

# *This Month* at The Urbana Free Library

**Children's Programs  
Calendar INSIDE! >>>**

Rendering of library expansion by Ray Lytle.

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## UFL Reads! Local Authors

Sunday, January 22 • 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
MacFarlane-Hood Reading Room

It should come as no surprise, that those of us who work at the library read a few books each year. Just like you, we eagerly wait for the publication of titles by our favorite authors and maintain a never-ending list of “must reads.”

So, what have library staff been reading? Now in its second year, we're pleased to make available our annual list of **Staff Favorite Reads**. We read so many books in 2011, there are four lists—fiction favorites, nonfiction favorites, teen favorites, and of course, children's favorites.

But wait, there's more! You can pick up your copy of the four **Staff Favorite Reads** lists at the library or find them online at [urbanafreelibrary.org/lists/staff\\_fave.php](http://urbanafreelibrary.org/lists/staff_fave.php)



We're fortunate to be home to a plethora of creative individuals—many of whom are writers. Whether born in central Illinois or here by choice, local authors have provided us with hours of enjoyment. Join us when **UFL Reads!** begins another series of reads by local authors.

In January, our book club for adults will discuss *Life Itself: A Memoir* by Pulitzer Prize winner and Urbana native, Roger Ebert. Witty and moving, the book details Ebert's life from his childhood in Urbana, his adventures as a student at the University of Illinois, and onward to his career as a successful film critic. Along the way he candidly discusses his fight with cancer, his alcoholism, his friendships, and his marriage to Chaz.

**UFL Reads!** meets the fourth Sunday of most months. Coming in February and March:

Sunday, February 26  
*The Dead Sea Codex* by Sarah Wisseman

Sunday, March 25  
*The Year We Left Home* by Jean Thompson

## This Month's Events

Library Exhibit Case - *Glorious Glass* display by Cinema Gallery, Urbana, IL.

Library Gallery - Framed prints by International Galleries, Urbana, IL.

- 1** (Su) - *Library Closed for New Year's Day.*
- 6** (Fr) - *Urbana Otaku Manga Club.* All things manga, plus snacks and a prize drawing. Lewis Auditorium. 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- 10** (Tu) - *The Urbana Free Library Board of Trustees.* Monthly meeting. Jean Evans Archives Room. 7:30-9:00 p.m.
- 11** (We) - *Research Night at the Champaign County Historical Archives.* Evening research hours for all interested library patrons. Jean Evans Archives Room. 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- 14** (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.
- 14** (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. 2:00-4:30 p.m.
- 15** (Su) - *UFLive!* String-band music with Robin Kearton, Tom Faux, and Michael Shapiro. Busey-Mills Reading Room. 2:00-3:30 p.m.
- 16** (Mo) - *Library Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.*
- 20** (Fr) - *Prairie Breezes Concert Series.* Crazy "fun kids" music for fun-crazy kids with Mr. Stephens. Lewis Auditorium. 4:15-5:00 p.m.
- 22** (Su) - *UFL Reads! Local Authors.* Read and discuss *Life Itself: A Memoir* by Roger Ebert. MacFarlane-Hood Reading Room. 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- 24** (Tu) - *The Urbana Free Library Foundation.* Meeting. Satterthwaite Conference Room. 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- 29** (Su) - *Joseph William Royer: Urbana's Architect.* A multimedia presentation by author Brian Adams. Lewis Auditorium. 2:00-3:00 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.

## Two Opportunities to GET IN THE GAME on Saturday, January 14

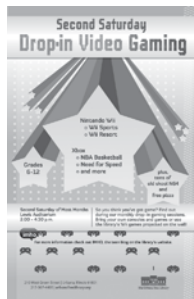


### Second Saturday Board Games

2:00 - 6:00 p.m. • MacFarlane-Hood Reading Room

Join us for this monthly drop-in program where you can choose a game to play from the library's collection of board games. We have some old classics such as *Go* and *Backgammon*, as well as new favorites like deck-building *Dominion* and treasure-hunting *Tobago*.

Grab a warm beverage from the library cafe and spend an enjoyable afternoon playing games with family and friends.



### Second Saturday Drop-in Video Games

2:00 - 4:30 p.m. • Lewis Auditorium

So you think you've got game? Find out at the library's drop-in gaming sessions for those in grades 6 through 12. Bring your own consoles and games, or use the library's *Wii*, *Xbox*, or old skool *N64*. Bring a friend and have a blast!

For more information, contact Teen Services at 367-4405.



## Champaign County Historical Archives Spring 2012 Workshop Series

### Intermediate Genealogy

Thursdays, February 2 through March 8 • 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

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

### Using the Internet for Your Genealogy Research

Saturday, March 31 • 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Steve Szabados will provide brief demonstrations of the major online resources and will discuss methods to find many more resources.

### African American Genealogy for Beginners

Saturday, April 7 • 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Learn about databases and invaluable resources specific to African American genealogy with Deanna Martin-Osuagwu.

For detailed information about workshop fees, locations, and how to register, visit [urbanafreelibrary.org/archives/](http://urbanafreelibrary.org/archives/) and select "Workshops & Events" on the navigation menu. You can also stop by the Champaign County Historical Archives, located on the second floor of the library.

**UFLive! Presents  
Robin Kearton, Tom Faux,  
and Michael Shapiro**

Sunday, January 15 • 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
Busey-Mills Reading Room



With a lively blend of violin, banjo, accordion, and guitar, **Robin Kearton, Tom Faux, and Michael Shapiro** play “curiously strong” string-band music. Their repertoire is both reflective and danceable, and includes 16th-century “maggots,” Arabic improvisations, Miles Davis numbers, and plenty of Irish and Southern fiddle tunes. All three artists have performed in the Champaign-Urbana area as well as nationally for many years, and are delighted to be performing at the library!



