

# *This Month* at The Urbana Free Library



Rendering of library expansion by Ray Lytle.

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## Make It a Resolution to Discover Your Library

It's a new year, with new resolutions. If you happen to be looking for a unique resolution for yourself or your family, why not make it a goal to discover what your library has to offer? You might be surprised what you'll find!

- **Discover Lifelong Learning:** Programs, services, and books on a wide array of topics to help you explore your personal interests and facilitate independent learning.
- **Discover Connections to the Online World:** Free access in all service areas to workstations equipped with Internet and MS Office. For those with personal laptop computers, the library provides free wireless throughout the building.
- **Discover Your Ancestors:** Help for beginning and seasoned genealogists and computer workstations with access to specialized databases for genealogical and local history information. You'll also find public scanners, including a slide/negative scanner.
- **Discover the Community Arts:** Workshops, music, story times, book programs, and special events—just check the library's online calendar for dates and times. You'll also enjoy changing displays from local galleries and artists. Thanks to generous donors, permanent works of fine art can be found both inside and outside the library.
- **Discover Databases:** Your Urbana library card offers you 24/7 access to online resources from any location. Full-text magazine and newspaper articles, homework help and test prep, job hunting and careers, consumer information, books and reading, and language learning—just go to the website at [urbanafreelibrary.org](http://urbanafreelibrary.org).
- **Discover Diversity:** An eclectic collection of books that represent the diverse nature of our community and a distinctive, up-to-date selection of international language films from a broad-range of countries. For children and their families, check out our multicultural story times and the library's international folk and fairy tale collection.
- **Discover Books and Reading:** From best sellers to classics, books that can take you back in time or to magical and far-off places. The library has something for everyone! Don't know where to start? Stop at either the Adult or Children's Services reference desk—we have lots of suggestions.



## This Month's Events

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

**Library Exhibit Case** -  
Display by **Cinema Gallery**, Urbana.

- 1** (Sa) - **Library Closed for New Year's Day.**
- 4** (Tu) - **Girl Talk.** Fun and educational activities for teen girls. Lewis Auditorium. 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- 7** (Fr) - **Urbana Otaku Manga Club.** Learn about all things manga, plus pizza and prizes. Lewis Auditorium. 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- 8** (Sa) - **Game Day.** Join us for this monthly drop-in program for all ages. MacFarlane-Hood Reading Room. 2:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- 11** (Tu) - **Urbana Free Library Board of Trustees.** Monthly meeting. Jean Evans Archives Room. 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.
- 12** (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.
- 12** (We) - **Prairie Breezes Concert Series.** Traditional, folk, and popular music with the **Bow-Dacious String Band.** Lewis Auditorium. 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.
- 16** (Su) - **UFLive! Concert Series.** The high energy sound of **Bruiser and the Virtues.** Busey-Mills Reading Room. 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
- 17** (Mo) - **Library Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.**
- 23** (Su) - **UFL Reads! American Classics We Missed.** Join us as we read and discuss *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee. MacFarlane-Hood Reading Room. 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- 25** (Tu) - **Urbana Free Library Foundation.** Meeting. Satterthwaite Conference Room. 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

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.



## Celebrate Chinese Culture

If you were in Taiwan, mainland China, or Hong Kong in January, you would see families busily preparing for the New Year celebration. Although you can't personally enjoy all of the overseas Chinese New Year festivities, you can enjoy the excitement of this important holiday right here at your library.

During January and February, the library will offer special events that will pay tribute to Chinese culture, including a special program for families to celebrate the Chinese New Year.

### • Celebrate Chinese Culture Display

**January 4 - February 28**

In the first floor exhibit case, there will be a special display of Chinese arts and crafts, and new additions of Chinese and Chinese/English bilingual children's materials. The display is made possible by the Chinese American Association of Central Illinois (Curator, Yu Ian Wang). The Chinese-language materials are available thanks to a generous donation from the Chinese American Association of Central Illinois through proceeds from the Yahsin Chen Art Exhibition.

### • Chinese/English Bilingual Story Time

**Saturday, January 29 • 2:00 - 2:45 p.m.**

Children and their families are invited to a bilingual story time where we'll read *The Story of the Chinese Zodiac*. The event is presented by the Asian American Cultural Center at the University of Illinois.

### • Chinese New Year Celebration

**Saturday, February 5 • 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

You're invited to join our local neighbors while learning about Chinese culture at this worldwide annual event. We'll kick-off the Year of the Rabbit with the Lion Dance, the Chinese yo-yo, Gongfu, music, and other performing arts.



