

# *This Month* at The Urbana Free Library

Rendering of library expansion by Ray Lytle.

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## The Urbana Free Library and Champaign Public Library Choose Polaris® Library Systems



The Urbana Free Library and the Champaign Public Library are joining together to migrate to a shared catalog by Polaris® Library Systems. Headquartered in Syracuse, New York, Polaris is a leading provider of library automation technology, and serves libraries such as the Denver (CO) Public Library and the Phoenix (AZ) Public Library.

As the foundation for the variety of functions performed in the library, the new shared Polaris automation platform will include an online catalog to help users locate and select resources from The Urbana Free Library and the Champaign Public Library. You will find many familiar components, such as the ability to renew items and place requests, plus new features designed to serve you better. Some of these innovations include the ability to keep a reading history and saved searches that will automatically deliver new results by email at specified intervals.

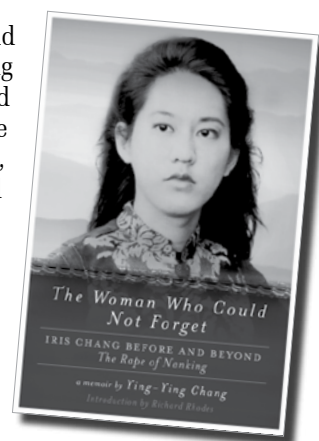
Scheduled to launch this December, the next-generation shared catalog by Polaris® Library Systems reaffirms our libraries' commitment as leaders in library technology and cost-effective service to our users.

## The Woman Who Could Not Forget

Iris Chang Before and Beyond the Rape of Nanking  
Sunday, October 16 • 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
Lewis Auditorium

Join us for a discussion and book signing with Ying-Ying Chang, author of a moving and illuminating memoir about the life of her daughter, Iris Chang, the award-winning author and historian.

Iris Chang grew up in Urbana, attended the University of Illinois, and went on to write ground-breaking books about the history of Asians and Chinese Americans. Her best-selling, meticulously researched book, *The Rape of Nanking: The Forgotten Holocaust of World War II*, forever changed the way we view the war in Asia.



A scholar in her own right, Ying-Ying Chang offers in her memoir an intimate look at her daughter—from the homemade childhood newspapers created by Iris, to her years as a journalist and promising young historian, to her struggles with her son's autism and her tragic suicide.

*Books will be available for purchase at the event for \$20. Cash, check, or credit card accepted.*

*This program is co-sponsored by the Asian American Cultural Center, the Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Relations (OIIR), and the Chinese American Association of Central Illinois (CAACI).*

## This Month's Events

Library Gallery - Framed prints by International Galleries located at 118 Lincoln Square in downtown Urbana.

- 1 (Sa) - *Urbana Free Library Staff at the Market at the Square*. Library information, free balloons, and stories. 7:30-11:30 a.m.
- 5 (We) - *Friends of The Urbana Free Library*. Meeting. Satterthwaite Conference Room. Noon-1:30 p.m.
- 7 (Fr) - *Urbana Otaku Manga Club*. All things manga, plus snacks and a prize drawing. Lewis Auditorium. 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- 8 (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.
- 11 (Tu) - *Bhutan: Taking the Middle Path to Happiness*. Free public film screening of Emmy Award-winning documentary. Lewis Auditorium. 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 11 (Tu) - *The 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.
- 16 (Su) - *The Woman Who Could Not Forget: Iris Chang Before and Beyond the Rape of Nanking*. A discussion and book signing with Ying-Ying Chang. Lewis Auditorium. 2:00-3:30 p.m.
- 21 (Fr) - *Prairie Breezes Concert Series*. A listening adventure with percussionist Jason Finkelman. Lewis Auditorium. 4:15-5:00 p.m.
- 22 (Sa) - *Allerton's Paradises. A presentation and book signing with Maureen and Michael Holtz*. Lewis Auditorium. 10:00-11:00 a.m.
- 23 (Su) - *UFL Reads! Book Club Delights!* Join us as we read and discuss *Redeeming Love* by Francine Rivers. MacFarlane-Hood Reading Room. 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- 25 (Tu) - *The Urbana Free Library Foundation*. Meeting. Satterthwaite Conference Room. 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- 29 (Sa) - *Teen Services Halloween Party*. Costumes, games, music, and prizes. Lewis Auditorium. 3:00 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.

## It's a Wrap! The 2011 Summer Reading Program

The 2011 Summer Reading Program has come to a close with some awesome facts to share. This year, over 1,100 children and teens signed up for the program and read over 16,000 titles. Now that's news worth sharing!

Many thanks to the following sponsors of the 2011 Summer Reading Program:

- Courier Cafe
- Dairy Queen
- Fazoli's
- Friends of The Urbana Free Library
- Goodrich Savoy 16 Theater
- Little Caesars Pizza
- Original Pancake House
- Papa John's Pizza
- Papa Murphy's
- Strawberry Fields
- Urbana Park District
- Walmart

## What Can the Library Do for You?

### Teens Speak Out!

In a lively brainstorming session on September 9, teens were bursting with ideas for new programs at The Urbana Free Library. The group came up with a long list of potential events, but unanimously voted on their top choice—a Halloween Party!

