

New & Noteworthy



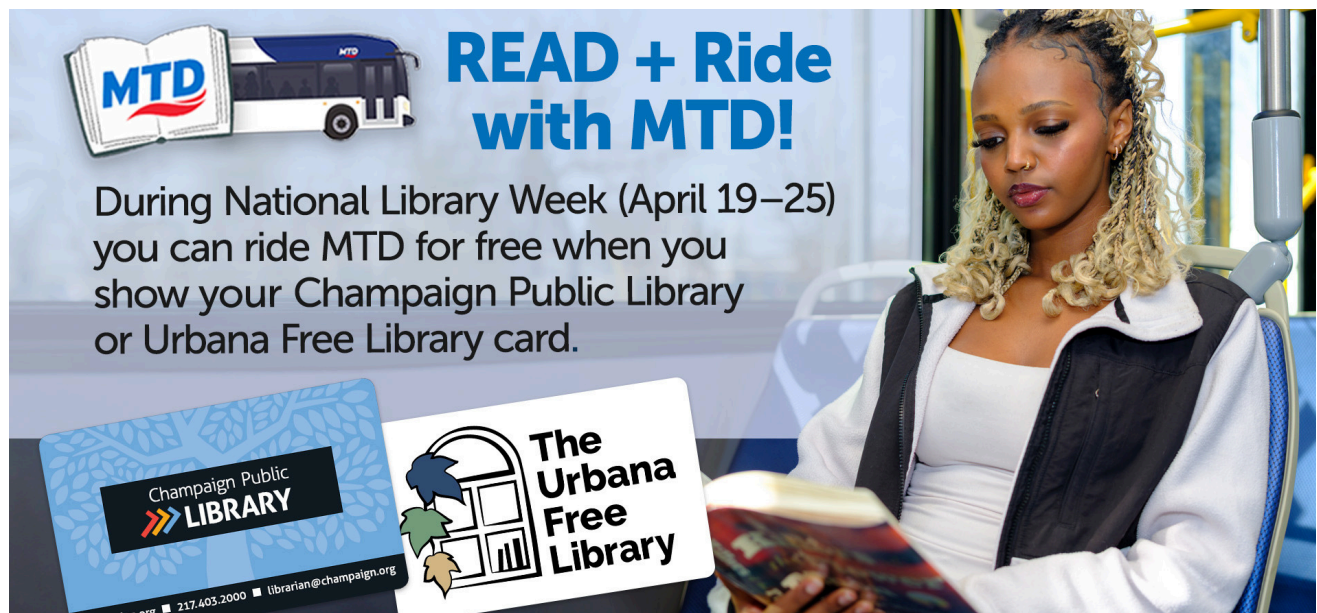
Meet the Author!
Ben Clanton
Bestselling author & illustrator of the Narwhal and Jelly series

Wednesday
April 22
6:30 pm

Great Authors at the Library

Celebrating National Library Week with a Bestselling Author

On April 22, Ben Clanton will share his journey toward becoming a reader, author, and illustrator and will teach attendees how to draw some of this beloved characters.



READ + Ride with MTD!

During National Library Week (April 19–25) you can ride MTD for free when you show your Champaign Public Library or Urbana Free Library card.

