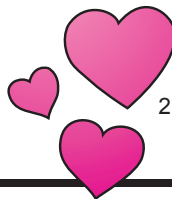


# FEBRUARY 2012

## 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.

### Let's Celebrate Groundhog Day

Thursday, February 2  
4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

For families

It's Groundhog Day! Come in after school and celebrate the humble Groundhog. We will either celebrate an early spring ... or six more weeks of winter with songs, stories, games, snacks, and a simple craft.

### Preschool Story Time

Thursday, February 2, 9, 16, 23  
9:45 – 10:15 a.m.

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

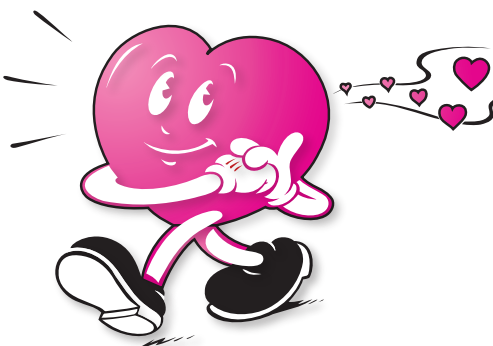
Preschool groups and families are invited to join in the fun as we sing songs and listen to stories in this energetic story time.

### Whoo's Coming to the Library?

Saturday, February 4  
11:00 a.m. – Noon

For children in preschool and up

Whoo's coming to the library? An owl from the Anita Purves Nature Center! This is an opportunity to touch an owl, learn about bird migration, and make a bird related craft.



### Chess Club for Kids

Saturday, February 4, 11, 18, 25  
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.

### Babies' Lap Time

Tuesday, February 7, 14, 21, 28  
9:45 – 10:15 a.m.  
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, February 1

Monday, February 13  
6:00 – 6:30 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.

### Toddler Story Time

Wednesday, February 8 and 22  
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Monday, February 27  
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, February 10  
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 and want help to get ready? Join us as we explore books on the "Battle" list. Snacks will be served!

### Runaway Gingerbread

Friday, February 10  
2:00 – 2:45 p.m.

For children in preschool through grade 2

Run, run as fast as you can to the library for a program about the gingerbread boy. We will read stories, hear songs, make a gingerbread craft, and munch on some gingerbread.

### Elephant and Piggie Party

Saturday, February 11  
11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

For children in preschool through grade 2

Calling all Elephant and Piggie fans! Come enjoy stories, games, crafts, and a snack in this program celebrating *Gerald and Piggie* by Mo Willems.

### Spanish Story Time

Saturday, February 11  
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

For families

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

### Prairie Breezes Presents Spinnin' Slidin' Scratchin'

Friday, February 17  
4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

For families

Join us for an improvisational performance featuring Dorothy Martirano scratchin' on the violin; Armand Beaudoin scratchin' on cello; Morgan E. Powell slidin' on trombone; and Patricia Hruby Powell spinnin' out dances and tales.

### Penguin Party

Friday, February 24  
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

For families

Come party like a penguin! There will be a penguin waddle conga and crafts for young and old.

### Let's Get Ready for Kindergarten

Saturday, February 25  
11:00 a.m. – Noon

For families with preschool children

Starting kindergarten is such an exciting time! This program will highlight the skills your child needs to know to be ready for a lifetime of learning. There will be give-aways, as well as do-it-yourself learning kits so your child can continue learning at home.

### Art Lessons for Children

Saturday, February 25  
2:00 – 2:45 p.m.

For children ages 4 – 8

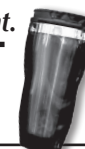
All young artists welcome! Join Jillian Torre from the Art Education program at UIUC to make a paper pennant banner decorated with drawings that are uniquely your own. You can take your masterpiece home with you and liven up your space.

**\$1<sup>25</sup> Brewed Coffee**  
**Any size. Any day.**

Bring your own non-disposable travel mug for a 25¢ discount on any drink menu item.

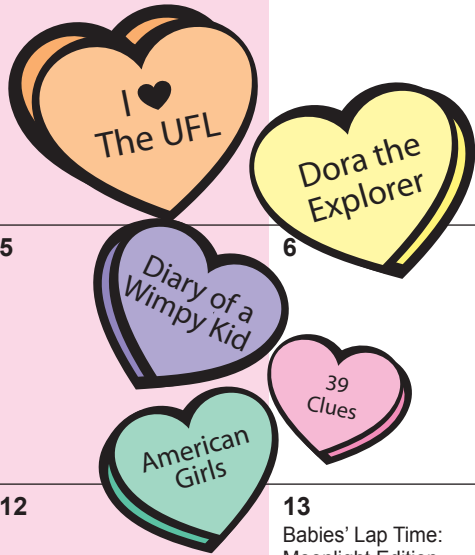
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# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

THE URBANA FREE LIBRARY  
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 February 2012

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
			<b>1</b> Babies' Lap Time: Moonlight Edition 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	<b>2</b> Preschool Story Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m.  Let's Celebrate Groundhog Day 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Whoo's Coming to the Library? 11:00 a.m. - Noon  Chess Club for Kids 4:00 - 5:45 p.m.	
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Looking for great reading suggestions? Stop by the **Books & more** blog at [urbanafreelibrary.org](http://urbanafreelibrary.org)

\* registration required

For detailed information on these programs, see back.