At the teen Halloween Party we'll have costumes, games, great music, and prizes. The event is scheduled for Saturday, October 29, with a tentative start time of 3:00 p.m. in the Lewis Auditorium.

The teen Halloween Party will be planned and organized by a volunteer group of teens. Keep watching the library's website at [urbanafreelibrary.org](http://urbanafreelibrary.org) for more information.



## Prairie Breezes Presents Jason Finkelman:

### Global Sounds, Creative Rhythms

Friday, October 21 • 4:15-5:00 p.m. • Lewis Auditorium



At this month's Prairie Breezes, percussionist Jason Finkelman will present a concert using musical instruments, found objects, and interactive improvisation.

Specializing in the berimbau, an Afro-Brazilian musical bow, Jason has an interest in exploring improvised music with unusual instrumentation. His artistic concerns have focused primarily on the performance of improvised music and composition for dance, theater, and film.

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



## Bhutan: Taking the Middle Path to Happiness

### FREE Public Film Screening and Lecture

Tuesday, October 11 • 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. • Lewis Auditorium

Imagine a place where the happiness of the people is the guiding principle of government. Imagine a people who see all life as sacred, a land with abundant renewable energy, and a nation committed to preserving nature and its culture. Imagine a country where the government's goal is "Gross National Happiness."



Where is this Shangri-La? Bhutan. But can this small, geographically isolated country tucked away in the Himalayan Mountains truly protect its environment and culture as they open their doors to the West?

Join us for a free public screening of the Emmy Award winning documentary *Bhutan: Taking the Middle Path to Happiness*. Immediately following the film, a discussion will be led by Alexander L. Mayer (Associate Professor, East Asian Languages and Cultures and Religious Studies, University of Illinois).

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

#### 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)

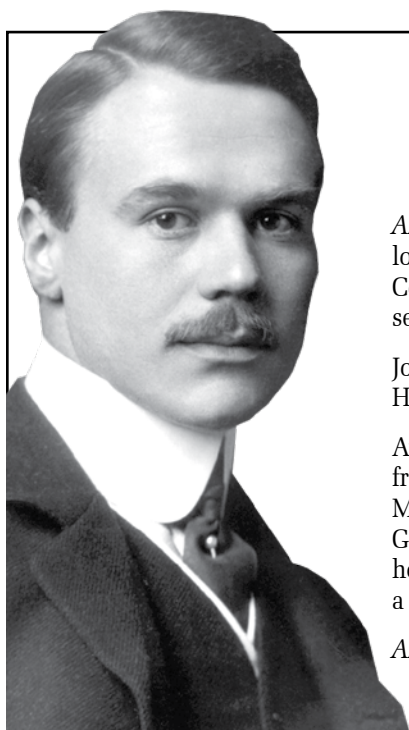
#### LIBRARY HOURS

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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## Allerton's Paradises

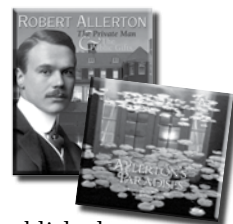
### Discussion and Book Signing with Maureen and Michael Holtz

Saturday, October 22 • 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. • Lewis Auditorium

*Allerton's Paradises* by Maureen and Michael Holtz showcases the two extraordinary estates of local philanthropist Robert Allerton. His Illinois home, now called Allerton Park and Retreat Center, was his first palette where he learned to mingle art and landscape architecture. Allerton's second home in Kauai allowed him to work with more sculpture and add exotic plants.

Join us as author Maureen Holtz presents a slideshow of Allerton's properties in Illinois and Hawaii and reads excerpts from letters he wrote in 1901 to a woman who captured his heart.

Author Maureen Holtz was raised in the Chicago suburbs and graduated from the University of Illinois with an education degree. In 2009, Holtz and Martha Burgin co-authored *Robert Allerton: The Private Man and the Public Gifts*. Michael Holtz grew up in nearby Clinton, Illinois, and has spent many hours since childhood exploring Allerton Park. A structural engineer, he is a self-taught photographer.



*Allerton's Paradises* and *Allerton: The Private Man and the Public Gifts* were published by The News-Gazette and are available from local bookstores and The News-Gazette office.



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

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## Another Successful Friends Book Sale!

We're happy to report that the Friends of The Urbana Free Library raised \$7,594 at their book sale this summer! Their cumulative sale total since 1980 is now over \$318,328. All of that money provides new books for the library and summer reading program gifts for children and teens.



Did you miss the summer Friends book sale? No worries! The fall book sale is scheduled for November 17 - 21. If you can't wait until November, you can shop year-round at The Urbana Free Library Cafe **and** Friends Book Shop. Located in the library's historic front reading rooms, you'll find shelves of books at the awesome price of \$3. From cookbooks and biographies to popular fiction and gardening, one never knows what treasure might be found, so come back often.

