

About the Friends

The Friends of The Urbana Free Library is a group of over 600 people who appreciate and support the library. Since its founding in 1975, the Friends group has

- Raised over \$100,000 for new library books and summer reading clubs through semiannual book sales.
- Purchased a wide range of new equipment for the library.
- Developed and maintained the flower boxes and landscaping around the library.
- Delivered thousands of books to hundreds of homebound Urbana residents.
- Contributed funds to the long-awaited expansion of the library (see the picture to the right).

Join the Friends of The Urbana Free Library to participate in Friends' activities—or just to support our nationally-ranked public library.



Joining the Friends

Membership in the Friends is one of the few remaining bargains.

With your annual membership of only \$10 you will receive...

- The satisfaction of supporting a successful organization that has helped build a great public library for over 25 years.
- ***This Month at The Urbana Free Library*** and the monthly calendar of ***Children's Events*** mailed to your home or business every month.
- Early admission to "members only" night at all Friends book sales.
- Opportunities to participate in Friends projects and to become a leader of the organization.

The Friends group is friendly and enthusiastic. It always welcomes new members at its monthly planning meetings.

The Friends meet in the library conference room at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. (Meetings are sometimes not held in January and July. Check schedules in ***This Month at The Urbana Free Library*** for details.)

Friends Finances

When you join the Friends, your dues go to:

- Mailing ***This Month at The Urbana Free Library*** and the monthly calendar of ***Children's Events*** to the Friends members.
- Capital expenditures for the Library including equipment and construction.
- Plants for the library's gardens and flower boxes.
- Sponsoring the Herbert Goldhor Award, given each year to an outstanding graduate of the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences who is specializing in public libraries.

When you support Friends book sales, 100 percent of the profits go directly to the library, where they are used to purchase new books and to support reading programs.



GREAT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE FRIENDS

The Friends of The Urbana Free Library is a great organization. If you are interested in joining or helping, fill in both sides of this form, and return it to the library. (You don't have to join the Friends to volunteer, but at only \$10.00 a year, which includes a free subscription to ***This Month at The Urbana Free Library*** and the monthly calendar of ***Children's Events***, it's a real bargain.)

BOOK SALES

- Transporting donated books
- Publicity
- Moving boxes of books
- Unpacking and setup
- Shift supervisor during sale
- Cashiering during sale
- Straightening during sale
- Cleanup after sale

HOMEBOUND PROGRAM

- Selecting books for readers
- Delivering books to readers

OTHER FRIENDS ACTIVITIES

- Serving on the Friends steering committee
- Helping with Friends mailings
- Gardening



Name _____ Phone _____ e-mail _____ 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 indicate #: Adult member(s) Junior member(s)
I would like to: Consult with The Urbana Free Library Foundation about a donation for capital projects.

Enclosed is: \$ _____ for membership(s)
\$ _____ for Friends' projects
(Checks payable to: *The Friends of The Urbana Free Library*)

Enclosed is: \$ _____ for Foundation projects
(Checks payable to: *The Urbana Free Library Foundation*)

Book Sales

The Friends holds massive sales of great used books each spring, summer, and fall.

Book sales raise over \$20,000 a year for new library books and for reading programs—but they are heavily attended community events as well as fundraisers. As a result of Friends book sales, thousands of Urbana residents and visitors have added to their home libraries at minimal cost.

Most of the books sold in our sales are high-quality used books donated by local residents. The sales also include books removed from the library's collections.

Book sales run for four days, beginning with a pre-sale only for Friends members on Thursday night, one day of full-priced sales, one day at half-price, and a free giveaway of leftover books the last day.

Website

Information on the Friends of The Urbana Free Library is always available at www.urbanafreelibrary.org/friends.htm

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 along Cherry Alley, south 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

HOMEPAGE & 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.

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