

This Month at The Urbana Free Library

Rendering of library expansion by Ray Lytle.

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Late Fee Increase on Print and Audio Items at The Urbana Free Library Effective March 1

- DVDs, videos, CD-ROMs, exploration/learning kits - 50 cents per day per item (no change)
- All other items in Adult Services - 20 cents per day per item (from 10 cents)
- All other items in Children's Services - 10 cents per day per item (from 5 cents)

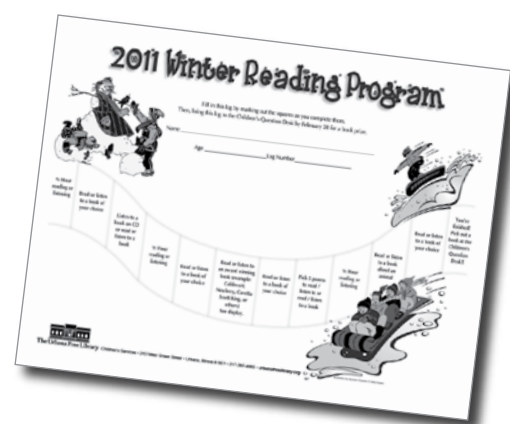
Late fees are based on the date an item is returned, not the date the item was checked out. Consequently, overdue items returned on or after March 1 will be charged the new late fees regardless of when they were checked out.

Late fees primarily serve as an incentive to return library materials so they are available for other borrowers. Although late fees are not a significant revenue source, any non-tax revenues do lessen the property tax burden. The library has seen sharp decreases in interest income, the withdrawal of University of Illinois impact aid, and slight losses from county and state grants.

Some people consider their late fees as their extra support of the library, appreciative of the many items they can borrow freely. If you are concerned about late fees, consider these tips:

- Watch the due dates stamped on each item.
- Request a printed list of items at check out.
- Renew items to extend their due dates or to minimize the fees on items already overdue. Call 367-4057 to renew by phone. (Note that some items may not be renewable.)
- Sign up for email notices with a pre-overdue reminder.
- Sign up for Library ELF (libraryelf.com) and choose your own email notice schedule—even daily reminders and a combined notice for all family accounts.
- Access your online account (urbanafreelibrary.org) to see your due dates and to renew items.

We last increased late fees in 1993, when adult items changed from 5 cents to 10 cents and children's items from 2 cents to 5 cents. At that time, late fees on all videos were \$1.00 per day and adult audio items were 25 cents per day. Video and audio items were subsequently decreased.



2011 Winter Reading Program for Children

While the snowflakes fall and the temperatures drop, kids and their parents can stay warm as they cozy up together with some great books as part of the **Children's Services Winter Reading Program**.

Whether you're a kid who loves to read or enjoys being read to, you can pick up a reading log at the children's question desk and take it home along with a stack of books from the library's fantabulous collection. Use your log to take a journey along a winter path to complete and mark off 11 activities, including 30 minutes of reading or listening to a book, reading or listening to an award-winning book, or reading or listening to a book about an animal.

When you're finished with all 11 activities on your reading log, bring it to the children's question desk by February 28 to receive a FREE book prize. Book prizes for the **Winter Reading Program** are made possible through the generosity of the Friends of The Urbana Free Library.

This Month's Events

Library Gallery -

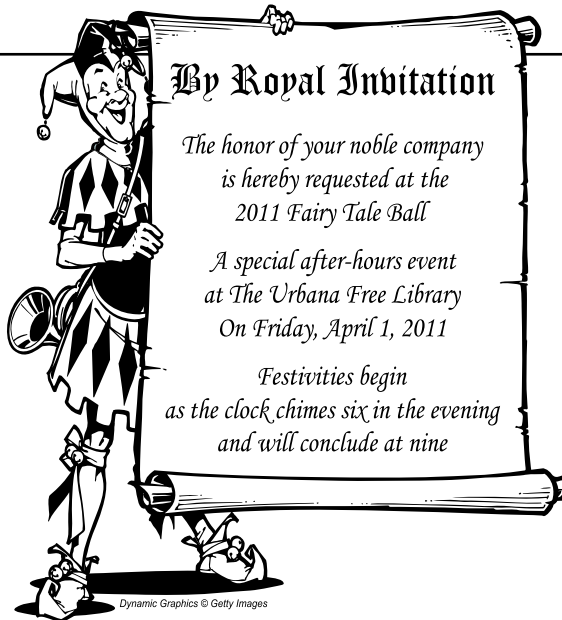
Framed prints by **Heartland Gallery**, Urbana.