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.

**Prairie Breezes Presents Mr. Stephens**

Friday, January 20 • 4:15 - 5:00 p.m. • Lewis Auditorium



Children of all ages and their families are invited to a wild and crazy sing-a-long with vocalist and musician **Mr. Stephens**. You can learn the alphabet and how to count to 20 while howling like a dog! **Mr. Stephens** will have you stomping your chicken feet with his hilarious lyrics and guitar. It’s crazy “fun kids” music for fun-crazy kids!

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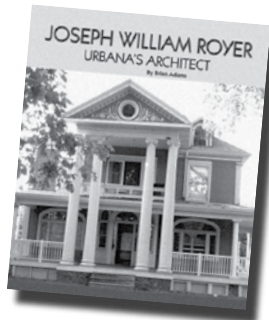


**Joseph William Royer: Urbana’s Architect  
A multimedia presentation by Brian Adams**

Sunday, January 29 • 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
Lewis Auditorium



Urbana-born architect Joseph William Royer designed many of Urbana’s signature buildings, including the Champaign County Courthouse, Urbana High School, and The Urbana Free Library. In his recently published book, Brian Adams documents the amazing scope of Royer’s work and what is known about his personal life. The presentation will include photos of the most significant Royer-designed buildings.



Brian Adams is the assistant director of the Public Service Archaeology & Architecture Program at the University of Illinois. He became interested in historic preservation after he purchased and renovated Urbana homes and researched their history.

**A Knight to Remember...  
The Fairy Tale Ball**

Friday, March 30 • 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.



**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.

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# JANUARY 2012



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.

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

### Babies' Lap Time

Tuesday, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
9:45 – 10:15 a.m.  
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 4  
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.

### Preschool Story Time

Thursday, January 5, 12, 19, 26  
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.

### Wee Love Music Snowy Wonderland

Thursday, January 5  
10:45 – 11:15 a.m.  
11:30 a.m. – Noon

For children ages birth to 5 years old with a caregiver

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

### Slavic Story Time

Saturday, January 7  
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
For children of all ages

Families are invited to the library for a Slavic story time co-sponsored by the Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center at the UIUC.

### Chess Club for Kids New Year's Party

Saturday, January 7  
4:00 – 5:45 p.m.

For children ages 5 and up

Calling all kids who would like to learn to play chess or are looking for an opportunity to improve your skills. Come join us as we celebrate the beginning of 2012 with treats!

### Toddler Story Time

Wednesday, January 11 and 25  
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Monday, January 23  
6:30 – 7:00 p.m.

For children ages 2 – 4 with a caregiver

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

### Battle of the Books Club

Friday, January 13  
11:00 a.m. – Noon

For children in grades 3 - 5

Are you planning on participating in the Urbana School District's Battle of the Books? Join the Battle of the Books Club where we will look at *Adventures in Cartooning*, *Bunnicula*, *Butterflies and Moths*, *Bad News for Outlaws*, and *The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg*. There will be trivia about the books to help get ready for the battle. Snacks will be served!

### Chess Club for Kids

Saturday, January 14, 21, 28  
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.

### Let's Make Boxes!

Tuesday, January 17  
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

For children ages 5 and up

Did your holiday presents come in interesting boxes? Sometimes the boxes are more fun than the toys that come in them! Come learn how to make your own fancy boxes in this crafty program.

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For families

Join Mr. Stephens for crazy "fun kids" music for fun-crazy kids! Learn the alphabet and how to count to 20 while howling like a dog and stomping your chicken feet. Recordings will be available for sale after the concert.

### Curious Creatures

Saturday, January 21  
11:00 a.m. – Noon

For children in elementary school

Have you ever seen a blue-tongued skink? Now is your chance! Find out about some unusual animals when the GEEB students bring their live creatures to share with us. Sponsored by Graduates in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from the UIUC.

### Middle East Story Time

Saturday, January 21  
2:00 – 2:45 p.m.

For children of all ages

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

### Found Poetry for Your Iguana

Tuesday, January 24  
3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

For children in grades 3 – 5

Did you know you can find a poem about almost anything? A menu, a street sign, an advertisement...? Join librarian Elaine Bearden for this hands-on workshop and create your very own found poetry kit to take home. Bring a favorite book. Register for this program by calling 367-4069.

### Chinese and Korean New Year Celebration

Saturday, January 28  
11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

For children of all ages

Join us for a double celebration! Songs, music, and much more from both Chinese and Korean cultures will be presented in this special program!

### Art Lessons for Children

Saturday, January 28  
Noon – 12:45 p.m.

For children ages 4 – 8

Ever wonder how to draw a dragon? The majestic figure, the sharp claws, the fire. It's the year of the dragon with an opportunity for you to learn how to drawing from local artist and instructor Hua Nian of Hua Nian Art Studio.

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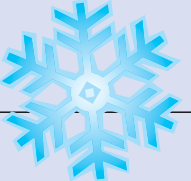


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# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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 Children's Services  
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 January 2012

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b> New Year's Day 	<b>2</b> 	<b>3</b> Babies' Lap Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	<b>4</b> Babies' Lap Time: Moonlight Edition 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.	<b>5</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>6</b> 	<b>7</b> Slavic Story Time 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Chess Club for Kids New Year's Party 4:00 - 5:45 p.m.
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\* registration required

For detailed information on these programs, see back.