The Friends volunteers sort and pack, plan and promote, unpack and set up, cashier and straighten, then repack and clean up during each book sale. Many thanks to the Friends who volunteer, to the library staff and custodians who assist with the toting of boxes, and to the community who ardently support the book sales through their purchases.



**The Friends of The Urbana Free Library**  
 210 West Green Street • Urbana, Illinois 61801

## MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**TO JOIN OR CONTRIBUTE . . .** Annual membership is \$10.00 for each adult. Junior membership (12 years and younger) is \$1.00. Any additional contribution is welcome. The Friends of The Urbana Free Library is a not-for-profit organization. All gifts are tax deductible.

Please check one:  Renewing member  New member

Please check one:  Adult member  Junior member

I would like to:  Consult with The Urbana Free Library Foundation about a gift for library development.

Enclosed is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for membership  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for Friends' projects

(Checks payable to: *The Friends of The Urbana Free Library*)

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# OCTOBER 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 210 W. Green St., Urbana, Illinois 217.367.4069  
[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.

### Market at the Square

Saturday, October 1  
7:30 – 11:30 a.m.

For children of all ages

Celebrate our wonderful Urbana farmer's market! Your favorite librarians will be there with stories, library information, and free balloons.

### Hispanic Heritage Day

Saturday, October 1  
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

For children of all ages

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 - October 15)! Explore Latin American culture through music, stories, and much more. This event is co-sponsored by the Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies at the University of Illinois.

### Chess Club for Kids

Saturday, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
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.

### Three Wishes Puppet Show

Sunday, October 2  
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

For children of all ages

Join us when *The Three Wishes* is performed by Elizabeth Goldsmith-Conley's Portable Puppets Playhouse. In this lively and amusing folktale, puppets and audience talk to one another. After the performance, Elizabeth's new book and DVD will be available for purchase and signing.

### Babies' Lap Time

Tuesday, October 4, 11, 18, 25  
9:45 – 10:15 a.m.  
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, October 5  
Monday, October 17  
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.

### Olympic Hero Night

Tuesday, October 4  
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

For children ages 5 and up

Rick Riordan's new book *Son of Neptune* is out today! Put on your best toga or come dressed as your favorite Olympian God and celebrate with us as we read the first chapter together.

### Preschool Story Time

Thursday, October 6, 13, 20, 27  
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.

### Llama Llama Red Pajama Party

Thursday, October 6  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

For children of all ages

Wear your pajamas and come sing llama songs and put together a llama craft. Each year Jumpstart's Read for the Record sets a world record for the most children reading the same book with an adult on the same day. Come help us break a world record!

### Spanish Story Time

Saturday, October 8  
2:30 – 3:30

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

Wednesday, October 12 and 26  
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Monday, October 24  
6:30 – 7:00 p.m.

For children ages 2 – 4 with a caregiver

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

### Creepy Crawlies

Saturday, October 15  
11:00 a.m. – Noon

For children of all ages

Do you enjoy snakes and bugs? Then, this program is for you! The Anita Purves Nature Center will bring live snakes and bugs plus present lots of cool info about these creatures.

### Middle East Story Time

Saturday, October 15  
2:00 – 2:45 p.m.

For children of all ages

Join Angela Williams from the UIUC Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies to learn about ancient and modern traditions in the Middle East through stories, music, and craft activities.

### Doodle Dee Doo Writing Workshop

Tuesday and Wednesday,  
October 18 - 19  
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

For children in grades 3 - 5

Do you write? Do you doodle? Join us for this two-day workshop as we create our own books illustrated with doodles! You can register online through the library's e-calendar or call 367-4069.

### Prairie Breezes Presents Jason Finkelman

Friday, October 21  
4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

For families

A listening adventure awaits families as percussionist Jason Finkelman presents *Global Sounds, Creative Rhythms*, an afternoon concert featuring a wide variety of African and Brazilian instruments, found objects, and interactive improvisation.

### Art Lessons for Children

Saturday, October 22  
2:00 – 2:45 p.m.

For children ages 5 and up

Calling Young Artists! Get your jack-o'-lantern grins ready for pumpkin head masks! Join Jillian Torre and Kamila Glowacki from the UIUC Art Education Program for an art project that can turn your gourd into something silly or something spooky! You will give their pumpkins personality, and bring them to life by wearing them home!

### Wee Love Music!: Un-Halloween Special

Thursday, October 27  
10:45 - 11:15 a.m.  
11:30 – 12:00 noon

For preschool groups and children birth to 5 years old with a caregiver

Come sing songs and play musical games with Miss Teresa to celebrate the fall season.

### Halloween Fun!

Saturday, October 29  
11:00 a.m. - Noon


For children of all ages

Don't miss our spooktacular, monsterific storytime with songs, spooky crafts and a scary snack. Feel free to come dressed in your Halloween costume!



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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

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\* registration required

For detailed information on these programs, see back.