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The First-Ever Urbana Free Library Anime Mini-Convention

Saturday, July 23 • 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. • Lewis Auditorium

Have you ever wished you could go to an anime convention? Wish no more! Teens and adults are invited to the library's First-Ever Anime Mini-Convention, to mix and mingle with others who enjoy anime.

Events at the Mini-Convention include:

- Cosplay (costume) contest
- Manga trivia quiz
- Screening of clips from new anime
- "Artist's Alley" featuring art by you and your friends
- Plus prizes, raffles, snacks, and more!



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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.

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Rendering of library expansion by Ray Lytle.

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Changes in the Illinois library systems...

...What will this change mean for you the user?

This year has been a time of rapid change within the Illinois library systems due to the financial challenges in the State. As of July 1, the current nine state library systems will cease to exist and will merge into two larger systems. The Lincoln Trail Libraries System will become part of the new southern system, the Illinois Heartland Library System (IHLS), along with Shawnee Library System, Lewis & Clark Library System, and Rolling Prairie Library System. The five existing systems in the north will merge to become Reaching Across Illinois Library System (RAILS) and the Chicago Public Library System will continue as its own entity.



What will this change mean for you the user?

- The Urbana Free Library will remain part of IHLS.
- You should not notice any change in service delivery—it is a change in the name and organizational structure.
- All of the library systems will remain committed to delivery and resource sharing.
- You will start seeing the IHLS name in communication you may receive from the library and through **Library ELF**, such as notices for holds and overdue materials.
- If you are a fan of eBooks and use **My Media Mall**, you will now select IHLS when you sign in to your account.

The library has been informed by the Lincoln Trail Libraries System that library users will gradually see changes beginning July 1. As further changes occur, the library will do its best to keep you informed.

If you have questions or concerns, you may contact the administration office by email at administration@tufl.info or by phone at 217-367-4058.

Congratulations to Anne Phillips!

Join the staff of The Urbana Free Library as we welcome Anne Phillips as the new director of Adult Services.



Anne is a longtime resident of Urbana and has been an employee of the library since 1992. Many library users recognize Anne as one of the helpful librarians of Adult Services, and as the author of a column on books and reading for the Sunday book page of our local newspaper. Prior to joining The UFL, Anne was the director of the Rantoul Public Library and has also worked as a consultant and supervisor of Interlibrary Borrowing for the library at the University of Illinois.

Besides reading and writing, Anne likes to travel, cook, and garden—and is a fan of extreme climates.

Congratulations and best wishes, Anne!



August 25-29

Lewis Auditorium

This Month’s Events

- 1 (Fr) - **Cherry Jam**. Eat. Play. Jam. This week, a performance by **John McMahon**. Cherry Alley. 4:00 p.m.
- 1 (Fr) - **Urbana Otaku Manga Club**. All things manga plus pizza and a prize drawing. Lewis Auditorium. 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- 4 (Mo) - **Library Closed for Independence Day**
- 8 (Fr) - **Cherry Jam**. Eat. Play. Jam. This week, a performance by **Jeff Arrigo**. Cherry Alley. 4:00 p.m.
- 8 (Fr) - **Yoga 101 for Teens**. Learn fun poses and breathing techniques. Lewis Auditorium. 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- 9 (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.
- 12 (Tu) - **The Urbana Free Library Board of Trustees**. Monthly meeting. Jean Evans Archives Room. 7:30-9:00 p.m.
- 13 (We) - **Research Night at the Champaign County Historical Archives**. Evening Archives research hours for all interested patrons. Jean Evans Archives Room. 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- 15 (Fr) - **Cherry Jam**. Eat. Play. Jam. This week, a performance by **Dan Hubbard**. Cherry Alley. 4:00 p.m.
- 15 (Fr) - **Wii for Teens**. Open Wii gaming for teens. Lewis Auditorium. 4:00-5:00 p.m.
- 22 (Fr) - **Cherry Jam**. Eat. Play. Jam. This week, a performance by **The Champaign-Urbana Theater Company**. Cherry Alley. 4:00 p.m.
- 23 (Sa) - **First-Ever Urbana Free Library Anime Mini-Convention**. Mix and mingle with anime enthusiasts. Lewis Auditorium. 1:00-3:30 p.m.
- 24 (Su) - **UFL Reads! Science Fiction “Must Reads.”** Join us as we read and discuss *The Sparrow* by Mary Doria Russell. MacFarlane-Hood Reading Room. 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- 29 (Fr) - **Cherry Jam**. Eat. Play. Jam. This week, a performance by **The Champaign-Urbana Theater Company**. Cherry Alley. 4:00 p.m.

