

# 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.

### Prairie Breezes Presents Mr. Stephens

Friday, January 20  
4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

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.

\$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.





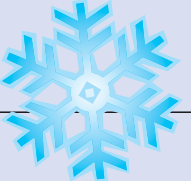


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# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

THE URBANA FREE LIBRARY  
 Children's Services  
[urbanafreelibrary.org](http://urbanafreelibrary.org)  
 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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For detailed information on these programs, see back.