

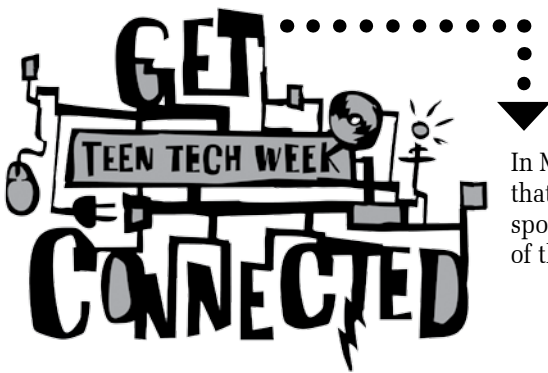
This Month at The Urbana Free Library

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

Rendering of library expansion by Ray Lytle.

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In March, teens are invited to celebrate **Teen Tech Week™**, an annual initiative that highlights the technology available to teens in libraries. The initiative is sponsored by the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association.



Fab Lab Demo

Tuesday, March 6 & Thursday, March 8
4:00 - 5:00 p.m. • Lewis Auditorium

A **Fab Lab** (fabrication laboratory) is a workshop with an array of computer controlled tools that can make “almost anything.” Do you want to learn how to custom decorate your bike, skateboard, or laptop? Members of the **CU Community Fab Lab** will demonstrate how to use a vinyl cutter and design software (Inkscape), and tell you what the **Fab Lab** has to offer. To learn more, visit cucfablab.org.

A makerspace (aka hackerspace, hack-space, hacklab, or creative space) is a location where people with a common interest in computers, technology, science, digital, and/or electronic arts can meet, socialize, and/or collaborate. Hackerspaces can be viewed as open community labs incorporating elements of machine shops, workshops, and studios where hackers can share resources and knowledge to build and make things. Our local **Makerspace** is exploring robotics—come see how you can get involved!

Makerspace Demo

Wednesday, March 7
4:00 - 5:00 p.m. • Lewis Auditorium



Featuring **Makerspace** pioneer,
Mitch Altman!



Retro Gaming Day

Saturday, March 10
2:00 - 4:30 p.m. • Lewis Auditorium

So you think you've got game? Find out at the library's monthly drop-in gaming sessions! Bring your own consoles and games or use the library's *Wii* games. To celebrate **Teen Tech Week™**, we're hosting a special **Retro Gaming Day** with your favorite arcade classics, including *Mortal Kombat II & 3*; *Gauntlet II*; *Spy Hunter II*; *Asteroids*; *Battlezone*; *Missile Command*; *Video Pinball*; *Warlords*, and more!



For more information about **Teen Tech Week™** and other topics of interest, check out **TEEN SPACE**, the teen blog on the library's website at urbanafreelibrary.org.

This Month's Events

- 2 (Fr) - *Urbana Otaku Manga Club*. All things manga, plus snacks and a prize drawing. Lewis Auditorium. 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- 4 (Su) - *Truth and Beauty*. Guest poet Lamont B. Steptoe reads from his work. Lewis Auditorium. 2:00-3:30 p.m.
- 6 (Tu) - *Fab Lab Demo*. Get connected during Teen Tech Week. Lewis Auditorium. 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- 7 (We) - *Friends of The Urbana Free Library*. Meeting. Satterthwaite Conference Room. Noon-1:30 p.m.
- 7 (We) - *Makerspace Demo*. Get connected during Teen Tech Week. Lewis Auditorium. 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- 8 (Th) - *Fab Lab Demo*. Get connected during Teen Tech Week. Lewis Auditorium. 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- 9 (Fr) - *Prairie Breezes Concert Series*. The eclectic repertoire of the Mean Lids. Lewis Auditorium. 4:15-5:00 p.m.
- 10 (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.
- 10 (Sa) - *Second Saturday Video Gaming: Retro Gaming Day*. If you're in grade 6 through 12, find out if you've got game. Lewis Auditorium. 2:00-4:30 p.m.
- 11 (Su) - *Taking Root: The Vision of Wangari Maathai*. Free public screening of the compelling story of the Kenyan Nobel Peace Prize Laureate. Lewis Auditorium. 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- 14 (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.
- 18 (Su) - *UFLive!* Old style Irish music with a modern twist by **The Turnstones**. Busey-Mills Reading Room. 2:00-3:30 p.m.
- 20 (Tu) - *Election Day*. Polling location for Cunningham Precinct 10. MacFarlane-Hood Reading Room. 6:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
- 21 (We) - *Prairie Breezes Concert Series*. A special Wednesday performance by the **Anasazi String Quartet**.
- 25 (Su) - *UFL Reads! Celebrates Local Authors*. Read and discuss *The Year We Left Home* by Jean Thompson. MacFarlane-Hood Reading Room. 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- 26 (Mo) - *Art Day @ Your Library*. Teens can join us for an hour of creativity. Lewis Auditorium. 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- 26 (Tu) - *The Urbana Free Library Foundation*. Meeting. Satterthwaite Conference Room. 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- 30 (Fr) - *The Fairy Tale Ball*. Come one! Come all! It will be a "Knight to Remember." 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- 31 (Sa) - *Using the Internet for Your Genealogy Research*. 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. For registration information, call Parkland College at 217-242-2055. Lewis Auditorium.

