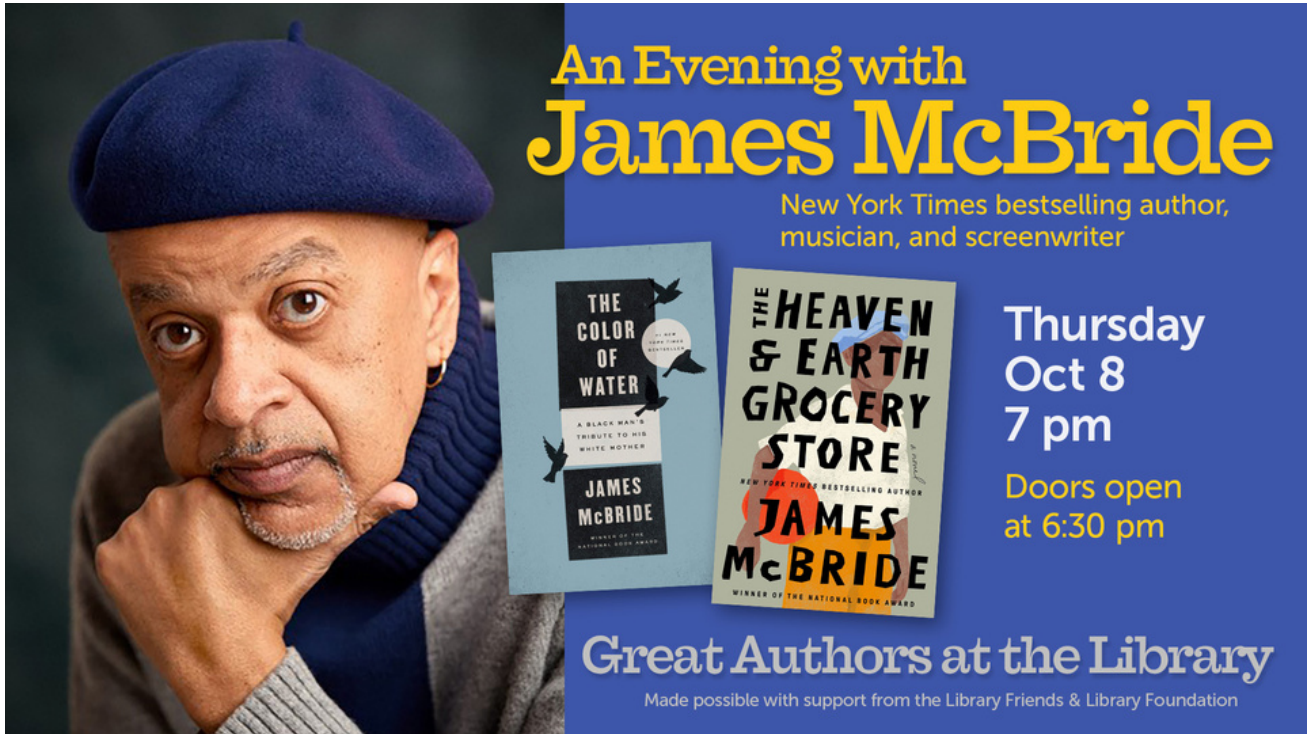


New & Noteworthy

A promotional graphic for an event featuring James McBride. On the left is a portrait of James McBride wearing a blue beret and a grey sweater. To his right, the text "An Evening with James McBride" is written in large yellow font. Below this, in smaller white text, it says "New York Times bestselling author, musician, and screenwriter". Two book covers are shown: "The Color of Water" and "The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store". To the right of the books, the event details are listed: "Thursday Oct 8 7 pm" and "Doors open at 6:30 pm". At the bottom, it says "Great Authors at the Library" and "Made possible with support from the Library Friends & Library Foundation".

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New York Times bestselling author, musician, and screenwriter

Thursday Oct 8 7 pm
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Great Authors at the Library

Award-winning author, musician, and screenwriter James McBride will join us on October 8, with books available for purchase and a signing after his presentation.



Community Job Fair

Looking for a job? We can help.

- 20+ area employment resources
- Enter for a chance to win a Chromebook!

