

# OUT OF THE BOX

**71 N. Williams Street, Crystal Lake, IL**



Located in Downtown Crystal Lake since October of 2008, Out of the Box (as the name might suggest) offers gifts for any acquaintance or occasion with a distinctly unique twist. Store owner Mary Batson has been a resident of Crystal Lake for over twenty years and says, "Through years of driving the kids to dance lessons at Judith Svalander's and music lessons at Player's Bench I became enamored of Downtown Crystal Lake. It's a great place to shop and eat; a great place to get your coffee and I wouldn't want to be anywhere else." Her passion for Downtown Crystal Lake stems from the strong sense of community and history shared by residents, shoppers and store owners alike. Batson's commitment to the downtown area is evident to customers of the boutique, as she and her staff bring the friendly, comfortable element of downtown shopping into their store and accommodate customers' respective shopping styles as well as their individual tastes. They are happy to let customers browse the shop at their own pace, exploring the many creative gift ideas or to offer personal service to help each customer find the perfect gift. The store's service and selection make the boutique a customer favorite among downtown shoppers.

Out of the Box's ever-expanding assortment features fun gifts for kids and teens, gifts for new moms (established moms too,) home décor, purses, hats and scarves, hand-made jewelry, candles,

clocks, and picture frames. Says Batson of her returning customers, “They come back because they *know* they can find a gift here.” A strong supporter of local artists and commerce, Batson displays both artwork and jewelry designed by Crystal Lake artists. Currently Out of the Box carries hand-crafted jewelry by Stacy Shelley and Nancy Graham, each one made differently with natural metal and real gems and available in prices ranging from thirty up to two hundred dollars. Out of the Box also offers options for eco-friendly gift givers, with many gifts made locally; fair-trade or with recycled materials. With new items arriving constantly, Out of the Box always has a fresh and affordable selection for everyone.

As a long-awaited summer finally approaches, it’s time for Father’s Day, graduation parties and summer shindigs. Instead of another pair of socks for dear old Dad or monogrammed pens for the recent grad, stop by Out of the Box to find the gifts that will really stand out! Also look for Out of the Box coming out of the shop to participate in Downtown Crystal Lake’s summer sidewalk sales. As you browse the fantastic gifts at Out of the Box, don’t forget to do a little shopping for another special someone – Yourself! It’s just the place for a fun new summer accessory for you or for your home, a great place for those who appreciate buying and shopping locally and have a passion for the friendliness and individuality of Downtown Crystal Lake.

Also check out the new website coming soon! [www.outoftheboxstore.com](http://www.outoftheboxstore.com)



**Out Of The Box** 71 N Williams St **Crystal Lake, IL** 60014 815-444-7446.  
Store Hours: M-T-W 10 am to 5:30 pm, Thursday 10 am to 7:00 pm  
Fri-Sat 10 am – 5:30 pm, Sunday Noon-4:00 pm

### Additional Store Snapshots