Truth and Beauty

Guest Poet Lamont B. Steptoe Reads from His Work

Sunday, March 4 • 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. • Lewis Auditorium

Lamont B. Steptoe is a poet, activist, Vietnam veteran, photographer, and founder/publisher of *Whirlwind Press*. He is the author of 12 books of poetry and the editor of two collections of poems by South African poet, Dennis Brutus. Steptoe has won many awards for his work, including the American Book Award. He has performed around the world.



Taking Root: The Vision of Wangari Maathai

A Special Film Showing in Celebration of International Women's Day

Sunday, March 11 • 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. • Lewis Auditorium



Taking Root tells the compelling story of Kenyan Nobel Prize Laureate Wangari Maathai, whose simple act of planting trees grew into a nationwide movement to safeguard the environment, protect human rights, and defend democracy.

Through chilling first person accounts and TV footage, the film documents the Green Belt Movement's dramatic political confrontations in which Maathai and other Kenyan women endured violent suppression, engaged in a hunger strike, and risked personal injury. Contemporary verité footage of the tree nurseries and the improved lives of the women and children who tend to them, is testimony to the power of Maathai's vision and the positive change it has brought about.

Co-sponsored by the UIUC Center for African Studies and the African Students Organization

The Turnstones

Sunday, March 18 • 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. • Busey-Mills Reading Room

The Turnstones play old style Irish music with some modern twists. In keeping with tradition, you will hear jigs, reels, hornpipes, polkas, and waltzes on fiddle, bagpipes, button accordion, whistle, and the Irish goatskin drum. Adding to the mix are the strong vocal talents of **Dean Karres**, providing songs from both sides of the ocean.

The band includes **Jake Schumacher** (B/C button accordion and piano), **Dean Karres** (whistle, percussion, uilleann pipes, and vocals), and **David Glenn** (Anglo concertina and bones).



All **UFLive!** concerts take place on the third Sunday of most months and are made possible through the generous support of The Urbana Free Library Foundation.

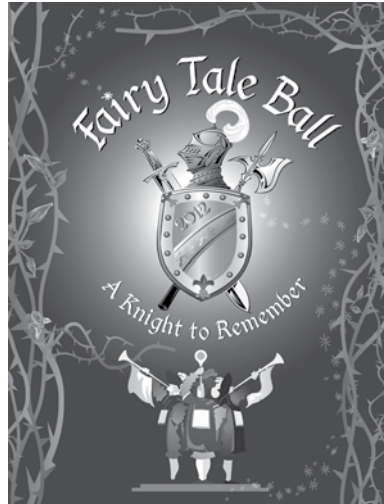


For a complete schedule of all current and upcoming events at The Urbana Free Library, visit urbanafreelibrary.org and view the library's online events calendar.

To sign up for email notification of events, visit urbanafreelibrary.org and follow the **E-Notification** link on the homepage to the online form.

*By Royal Order
of The Urbana Free Library
A Proclamation*

*Whereas we have survived the blustery days of winter and yearn for mirth and merriment, Friday, March 30, is proclaimed the date of the **2012 Fairy Tale Ball**, for the encouragement of magic and memories, and for the lively participation in dancing, puppetry, music, and storytelling.*



Friday, March 30, 2012 ♦ 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

You are cordially invited to a gala ball! Wear your shiniest suit of armor, your most sparkly ball gown, or dress like your favorite fairy tale character and join us for an evening of fun, fantasy, and frivolity.

The noble entertainers include:

- Central Illinois English Country Dancers & The Flatland Consort
- Champaign-Urbana Dulcimer Society
- Ginger Lozar Puppet Show
- Storyteller, Kate McDowell
- Fortune Teller, Madame Zitron

At the ball you can also learn about the wonders of medieval science with the royal alchemist, enjoy fables of yore in a royal reading tent, create courtly crafts, be captivated by the castle juggler, and try your luck at the labyrinth—if you dare!

As you count the days until the arrival of the **Fairy Tale Ball**, get in the spirit by checking out the library's amazing collection of international fairy tales and folklore, fantasy favorites and read-alikes, or fairy tales retold. Don't know where to start? Ask a librarian!

The 2012 Fairy Tale Ball is generously sponsored by Fred Schlipf and Diane Hillard.

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

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.

ARCHIVES (LOCAL HISTORY & GENEALOGY)

- Monday - Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.