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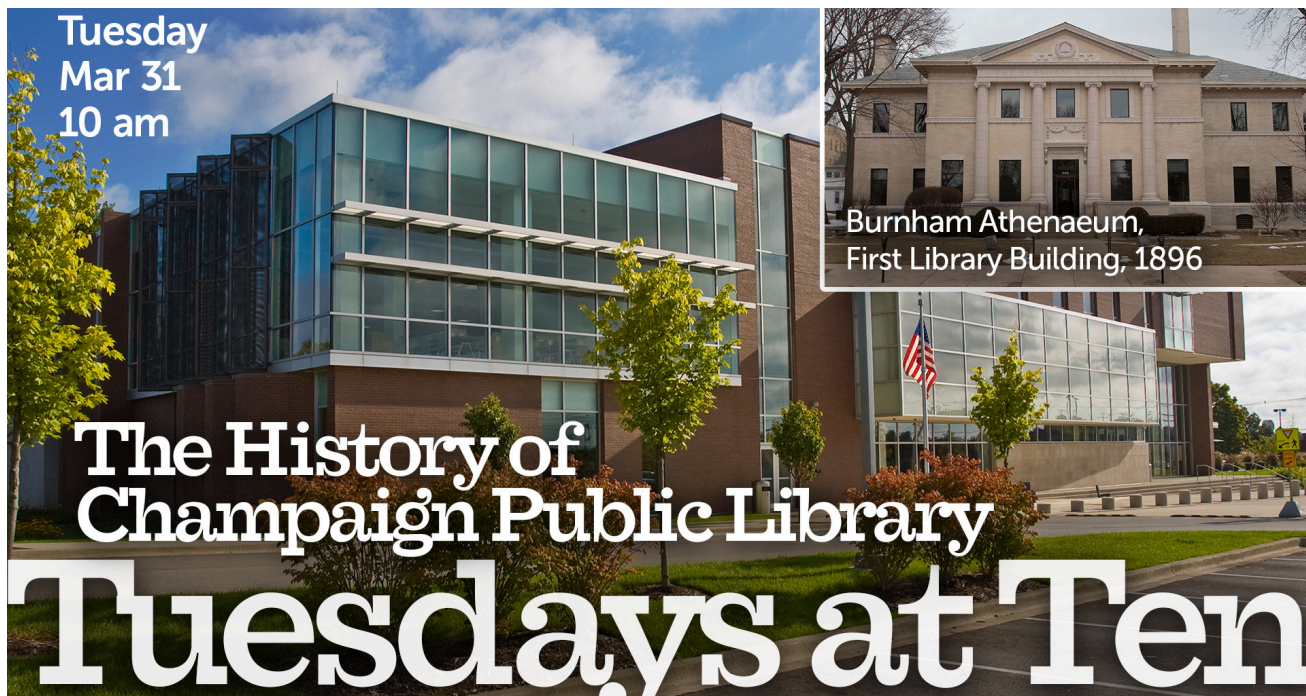
The Urbana Free Library

Read + Ride with MTD Campaign Returns

During National Library Week (April 19–25) community members can ride the MTD for free by showing their Champaign or Urbana library card. This is an annual partnership with Urbana Free Library and Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District.

Program Highlights

Tuesday
Mar 31
10 am



Burnham Athenaeum,
First Library Building, 1896

A Look Back on Library History

On March 31, 55 community members attended a special “Tuesdays at Ten” to learn about the history of both branches. Career Librarian Cat Purcell took attendees on a journey throughout the years and demonstrated how both branches have evolved over the years.



Creating Beautiful Art at Crafty Adults

On March 11, 40 attendees decorated coasters with acrylic paint in colorful dotted mandala patterns.

Hands-On Creativity in The Studio

During spring break, 81 kids attended "Kids in the Studio! School's Out Day." Crafts included hand-sewing felt turtle plushies, creating gem art stickers, plus games and other fun activities.

Douglass Branch



Table Talk Book Club Yields Meaningful Discussions

On March 10, 9 book club members were in attendance and discussed the book *King of Ashes* by S.A. Cosby.

Friday Night Jam Sessions

At last month's Jam Session, 8 community members gathered to share their talent and support fellow performers.

Building Home Libraries

Over the last month, 49 books were given to children to grow their home libraries.

One-on-One Help

During the month of March, 32 community members received individualized help with various topics.

Afterschool Fun at Club Fred

Last month, 47 children attended the afterschool program across seven sessions. Club Fred meets three times a week and offers a variety of games and activities for students to explore.

Customer Comments

The Library Is the Place to Be

As a customer was leaving, she said goodbye and exclaimed, "This is my favorite place in town!"

A Meaningful Keepsake

Today, after a family chose their Spring Reading prizes, I reminded them about the start of the Summer Challenge. The father responded, "Oh yes! We participated last year. My son loved the shark you gave out—it was so cute!"

Better Than Google

A customer walked up to the Ask Here desk on the 1st floor and asked a question. After staff answered, the customer said, "Ask Here...gee, ya'll are like the original Google!"

A Well-Loved Library

A customer shared with staff, "It's great to see the library so well-loved that the flooring needs replacing."

Storytime Reflects Everyday Life

After storytime today, a few parents complimented staff on their storytime content. They were really happy to have clocks and counting featured right after the daylight savings time change. It was a lucky coincidence! We read *Hickory, Dickory, Dock* and *Ten, Nine, Eight*.