Library Exhibit Case - Celebrate Chinese Culture.

A display by the Chinese American Association of Central Illinois.

- 1 (Tu) - Girl Talk.** Fun and educational activities for teen girls. Satterthwaite Conference Room. 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- 4 (Fr) - Urbana Otaku Manga Club.** All things manga plus pizza and a prize drawing for Pocky. Lewis Auditorium. 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- 5 (Sa) - Champaign County Historical Archives Workshop Series: Intermediate Genealogy Techniques.** For registration information, contact the Archives at 367-4025. Lewis Auditorium. 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- 5 (Sa) - Chinese New Year Celebration.** Families are invited to begin the Year of the Rabbit with celebratory music and other performing arts. Lewis Auditorium. 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
- 8 (Tu) - Urbana Free Library Board of Trustees.** Monthly meeting. Jean Evans Archives Room. 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
- 9 (We) - Research Night at the Champaign County Historical Archives.** Evening Archives research hours for all interested patrons. Jean Evans Archives Room. 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- 9 (We) - Prairie Breezes Concert Series.** A special Chinese New Year classical and folk music performance, featuring instruments such as the guzheng, erhu, and the Chinese flute. Lewis Auditorium. 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.
- 12 (Sa) - I Shall Not Hate.** A discussion and book signing with Palestinian physician and humanitarian, Dr. Izzeldin Abuellaish. Lewis Auditorium. 11:00 - Noon.
- 12 (Sa) - Korean New Year Celebration.** Families are invited to celebrate with stories, music, and crafts. Lewis Auditorium. 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
- 12 (Sa) - Game Day.** Join us for this monthly drop-in program for all ages. MacFarlane-Hood Reading Room. 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- 12 (Sa) - As I Travel My Creation.** Poetry reading by local author Aaron Ammons. Lewis Auditorium. 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

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By Royal Invitation

The honor of your noble company is hereby requested at the 2011 Fairy Tale Ball

A special after-hours event at The Urbana Free Library On Friday, April 1, 2011

Festivities begin as the clock chimes six in the evening and will conclude at nine

Mark Your Home Castle Calendars

and make plans for an evening of enchantment as the library helps you create magical memories at the **2011 Fairy Tale Ball**.

You can wear a sparkly ball gown, a shiny suit of armor, or dress as your favorite fairy tale character. Come one! Come all! Your majesty's family and friends can all enjoy the music, dancing, games, crafts, and royal merriment.

The 2011 noble entertainers include the Central Illinois English Country Dancers and The Flatland Consort, storyteller Dan Keding, the Ginger Lozar Puppet Show, the Champaign-Urbana Dulcimer Society, and the Uni High Madrigals.

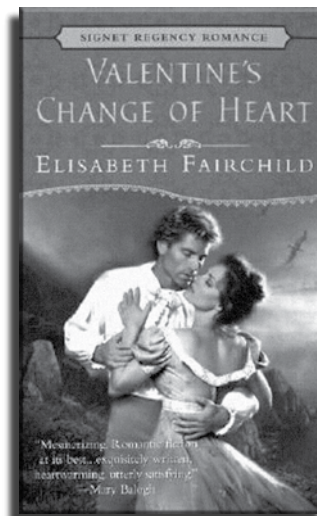
The 2011 Fairy Tale Ball is generously sponsored by Fred Schlipf and Diane Hillard.

