

Collections

- Over 220,000 books.
- Current best sellers.
- Fiction, with separate sections for mysteries, science fiction and fantasy, spy fiction, romances, westerns, horror fiction, and young adult fiction. (Our mystery, science fiction, and romance collections are especially good.)
- Wide collection of non-fiction on all topics.
- Books for children of all ages.
- Champaign County history—the best collection anywhere.
- An outstanding genealogy collection.
- Over 14,000 videos and DVDs, with special strengths in educational films, classic features, foreign films, and preschool videos.
- Over 700 magazine and newspaper subscriptions.
- Over 16,000 sound recordings, including CDs and audiobooks.
- Over 300 educational CD-ROMs for children.
- Entire collection selected by the staff you see daily in the library. (Tell them what you like.)

Information Services

- Staff at our reference desks help people over 125,000 times a year with . . .
 - Fast facts on almost any subject.
 - Help finding just the right book.
 - Homework assistance.
- When you're stuck for information, call us first. As a group, our reference staff have over 300 years of combined professional experience.
- Even when we're swamped, we try to sort questions immediately, answering the quick ones without asking to call you back.

Information Technology

- Over 30 public Internet workstations.
- Public computers with Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.
- A wide variety of online databases, such as . . .
 - EBSCOhost, magazine indexes with full-text articles.
 - Learning Express Library, practice tests for ACT, TOEFL, and dozens more.
 - Literature Resource Center, covering thousands of authors.
 - Ancestry Library Edition, for genealogy research.

(See the entire list at urbanafreelibrary.org)

Programs and Courses

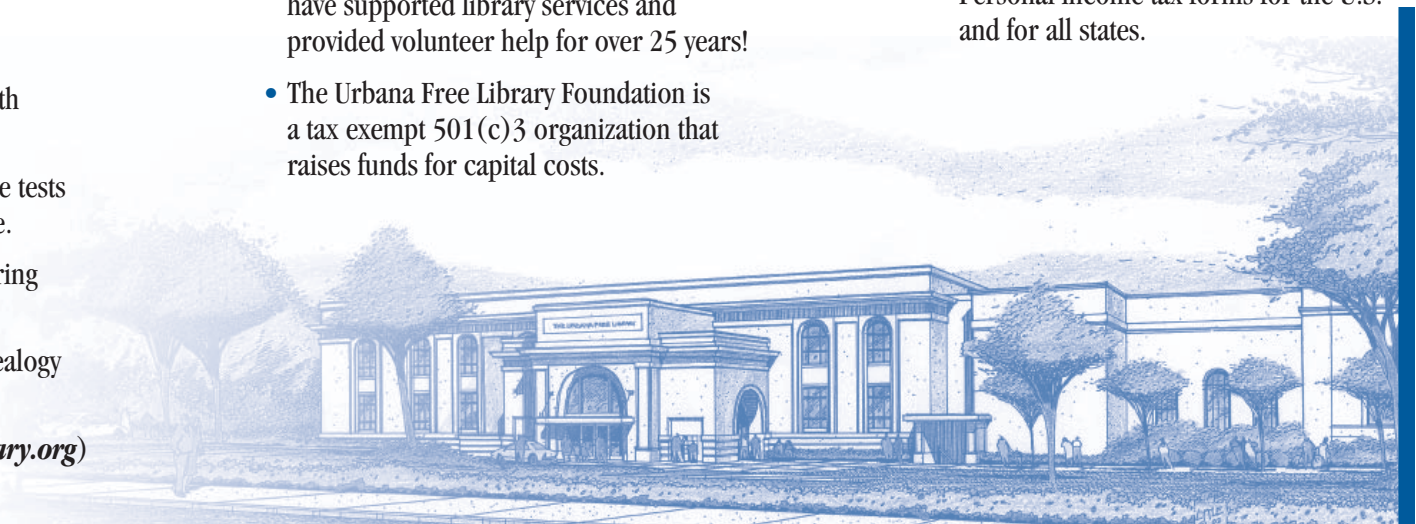
- Over 400 programs every year for children and families. Check the monthly calendar of **Children's Events**.
- **Funfare** story times for preschool children every Thursday morning.
- **Babies' Lap Times** every Tuesday morning and two evenings a month.
- Visits to schools and preschools.
- Summer reading programs for children and young adults.
- Adult reading club every winter.
- Genealogy courses.
- Library tours for your group.

