

## The I.D.E.A. Store by CUSF



Central Illinois' Premier Eco-Edu-Art  
Creative Re-use Marketplace

### Summary

The Champaign-Urbana Schools Foundation generates income for the Foundation by promoting the re-use of safe, clean industrial, business and household by-products and discards. This is accomplished by selling these donated materials at low cost through it's The I.D.E.A. Store. The Store is a retail store and warehouse, currently run by volunteers, open to the public, particularly serving art and general education teachers, community and church groups, families, and individuals who choose to use non-traditional materials for various activities. These activities include art and design projects, home and business applications and other unexpected outcomes of creative re-use. The I.D.E.A. Store includes a consignment opportunity for local artists and crafters that promotes wider appreciation for and practice of resource conservation through the sale of art and designs made from reused materials. In addition, the structure of The I.D.E.A. Store includes student, teacher and general community education and volunteer components to further promote the mission and programs of the Foundation.

### Location

Midtown Champaign by the Springfield and Neil Viaduct: 28 E. Springfield, Champaign IL. Entry on Springfield to 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, and off of Water Street on the north side – 1<sup>st</sup> floor. **LOOK for our banner sign during open shopping hours!**

### **STORE OPENING TO THE PUBLIC**

**on Thursday, September 30, 2010 from 2 – 7 pm!**

**Interactive Website Launch: September 20, 2010! (check the placeholder right now!)**

**[www.the-idea-store.org](http://www.the-idea-store.org)**

### **Hours – FRIDAYS - DONATIONS only until we open on Sept. 30!**

Donation Drop-offs – household/domestic items:

August 20 – 4 pm – 7 pm

August 27 – 4 pm – 7 pm

September 3 – 4 pm – 7 pm

September 10 – 4 pm – 7 pm

September 17 – 4 pm – 7 pm

September 24 – 4 pm – 7 pm

(Currently construction has closed Springfield at the viaduct...enter store parking from Marshall Street off of First Street – just north of Springfield.)

**Industrial, manufacturer drop-offs and pick-ups by appointment: call 217-352-7878**

**Hours – SHOPPING and Donations begin September 30, 2010!**

Regular shopping hours are:

Tuesday 2 – 7 pm

Thursday 2 – 7 pm

Friday 2 – 7 pm

Saturday 8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Birthday parties begin in October, 2010 for Saturday afternoons! Call for more information!

Workshops begin in October, 2010 for Weds afternoons and evenings! More information soon!

Volunteers needed! Please call Claire at 217-352-7878 and ask for an application!

Household and Domestic Donation Items Wanted List: see next page

## Please Donate These Household Items to The I.D.E.A. Store!

The I.D.E.A. Store will accept the following **home or domestic** items, as long as they are properly washed and clean, safe, and non-toxic. **If you have something you don't see on this list we may very well want it...but just haven't thought of it. Let us know and we will respond!**

Items in *italics* are especially welcome, and are almost always in stock.

### Metals

*Bottle caps*  
*Chain of all sizes*  
*Drink and food can tabs*  
*Fasteners, such as upholstery tacks, paper clips, staples*  
*Hand tools of any vintage Small*  
*Hardware odds and ends*  
*Jar lids, no sharp edges*  
*Jewelry parts*  
*Keys*  
*Key chains*  
*Pin-back buttons, new, used or imperfect*  
*Sheet metal scrap*  
*Small metal boxes from Altoids, Band-Aids, spices*  
*Tins: candy, and cookie*  
*Wire mesh*  
*Wire: telephone, computer, craft, floral, all gauges*  
*Archery arrows*  
*Buckles*  
*Charms*  
*Cookie cutters*  
*Dental tools*  
*Film reels*  
*Lamp parts*  
*Musical instrument parts*  
*Padlocks, with or without keys*  
*Pipe scrap*  
*Rings, gears*  
*Silverware and flatware, miscellaneous pieces are fine*  
*Small battery-powered motors*  
*Springs*  
*Trays*  
*Watches and clock parts*  
*Wind chime parts*

### Plastics

*Bubble wrap: clean, unpopped, clean edges*  
*CDs and cases*  
*Checkbook covers*  
*Flowers*  
*Game pieces*  
*Mesh vegetable/fruit bags*  
*Mylar: used balloons, foil*  
*Spools, empty thread*  
*Straws*  
*Styrofoam craft shapes*  
*Styrofoam egg cartons*  
*Tubing and hoses*  
*Acrylic sheets in good condition*  
*Contact paper*  
*Cookie cutters*  
*Electrical buttons, keys, dials, switches*  
*Film canisters*  
*Foam rubber, sheets of*  
*Legos*  
*Mardi Gras beads*  
*Mouse pads*  
*PVC pipe, clean scrap*