### • Prairie Breezes Concert Series

**Wednesday, February 9 • 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.**

As part of the library's Chinese New Year celebration, children and their families are invited to a special music performance of Chinese classical and folk music, featuring instruments such as the guzheng, erhu, and the Chinese flute.

## Prairie Breezes Concert Series Presents the Bow-Dacious String Band

**Wednesday, January 12 • 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. • Lewis Auditorium**

We can't get enough of this energetic and talented group of entertainers! Come join us for an evening of inspirational music that includes traditional, folk, and popular tunes from all over the world. Once you hear their upbeat sound, we know you'll smile!

Founded in 2003, the Bow-Dacious String Band is an ensemble of up to 50 young string players under the leadership of the Community Center for the Arts Director Robin Kearton.

All Prairie Breezes concerts take place on the second Wednesday of most months and are made possible by the generous support of The Urbana Free Library Foundation.

## UFLive! Presents Bruiser and the Virtues Sunday, January 16 • 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. • Busey-Mills Reading Room



This month's UFLive! features the high energy music of Bruiser and the Virtues—a charged fusion of swing, jazz, and blues. One reviewer says they play “wonderfully concocted songs in the way of classic dance band tunes; a hot saxophone, piano, upright bass, drums, and Bruiser on a big fat electric archtop guitar. This band is precious and awesome.” Don't miss it!

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.

## Champaign County Historical Archives Spring 2011 Workshop Series

### Intermediate Genealogy Techniques

Saturday, February 5 • 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. • Lewis Auditorium  
Course # WCE 418-001 • Fee: \$25 • Registration Deadline: January 28

Learn techniques for extracting information from records, analyzing it, and organizing the results with instructor Nicole Miller.

### Explore German Genealogy

Saturday, March 5 • 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. • Lewis Auditorium  
Course # WCE 337-001 • Fee: \$25 • Registration Deadline: February 25

Discover the basics of German research, such as finding and getting documents translated, with instructor Nicole Miller.

### Danish-American Research

Saturday, April 30 • 10:00 a.m. - Noon and 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. • Lewis Auditorium  
Course # WCE 302-001 • Fee: \$30 • Registration Deadline: April 22

Gain useful tips about online resources and key Danish resource groups and facilities in Denmark with instructor Michele McNabb.

### Cemetery Care and Restoration

Saturday, May 7 • 9:30 a.m. - Noon • Lewis Auditorium  
Course # WCE 326-001 • Fee: \$25 • Registration Deadline: April 29

Learn techniques of cemetery care and gravestone repair with instructor John Heider. There will be an optional free cemetery tour from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

### Gravestone Repair

Saturday, May 14 • 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. • Lewis Auditorium & Mt. Hope Cemetery  
Course # WCE 341-001 • Fee: \$50 • Registration Deadline: May 6

Gain valuable hands-on experience repairing and resetting stones with instructor John Heider. Prerequisite: Cemetery Care and Restoration

To register by phone, please call Parkland College at 217-353-2055. You may also register in person at Parkland College, online at Parkland College Community Education at [parkland.edu/communityed](http://parkland.edu/communityed) (select Recreation & Leisure), or pick up an application in the Champaign County Historical Archives on the second floor of the library.

### 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

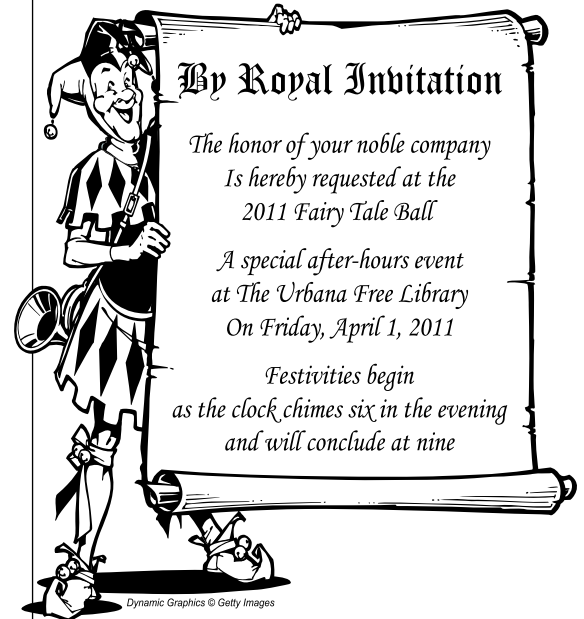
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### LIBRARY HOURS

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.



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



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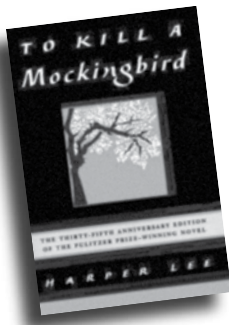
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## UFL Reads! American Classics We Missed

Sunday, January 23 • 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. • MacFarlane-Hood Reading Room



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.