Seduction and the eBook

A recent edition of *USA Today** offered an overview of 2010 trends in fiction based on data collected during the year. In general, fiction accounted for a record-high share of the bestsellers during 2010. But here's a surprising fact—in 2010, there was a 10% rise in the sale of romance novels. Traditionally, romance does sell best in hard times. However, with the rise of eReaders, romance fans are being seduced by the luxury of enjoying their favorite genre without the public display of the customary saucy cover art.

Are you a romance fan with an eReader? Check out **MyMediaMall**, where you can browse and download a digital book or video to a supported audio or eBook device 24/7. All you need is a valid library card and there are no late fees—titles are automatically returned at the end of the lending period. At last count, there were 1,044 choices in the library's **MyMediaMall** collection. And if you're not a romance fan, no worries—there is something for everyone.

To access **MyMediaMall**, visit urbanafreelibrary.org, where you'll find a link to the service and a complete list of supported audio and eBook devices. As always, if you have questions, contact Adult Services at 367-4405.



*Bob Minzesheimer and Anthony DeBarros, "A Frenzy for Fiction," *USA Today*, January 13, 2011.

UFL Reads! American Classics We Missed

Sunday, February 27 • 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. • MacFarlane-Hood Reading Room

Feeling embarrassed that you never read that socially important book? Join other readers in the same boat—and some enthusiastic re-readers—and finally indulge in that iconic American title.



In February we'll rediscover a story that focuses on African American heritage and pride in *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston. In this classic novel of Harlem Renaissance literature, Janie Crawford recounts to her friend Phoeby her life as an African American woman in the 1930s. She has survived three husbands and stressful times. Has she finally found peace and her own identity?

Copies of *Their Eyes Were Watching God* are available at the library. You can request a copy via the library's catalog at urbanafreelibrary.org or by calling 367-4405.

UFL Reads! our book club for adults, meets the fourth Sunday of most months.

UFLive! Presents the Woody Woodward Organ Quartet

Sunday, February 20 • 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. • Busey-Mills Reading Room

At this month's UFLive! you'll be treated to the keyboard riffs of the **Woody Woodward Organ Quartet**, featuring veteran musicians Woody Woodward (Hammond organ), Gary Peyton (drums), Randy Salman (tenor sax), and Shawn Purcell (guitar).



Come early and grab a tempting treat from the **Latté Da!** Winter Sweets menu. Then, sit back, relax, and be treated to a classic repertoire of tunes from organ groups of the 1950s and 1960s.

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.

Celebrate African American History Month With Two Special Events



On Saturday, February 12, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the library's Lewis Auditorium, step out to hear **As I Travel My Creation**, a poetry reading by Aaron Ammons. A dynamic and passionate spoken word artist and the author of two books of poetry, Ammons is unafraid to speak his truth. His poetry inspires and challenges the listener with insights he has gained on his spiritual journey from street life to activism.

Aaron Ammons is an emcee for Krannert Art Museum's popular **SPEAK** Café.

On Tuesday, February 15, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Busey-Mills Reading Room, the library will participate in the **2011 National African American Read-In**. The program will feature community leaders, local educators, and young people reading brief selections from books by their favorite African American authors. The **Read-In**, sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of English, honors the contributions of African American writers and celebrates the joy and importance of reading.

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15 (Tu) - 2011 National African American Read-In. Come listen to community leaders, local educators, and young people read brief selections from books by their favorite African American authors. Busey-Mills Reading Room. 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

20 (Su) - UFLive! Concert Series. Come listen to the Woody Woodward Organ Quartet as they showcase a repertoire of 1950s and 1960s classic organ music. Busey-Mills Reading Room. 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

21 (Mo) - Library closed for Presidents' Day.

27 (Su) - UFL Reads! American Classics We Missed. Join us as we read and discuss *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston. MacFarlane-Hood Reading Room. 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

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.

To sign up for email notification of events, visit urbanafreelibrary.org and follow the **E-Notification** link on the homepage to the online form.

LIBRARY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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| 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

LIBRARY HOURS

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| 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)

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



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A Selection and Display of Chinese Scholar's Study Room Treasures

As part of the library's Chinese New Year celebration activities, we are fortunate to have on exhibit a selection of treasures often found in a Chinese scholar's studio or study room—objects used for traditional Chinese writing and painting.

