime snack.

### Candy Christmas Trees

Saturday, December 10  
11:00 – 11:45 p.m.

For children of all ages

Come enjoy books and songs about Christmas  
trees, then make your own candy Christmas tree  
to take home. Yummy!

### Spanish Story Time

Saturday, December 10  
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

For children of all ages

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

### Toddler Story Time

Wednesdays, December 14 and 28  
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Enjoy a program filled with rhymes, fingerplays,  
stories, and activities

### Prairie Breezes

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For children of all ages

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suitcases, and other re-purposed household  
materials, and sing along as the four piece  
orchestra performs a unique blend of street-corner  
jazz, meeting-hall folk, and front-porch country.

### Young Artist Exhibition

December 17 – January 2

Children's Services

Come see the artwork created by the  
students of the Hua Nian Art Studio.

### Art Lessons for Children

Saturday, December 17  
11:00 – 11:45 p.m.

For children ages 4 – 8

Ms. Hua Nian, an Urbana artist and instructor of  
Hua Nian Art Studio, is going to teach children  
basic drawing skills that will lead to a story-drawing  
adventure. Discover the great fun of drawing with  
just a pencil and a piece of paper.

### Noon Year's Eve!

Saturday, December 31  
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

For children of all ages

Are you afraid you will not last 'til midnight to  
celebrate the New Year? Come celebrate with us  
at noon! We will count down to noon, ringing in the  
New Year with stories, food and fun!

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# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

THE URBANA FREE LIBRARY  
 Children's Services  
[urbanafreelibrary.org](http://urbanafreelibrary.org)  
 December 2011

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> Preschool Story Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m.  Stampin' Up Gifts with Meg 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Reader's Theater 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.  Korean Cultural Celebration 2:00 - 2:45 p.m.  Chess Club for Kids 4:00 - 5:45 p.m.
<b>4</b> Nab the Aquatic Invader: What we can do to keep our lakes and rivers safe 1:30 - 2:15 p.m.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Babies' Lap Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.  Polar Express Party 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	<b>7</b> Babies' Lap Time: Moonlight Edition 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.	<b>8</b> Preschool Story Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 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.
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Babies' Lap Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	<b>14</b> Toddler Story Time 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	<b>15</b> Preschool Story Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m.	<b>16</b> Prairie Breezes Presents The Viper 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.	<b>17</b> Art Lessons for Children 11:00 - 11:45 a.m.  Chess Club for Kids 4:00 - 5:45 p.m.
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Babies' Lap Time: Moonlight Edition 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.	<b>20</b> Babies' Lap Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Preschool Story Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m.	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b> Christmas Eve
<b>25</b> <b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b> Christmas Day	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Babies' Lap Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	<b>28</b> Toddler Story Time 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	<b>29</b> Preschool Story Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m.	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Noon Year's Eve! 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

\* registration required

For detailed information on these programs, see back.