We will begin our American Classics series with *To Kill a Mockingbird*, the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Harper Lee. Narrated by a grown-up Jean Louise, it recounts her ninth year in Maycomb, Alabama in the 1930's. Her attorney father's courageous defense of a black man unjustly accused of rape is a searing portrayal of racial injustice and the possibilities for good and evil in human nature. Named a favorite by many, it is a coming-of-age story for all times.

Copies of *To Kill a Mockingbird* are available at the library. You can request a copy via the library's catalog at [urbanafreelibrary.org](http://urbanafreelibrary.org) or by calling 367-4405.

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



### 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*.

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Check if you do NOT want your name / gift printed in library 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](http://urbanafreelibrary.org/support_ufl/foundation)

# JANUARY 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 - 5 p.m.

### Babies' Lap Time

Tuesdays, January 4, 11, 18, and 25  
9:45 - 10:15 a.m.  
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 5  
Monday, January 10  
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, January 6, 13, 20, and 27  
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!: Snowy Wonderland

Thursday, January 6  
10:45 - 11:15 a.m.  
11:30 a.m. - Noon

Children birth to age 5 with an adult

Enjoy snowy songs, books, and musical activities with Miss Teresa.

### Game Day

Saturday, January 8  
2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

For families

Looking for some family fun? Come see the library's new collection of board games. We have old classics like Backgammon, as well as new favorites like treasure-hunting Tobago. Never heard of 'em? No problem—we'll teach you. Meet us in the MacFarlane-Hood Reading Room for this monthly program.

### Girl Scout Angela Reads to Kids

Saturdays, January 8, 15, 22, and 29  
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 to kids as a part of a Girl Scout project.

### Chess Club for Kids

Saturdays, January 8, 15, 22, and 29  
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: Summer in Winter

Wednesday, January 12  
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Monday, January 24  
6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Children ages 2 to 4 with an adult

Want to pretend it's a hot summer day? Brave the cold temperatures and come in for stories and songs about summer and a fun-in-the-sun craft.

### Prairie Breezes Mini Concerts for Kids

Wednesday, January 12  
6:30 - 7:15 p.m.

For families

Enjoy a night of wonderful music, including traditional, folk, and popular music from all over the world. Tonight's concert will be performed by the **Bow-Dacious String Band**.

### Family Story Time

Thursday, January 13  
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.

### Middle East Story Time

Saturday, January 15  
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.

### Art Lessons for Children

Saturday, January 22  
2:00 - 2:45 p.m.

Children ages 5 years and up

Ever wonder how nature changes through the seasons? Dana Bernhard, a UIUC art education student, will help you to turn your observation into art.

### Kids Cooking

Sunday, January 23  
2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

School-age children

Are you an aspiring young chef? Come help us whip up some delicious no-cook recipes in The Urbana Free (Library) Kitchens.

### Toddler Story Time: Boxes

Wednesday, January 26  
10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Children ages 2 to 4 with an adult

Big boxes, little boxes, everyone loves boxes! Come to a story time all about boxes, where we will have stories, and songs, and we'll even make a simple box to take home.

### Chinese Bilingual Story Time

Saturday, January 29  
2:00 - 2:45 p.m.

For families

It's the Year of the Rabbit! The UIUC Asian American Cultural Center will present the *Story of the Chinese Zodiac* in both English and Chinese followed by a fun activity.

## LIBRARY CLOSINGS

**Friday, January 1  
New Year's Day**




**Monday, January 17  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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 Children's Services  
[urbanafreelibrary.org](http://urbanafreelibrary.org)  
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SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
						<b>1</b> <b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b> New Year's Holiday	
		<b>2</b>	<b>4</b> Babies' Lap Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	<b>5</b> Babies' Lap Time: Moonlight Edition 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.	<b>6</b> Preschool Story Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m.  Wee Love Music! Snowy Wonderland 10:45 - 11:15 a.m. 11:30 a.m. - Noon	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Game Day 2:00 - 6:00 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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<b>23</b> Kids Cooking 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.	<b>24</b> Toddler Story Time: Summer in Winter 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.	<b>25</b> Babies' Lap Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	<b>26</b> Toddler Story Time: Boxes 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	<b>27</b> Preschool Story Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m.	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Chinese Bilingual Story Time 2:00 - 2:45 p.m.  Angela Reads to Kids 2:30 - 4:00 p.m.  Chess Club for Kids 4:00 - 5:45 p.m.	
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>						

\* registration required

For detailed information on these programs, see back.