For thousands of years, Chinese scholars, greatly esteemed by their society, were also practitioners of highly sophisticated arts, such as calligraphy, painting, seal engraving, and music. In conjunction with poetry writing and reading, the scholars often became collectors of high-quality art and literati objects. Most objects were functional and used as tools for their studies, such as brushes, ink stones, and brush holders. Other objects—paintings, figurines, and scholar's rocks, were



inspirational and used as decoration, for contemplation, and for art appreciation.

Located in the library's exhibit case on the main floor, the **Chinese Scholar's Study Room Treasures** will be on display through February 28. The exhibit is guest curated by Dr. Yu (Ian) Wang, the President of the CAACI (Chinese American Association of Central Illinois) and the curator of the Spurlock Museum of the University of Illinois.

Also in the exhibit case is a collection of Chinese/English bilingual children's materials. Recently added to the library's collection, the bilingual materials have been made available thanks to a generous donation from the CAACI through proceeds from the Yahsin Chen Art Exhibition.



THE URBANA FREE LIBRARY FOUNDATION

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Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

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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*.

Email address: _____

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FEBRUARY 2011

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.

Programs for children and families at The Urbana Free Library

Babies' Lap Time

Tuesdays, February 1, 8, 15, and 22
9:45 – 10:15 a.m.
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, February 2, and
Monday, February 14
6:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Children birth to age 2 with an adult
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.

Preschool Story Time

Thursdays, February 3, 10, 17 and 24
9:45 – 10:15 a.m.

Preschool groups and children and their families

You're a big kid now! Come join in the fun as we sing songs and listen to stories in this energetic story time.

Wee Love Music! Valentines Special

Thursday, February 3
10:45 - 11:15 a.m.
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

For children birth to five

Enjoy Valentines songs and musical activities with Ms. Teresa.



Chinese New Year Celebration

Saturday, February 5
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Families

Come celebrate the 2011 Chinese New Year with us! Mark the beginning of the Year of the Rabbit with the lion dance, yo-yo, Gongfu, Chinese music, and other Chinese performing arts. Presenters include Chinese Heritage School students and teachers, Five Animals Kong Fu members, UIUC students, and local artists.

Russian Story Time

Saturday, February 5
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Children of all ages

Come enjoy a story time co-sponsored by the UIUC Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center.

Angela Reads to Kids

Saturdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26
2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Children of all ages

Would you like to listen to a good book at the library? Uni High student Angela will be reading stories as part of a Girl Scout project.

Chess Club for Kids

Saturdays, February 5, 12, 19, and 26
4:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Children of all ages

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.

Toddler Story Time

Wednesdays, February 9 and 23
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Monday, February 28
6:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Children ages 2 – 4 with an adult

Enjoy a program filled with rhymes, fingerplays, stories and activities presented especially for toddlers.

Prairie Breezes Mini Concerts for Kids

Wednesday, February 9
6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

Families

Come listen to Chinese classical and folk music with instruments such as the guzheng, the erhu, and the Chinese flute to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

Family Story Time

Thursday, February 10
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

For families

Do you love a good book or two before bed? Come curl up with our cozy pillows and listen to an hour of hilarious, adventurous, silly, and fascinating stories read by your friendly neighborhood librarian. We will meet the second Thursday of each month all winter long.

Game Day

Saturday, February 12
2:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Children of all ages

Looking for some fun, warm games to play on a snowy afternoon? Meet us in the MacFarlane-Hood Reading Room for this monthly program with classic and new games alike.

Korean New Year Celebration

Saturday, February 12
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Families

Join us for a fun-filled hour of storytelling, music, games, and craft time to celebrate the 2011 Korean New Year! This program is coordinated with the UIUC Korean Cultural Center.

Spanish Story Time

Saturday, February 12
2:30 – 3:30

Families

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

Valentine Felties

Sunday, February 13
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Families

Tomorrow is Valentine's Day! To get in the mood for the big day we are making Valentine felties, felt creatures sure to win your heart.