*Sleeves for notebooks and photo albums*  
*Storage bins*  
*Styrofoam flat packing sheets*  
*Tab closures from food bags*  
*Tennis ball canisters*  
*Toys, no larger than 2"x2"*  
*Tubes for posters and mailing*  
*Vinyl records*  
*Vinyl signage*

### Wood - new and vintage

*Boxes, including cigar*  
*Dowel rods*  
*Needlework hoops*  
*Picture frames – whole or pieces*  
*Popsicle sticks, tongue depressors*  
*Alphabet blocks, Samples and scraps, nail-free, 6" square or smaller*  
*Bamboo rods and pieces*  
*Basket caning and reed*  
*Chopsticks, skewers*  
*Clothespins*  
*Corkboard*  
*Dice*  
*Finials*  
*Molding scrap*  
*Pegs*  
*Pinecones, sap-free*  
*Rings*  
*Spools, thread*  
*Spindles*  
*Spools, wire, cord, etc.*  
*Stamps*  
*Stretcher bars*  
*Toy parts*  
*Veneer*

### Paper

*Books: Art and craft, science, nature, ecology and children's hardcover, unused journals*  
*Calendars, current and used*  
*Carbon paper*  
*Craft papers: construction, cover stock, origami, scrapbooking*  
*Boxes for small gifts and jewelry*  
*Computer and copy paper (white or colors)-new only*  
*Crepe paper*  
*Display boards*  
*Drawing pads*  
*Envelopes, new w or w/o print*  
*Game boards*  
*Game pieces and score cards*  
*Gift bags, reusable*  
*Gift wrap, new*  
*Greeting cards, new and used*  
*Grocery bags, brown paper*  
*Index cards*  
*Jigsaw puzzle pieces*  
*Magazines: nature, arts, crafts, vintage*  
*Maps*

*Mat board*  
*Newsprint end rolls, unprinted*  
*Notepads*  
*Paint sample chips*  
*Photos, G-rated!*  
*Playing cards, new and used*  
*Postcards*  
*Poster tubes*  
*Poster board*  
*Post-It Notes*  
*Shoe boxes*  
*Sleeves from hot drinks*  
*Stamps, cancelled postage*  
*Stationery*  
*Stencils*  
*Stickers*  
*Tissue paper*  
*Wallpaper sample books*  
*Wallpaper rolls*  
*Bingo cards*  
*Blueprints*  
*Chip board*  
*Cigar boxes*  
*Coffee filters, unused*  
*Foam core board, new or used*  
*Graph paper*  
*Handmade paper*  
*Letterhead paper*  
*Mailing tubes*  
*Pattern paper (oak tag)*  
*Posters, educational*  
*Raffia*  
*Sheet music*  
*Sheet paper, lined and unlined*  
*Watercolor paper*

### Art and Crafts Supplies

*Baby food jars*  
*Baskets*  
*Beads*  
*Bows*  
*Brads*  
*Brushes*  
*Candles, candle wax, wicks*  
*Colored pencils*  
*Crayons*  
*Feathers*  
*Floral supplies*  
*Flowers: dried or artificial*  
*Markers, crayons, chalks, pastels, charcoals*  
*Paints: watercolors, good tempera, acrylic and oils*  
*Pipe cleaners*  
*Ribbons*  
*Seashells*  
*Stencils*  
*String and rope*  
*Rubber stamps, stamp pads, inks*  
*Templates*  
*Tools for any crafts*  
*Unfinished, incomplete projects*  
*Brayers*  
*Calligraphy pens*  
*Canvases complete and scrap pieces*

Clip art  
Dryer sheets, used, unscented only  
Foam shapes and sheets  
Kits of all kinds: needlepoint, paint-by-number.  
Letters and numbers  
Macramé twine  
Polymer clays, fresh  
Rollers  
Squeegees, new  
Table looms  
Teabags, unused  
Tools and equipment for arts and engineering