Two Opportunities for Prairie Breezes

4:15 - 5:00 p.m. • Lewis Auditorium

Friday, March 9 • Mean Lids

The trio is known for their sharp musicianship and eclectic repertoire of remixed Irish, Appalachian, old timey, and swingin' music. And their hats—the **Mean Lids** are also know for having the fanciest, funniest, and meanest lids in town. The **Means Lids** features Matt Turino, Ben Smith, and Miriam Larson.



Wednesday, March 21 • Anasazi String Quartet



Praised by audiences for their passionate and engaging performances, the **Anasazi String Quartet** will present *Monsters, Maidens, and Mischief Makers: Musical Creatures in the String Quartet*. The quartet has been playing together since the fall of 2009 and is the Graduate Quartet in Residence at UIUC where they study with the Pacifica Quartet.

Prairie Breezes concerts are generously sponsored by Peggy and Bob Podlasek in memory of Greg Bliss.



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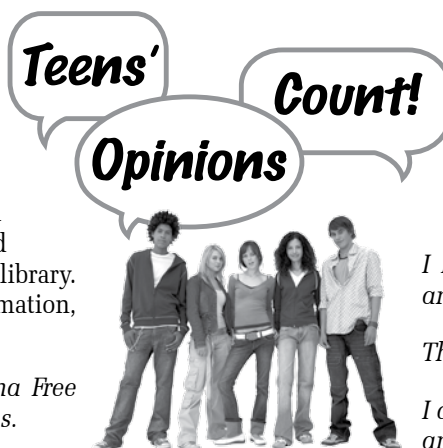
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Speaking of Teens ...

On Thursday, February 2, 2012, library staff met with teens to ask their opinion about The Urbana Free Library. Among the questions posed, the library asked if the current teen space was meeting their needs, how they used the library, and what they wanted out of the library. The teens offered the library valuable information, included the following:

I like the friendly atmosphere at The Urbana Free Library and how they respond to their patrons.

I think you should add a space with lots of computers for teens and adults so the area won't be so crammed. It would also be nice to have a game station.



I like using the computers and the interesting books the library has to read.

The library offers free Internet and the librarians are kind.

I like that the librarians don't mind helping any and all kinds of folks.

The teen section is WAY too small!!

I come to the library to hang out with friends and study.

The teen space should have more bean bags and tables—it should feel comfy, kind of like a home away from home.



The Friends of The Urbana Free Library
210 West Green Street • Urbana, Illinois 61801

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____ Fax _____ 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 check one: Adult member Junior member

I would like to: Consult with The Urbana Free Library Foundation about a gift for library development.

Enclosed is: \$ _____ for membership
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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

THE URBANA FREE LIBRARY
 Children's Services
urbanafreelibrary.org
 March 2012

SUNDAY	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>Read Across America</p> <p>Featuring more than 30 hands-on literacy activities, celebrity readers, storytellers, parent and toddler areas, and stories in many languages. The first 1,000 children will receive a free sports bag and a new book, paid for by participating sponsors.</p>		<p>Saturday, March 3 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at The Lincoln Square For families</p>			<p>1 Preschool Story Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 Slavic Story Time 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. Chess Club for Kids 4:00 - 5:45 p.m.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Babies' Lap Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>7 Babies' Lap Time: Moonlight Edition 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>8 Preschool Story Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m.</p>	<p>9 Prairie Breezes presents the Mean Lids 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>10 Spanish Story Time 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Chess Club for Kids 4:00 - 5:45 p.m.</p>	
<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Babies' Lap Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>14 Toddler Story Time 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Write On! with Marianne Malone 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>15 Preschool Story Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m.</p>	<p>16 Battle of the Books Club 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>17 Happy St. Patrick's Day 11:00 a.m. - Noon Middle East Story Time 2:00 - 2:45 p.m. Chess Club for Kids 4:00 - 5:45 p.m.</p>	
<p>18</p>	<p>19 Babies' Lap Time: Moonlight Edition 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>20 Babies' Lap Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Prince and Princess Party 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.</p>	<p>21 Prairie Breezes presents the Anasazi String Quartet 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>22 Preschool Story Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. Ruff! For Reading 4:00 - 4:45 p.m.</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Art Lessons for Children 2:00 - 2:45 p.m. Chess Club for Kids 4:00 - 5:45 p.m.</p>	
<p>25</p>	<p>26 Toddler Story Time: Moonlight Edition 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>27 Babies' Lap Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.</p>	<p>28 Toddler Story Time 10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Music Together! 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.</p>	<p>29 Preschool Story Time 9:45 - 10:15 a.m. Music Together! 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.</p>	<p>30 Come One! Come All! To The Fairy Tale Ball! 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.</p>	<p>31 Chess Club for Kids 4:00 - 5:45 p.m.</p>	

* registration required

For detailed information on these programs, see back.