Library Support Groups

- The Friends of The Urbana Free Library have supported library services and provided volunteer help for over 25 years!
- The Urbana Free Library Foundation is a tax exempt 501(c)3 organization that raises funds for capital costs.

Extras You Wouldn't Necessarily Expect

- Comfortable chairs by big windows.
- Quiet reading room.
- **Local History Online** with nearly three million entries.
- Free notary public service.
- Meeting rooms available free for public meetings of non-profit groups. (Call 367-4069.)
- Huge book sales three times a year, by the Friends of The Urbana Free Library. (Early admission with your \$10.00 dues.)
- Weekly delivery to homebound readers and to retirement centers.
- Assistive technology for people with limited hearing, vision, or mobility.
- Reviews posted for all movies playing locally.
- Personal income tax forms for the U.S. and for all states.



An Extraordinary Public Library

- The public library of the City of Urbana.
- Founded in 1874—one of the first public libraries in Illinois.
- Ranked in the top 1 percent of public libraries nationwide.
- Newly expanded, fully accessible historic building.
- Over 1,000 users a day.
- Widely known for friendly service.
- Conveniently located in the heart of Downtown Urbana.
- Open every day of the year, except major holidays.
- Director named “Illinois Librarian of the Year” for 2000.
- Four staff members on the adjunct faculty at the University of Illinois library school.
- Roger Ebert calls it “The Urbana Free and Wonderful Library.” (And we think he’s right.)

Keeping in Touch

- Twelve incoming phone lines, so you’ll get almost no busy signals.
- Telephones always answered by Real Human Beings—no recorded messages unless we’re closed.
- ***This Month at The Urbana Free Library*** and our monthly calendar of ***Children’s Events***. (Have both mailed to your home by joining the Friends of The Urbana Free Library for just \$10.00 a year.)
- Our website—urbanafreelibrary.org

Borrowing

- Over 800,000 items lent each year.
- All loans completely free (except for a few interlibrary loans) if you bring things back on time.
- Interlibrary loan for books we don’t own (or that are currently in use).
- For more information, ask for a copy of ***Using Your Library Card***.
- Access to our catalogs, loan renewals, and hold requests from your home computer—24 hours a day. Go to urbanafreelibrary.org and have your library card number handy.

LIBRARY LOCATION

- 210 West Green Street in Downtown Urbana.
- Just south of Busey Bank and west of Lincoln Square Village.
- On all Urbana bus routes.

LIBRARY PARKING

- Metered spaces in library lots and nearby streets (free on weekends and after 5:00 PM weekdays).
- City parking deck one block east on Elm Street (free on weekends and after 6:00 PM weekdays).
- Busey Bank lot, available to library users after 4:00 PM on weekdays and all day on weekends.
- Non-metered spaces along nearby streets.
- Bike parking in front of the library.

LIBRARY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Circulation & Renewals	367-4057
Adult Reference Desk	367-4405
Children’s Question Desk	367-4069
Genealogy & Local History	367-4025
Administration	367-4058
TTY for hearing-impaired	367-4405

HOME PAGE & ONLINE CATALOG

urbanafreelibrary.org

LIBRARY HOURS

Adult and Children’s Departments

9 AM - 9 PM	Mon-Thurs
9 AM - 6 PM	Fri-Sat
1 PM - 5 PM	Sun

Archives (Genealogy and local history)

9 AM - 5 PM	Mon-Sat
1 PM - 5 PM	Sun

Closed major holidays.

All About The Urbana Free Library



*Urbana’s friendly,
old-fashioned, high-tech
public library.*