Tuesday
September 15
5:30–7:30 pm

Part of the Get that Job! series
champaign.org/career

Community Job Fair

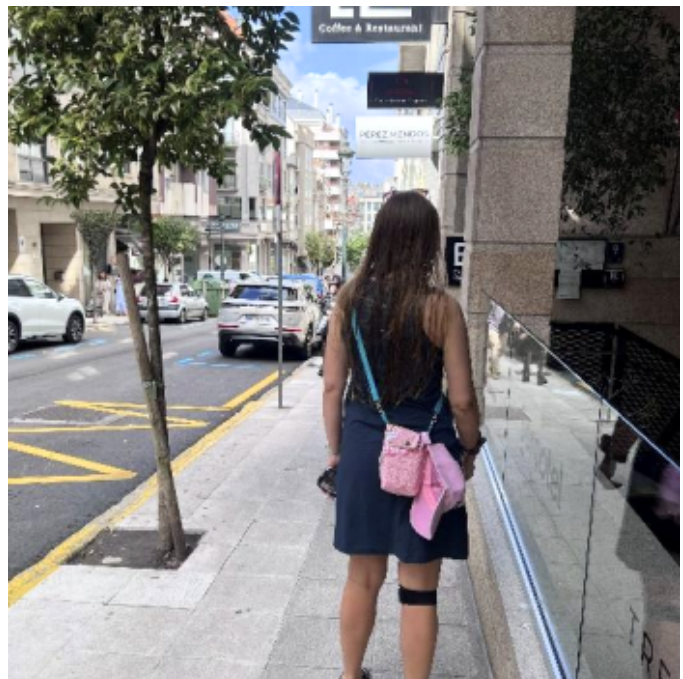
Our next Community Job Fair will occur on Tuesday, September 15. Local career coaches and employment services on site this year will include Busey Bank, Christie Clinic, Champaign Park District, and the New American Welcome Center.

Program Highlights



An Evening with Maggie Su

On August 13, 55 community members joined us for An Evening with Maggie Su. In her presentation, Maggie shared how impactful the Champaign Public Library was for her growing up and signed copies of her novel afterward.



Teen Lounge Crafts & Back-to-School Events

In August, teens enjoyed creating custom scenery jars during Teen Lounge, while staff connected with families at Stratton Elementary School's Back-to-School Event. Students also had the opportunity to make bags during Teen Lounge, and one of their creations made it all the way to Portugal.

The Art of Storytelling with Author Sonali Dev

On September 10, *USA Today* bestselling author Sonali Dev joined us to discuss her books and writing journey. Following the presentation, attendees had the opportunity to ask questions and have their books signed by the author.

Douglass Branch



Makerspace Usage

During August, 14 community members utilized the Makerspace during the two drop-in session scheduled that month.

Friday Night Jam Sessions

At August's Jam Session, 19 community members attended and shared their talent through music and spoken word.

Book Giveaways

Staff gave out 32 children's books in the month of August to add to their growing home libraries.

DIY Kids

During the month of August, 41 kids attended DIY Kids. Creative projects this month included personalized canvas bags and making your own musical instrument.

Weekly Storytimes

In August, 149 community members attended the various storytimes offered weekly including Baby, Toddler, Pajama Storytime, and Mother Goose on the Loose.

Club Fred

Last month, 89 kids attended Club Fred across 13 sessions, participating in a variety of games and activities.

Customer Comments

Parent Approved

A parent came to pick up their child from Teen Lounge and stopped to talk to staff after checking in with their daughter, sharing, "Thank you for having these activities. She is going to learn how to sew next. I'm so glad she can come here after school."

Discovering New Genres

Cover-to-Cover read a fantasy book for August, which isn't a genre the group usually reads. After the discussion, a customer approached staff and said, "I love reading historical fiction, but I actually really liked this book!"

Self-Directed Learning in The Studio

A child had been working on Tinkercad for some time down in The Studio one day. He occasionally asked staff questions about how to fix simple issues or how to do certain things, and started to get the hang of it. A few days later, staff noticed a 3D print submission that matched the object he had been designing. Staff shared that it was great to see that he progressed, learned new skills, and then submitted a completed print that he was content with.

Invaluable Services

A customer who used our Bookmatch service shared positive feedback via email and in person. They were impressed by how thorough it was, highlighted several parts they particularly appreciated, and said they were looking forward to starting what was suggested soon.