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.

What’s Happening @ The UFL?



On April 13, 2011, libraries across Illinois participated in *Snapshot: One Day in the Life of Illinois Libraries* by capturing events in a typical library day. The results offer indisputable proof that libraries consistently provide invaluable services to our community. *Snapshot Day* is a project of the Illinois Library Association.

The library wishes to thank Kate Williams, assistant professor from the University of Illinois Graduate School of Library and Information Science and graduate students from the *Libraries, Information and Society* class, for their interest in The Urbana Free Library and their assistance with *Snapshot Day*.

Do you know about QR codes? Quick response (QR) codes are barcodes that represent the address of a website, which permit you to view a webpage on many mobile phones.

You will need a mobile phone with a camera and Internet access and a QR code reader application. Download a reader application (usually free) from your phone’s app store and open it on your phone. Scan the QR code above and watch what happened at your library on Snapshot Day.

Gussy Up Your Bike!

Saturday, July 2 • 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. • Cherry Alley

Are you ready for the Fourth of July? Children ages 5 and up can bring their bikes and gussy them up with streamers and other decorations that will make their “wheels” look festive and patriotic!

In the event of rain or excessive heat, we’ll meet in the library’s Lewis Auditorium.

If you’re looking for something to do this summer, visit the library’s online events calendar at urbanafreelibrary.org. There are programs galore to keep everyone entertained and close to the books they love!



CHERRY JAM
eat • play • jam

June through August
Most Fridays • 4:00 p.m.
Cherry Alley
at The Urbana Free Library

COMING IN JULY

July 1 - **John McMahon** of “Road Song”
July 8 - Acoustic folk and Americana with **Jeff Arrigo**
July 15 - **Dan Hubbard** of “The Humadors”
July 22 & 29 - Performances by **The Champaign-Urbana Theater Company**

Learn About Urbana’s Sister City:
Zomba, Malawi

If you enjoyed the **Tribute to Kwela Bands** concert in June, children and their families can learn more about the culture of Malawi through two programs in July.

Get Wired: Wire Car Crafts from Malawi, Africa

Saturday, July 9 • 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. • Lewis Auditorium

Calling all inventors, car lovers, and creative spirits! In this family program we’ll learn the story of Kondi, a young boy from Malawi who built his own toy wire car out of recycled materials. Then you’ll have the opportunity to work with others to make your own wire car!

Games & Food of Southern Africa

Saturday, July 30 • 11:00 a.m. - Noon • Lewis Auditorium

Children ages five and up and their families are invited to explore Malawi as we play a popular win-and-lose stone game, learn a chanting circle game, and make yummy treats from the countries of southern Africa.

Both programs are part of the International Sister Cities program that links the City of Urbana and Zomba, Malawi, and are co-sponsored by the Urbana-Zomba Sister Cities Committee, the Center for African Studies, and the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Public Engagement. You can visit www.urbanailinois.us/UrbanaSisterCities to learn more about the Urbana Sister Cities program.

UFL Reads! Science Fiction “Must Reads”

Sunday, July 24 • 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. • MacFarlane-Hood Reading Room

Along with telling exciting adventure tales in worlds that could almost be real, the genre of science fiction explores moral, philosophical, and technological issues. Join us as we read some of the most memorable, award-winning science fiction of the late 20th century.

In July, we’ll read and discuss *The Sparrow* by Mary Doria Russell, a novel that explores the effects of both intra-planetary and inter-planetary culture clash, and searches for a definition of spirituality upon the discovery that humans may not be the only intelligent beings in the universe.

Copies of *The Sparrow* are available at the library. You can request a copy via the catalog at urbanafreelibrary.org or by calling 367-4405.

UFL Reads! our book club for adults, meets the fourth Sunday of most months. In August we’ll read and discuss *To Say Nothing of the Dog* by Connie Willis.

Upper right: A gaggle of furry friends get ready to make library mischief on June 10 during **Furry Friends Overnight**.

Bottom left: Children and their families visit with the raptors of the UIUC Wildlife Medical Clinic at **Wild and Wonderful Birds** on June 9.

Bottom right: **Caleb Cook** sings the blues at the June 10 **Cherry Jam** music series.

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.