Middle East Story Time

Saturday, February 19
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

For families

Experience the Middle East with Angela Williams of the UIUC Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies. This month we'll explore crafts and handiwork with activities, music, and stories.

Daring and Dangerous Program for Boys and Girls

Saturday, February 19
1:00 – 1:45 p.m.

Families

Want to learn how to write a secret message? Make the coolest paper airplane ever? Learn to tie useful knots? Explore some of the great ideas from the popular books *The Dangerous Book for Boys* and the *Daring Book for Girls*.

Art Lessons for Children

Saturday, February 26
12:15 – 1:00 p.m.

Children ages 5 years and up

Winter is going to end soon, and we are all looking forward to signs of spring! Ms. Hua Nian, an instructor at Hua Nian Art Studio, will show you how to draw the plants, bugs, and small animals you may see in your backyard.

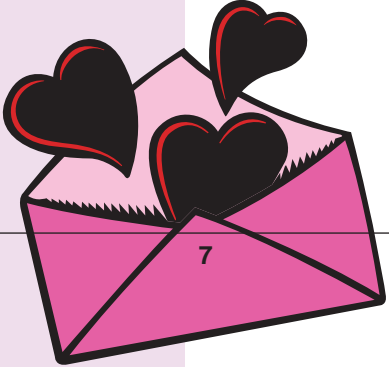
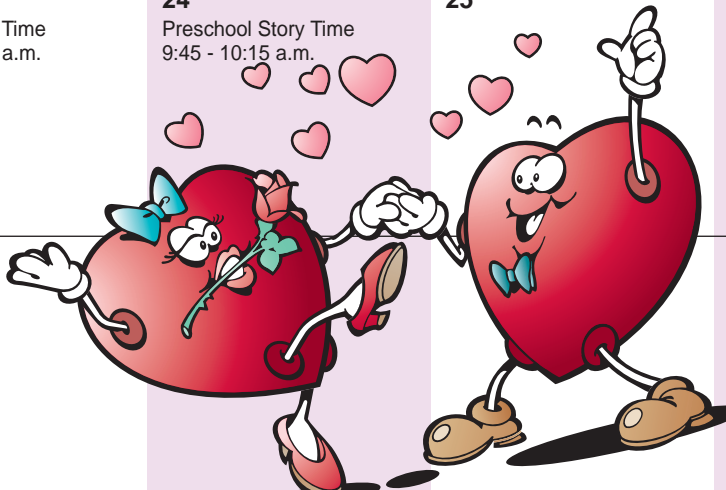


**LIBRARY
CLOSINGS**

Monday,
February 21
Presidents' Day

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

THE URBANA FREE LIBRARY
 Children's Services
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 February 2011

| SUNDAY | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | | 1 Babies' Lap Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. | 2 Babies' Lap Time: Moonlight Edition 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. | 3 Preschool Story Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. Wee Love Music! Valentines Special 10:45 - 11:15 a.m. 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | 4 | 5 Chinese New Year Celebration 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Russian Story Time 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Angela Reads to Kids 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. Chess Club for Kids 4:00 - 5:45 p.m. |
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| 13 Valentine Felties 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. | 14 Babies' Lap Time: Moonlight Edition 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. | 15 Babies' Lap Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. | 16 | 17 Preschool Story Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. | 18 | 19 Daring and Dangerous Program for Boys and Girls 1:00 - 1:45 p.m. Middle East Story Time 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Angela Reads to Kids 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. Chess Club for Kids 4:00 - 5:45 p.m. |
| 20 | 21 LIBRARY CLOSED Presidents' Day | 22 Babies' Lap Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. | 23 Toddler Story Time 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. | 24 Preschool Story Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. | 25 | 26 Art Lessons for Children 12:15 - 1:00 p.m. Angela Reads to Kids 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. Chess Club for Kids 4:00 - 5:45 p.m. |
| 27 | 28 Evening Toddler Story Time 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. | | |  | | |

* registration required

For detailed information on these programs, see back.