#### **Fabrics and related notions**

*Fabric remnants, bolt ends, squares:*

Burlap  
Canvas  
Cottons: muslin, broadcloth, gingham, gauze, flannel, denim, twill, poplin, batiste, terry cloth, corduroy  
Felt  
Fleece  
Fur, faux  
Gauze  
Knits  
Leather, faux and genuine, belts and scraps  
Silks  
Tulle and chiffon  
Velvet  
Wool  
*Batting: all types*  
*Buttons – all sizes, shapes and colors*  
*Carpet square samples*  
*Designer samples*  
*Embellishments: beads, sequins, appliqué, rhinestones*  
*Embroidery thread*  
*Lace*  
*Patterns*  
*Pins and needles*  
*Sample books of fabric*  
*Sewing machines, in good working condition*

*Spools of thread*  
*Tools: Scissors, thimbles, rulers, stencils, cutting boards.*  
*Trims*  
*Yarn*  
*Zippers*  
Bias tape  
Burlap bags  
Elastic  
Mill ends  
Neckties  
Needlepoint canvas  
Piping and cording  
Quilt squares and blocks of all sizes  
Velcro  
Webbing

#### **Office and School Supplies**

*Binders: ½" – 2"*  
*Clip boards*  
*Dividers*  
*Envelopes: new printed or plain*  
*Files, hanging and expandable*  
*File folders, letter and legal sizes*  
*Folders, two-pocket*  
*Glue sticks and bottles, gently used*  
*Markers and highlighters, all kinds*  
*Notebooks*  
*Notepads*  
*Paper clips of all kinds*  
*Pencils*  
*Pens*  
*Rubber bands*  
*Rulers*  
*Scissors*  
*Staple removers*  
*Staplers and staples*  
*Tape, new or end-rolls, all kinds*  
*Thumbtacks and push pins*  
Bookends  
Calculators, hand-held  
Chalk and small chalk boards, erasers  
Cork boards  
Desk accessories  
Drafting tools and templates

Erasers  
Hole punches  
Ledgers  
Legal pads  
Letter openers  
Magazine file boxes  
Pencil boxes  
Pencil sharpeners  
Protectors for documents  
Protractors  
Receipt pads  
Tape dispensers  
Transparencies, unused  
White boards and markers, erasers  
Yardsticks

#### **Miscellaneous Reusable Items**

*Games and kits, complete or just pieces*  
*Fabric reusable bags*  
Advertising magnets  
Billiard balls  
*Holiday decorations (limited, please ask)*  
*Lab glass: test tubes and slides*  
*Rope, twine*  
*Sandpaper*  
*Vases, clean and unstained*  
Vintage ephemera  
Cameras  
Corks, stoppers, plugs  
Ceramic tiles, leftover and adhesive-free  
Easels  
Glass pebbles  
Small glass bottles w/wo caps  
Mannequins  
Marbles  
Musical instruments, broken  
Pegboard  
Rock specimen collections  
Small mirrors  
Sponges, new  
Tennis balls  
Trophies  
Stained glass scrap  
Typewriters, manual, or parts

***WE also need BROWN PAPER Grocery BAGS for our use in the Pack-a-Sack area - Please donate!***

**Generally,** The I.D.E.A. Store will not accept anything that has been exposed to mold, mildew, mice, insects or other pests, hazardous chemicals, poisons, and possible allergens **such as peanuts or peanut products.** Items may also be declined because they are highly flammable, too large or too numerous, have low re-use appeal, have odors, or are being "recalled" by their manufacturers.

The I.D.E.A. Store **will not accept the following items for health and safety reasons, or due to weight and size constraints. We reserve the right to carefully select what we can stock and shelve.**

NO finished fabric items such as bedding and sheets, pillows, drapes, blinds, curtains, clothing, shoes, purses --- NO Christmas items except ornaments and natural wreaths --- No complete computers or monitors --- NO appliances --- No encyclopedia sets and textbooks --- NO food or anything that held food --- NO medication bottles --- NO furniture or mattresses --- NO house paint --- NO household garbage or yard waste --- NO large tiles --- NO luggage --- NO personal care or hygiene items --- NO grocery plastic bags or odd-sized bags ---NO plush and fabric toys --- NO large, used sports equipment --- NO plastic toys larger than 2"x2" --- NO Styrofoam peanuts and molded packaging --- NO used envelopes or junk mail.

**Donation Drop-offs are during normal hours of operation or by appointment.**

**Questions? Or need something special or many of one-kind-of-thing?**

**Give us a call! 217-352-7878**