

Children and Family Events

Summer Reading Challenge!

Join the Summer Reading Challenge online using the Beanstack app or pick up a paper log at the library to track your progress, earn prizes, and more! All events are free and open to the public; library card not required. For full event details, visit tacomalibrary.org.



JULY



FERN HILL LIBRARY 765 South 84th Street

STORYTIMES

Baby Storytime

BIRTH–18 MOS.

Tuesdays at 1 p.m. | July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Fun for you and your baby with songs, rhymes, stories, and movement.

Family Storytime

ALL AGES

Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. | July 6, 13, 20, 27

Join us for stories, songs, and other fun learning activities designed to develop language, literacy, and social skills in an environment the whole family can enjoy.

GAMES AND CLUBS

Pokémon League

AGES 6–YOUNG ADULT

Wednesdays at 4 p.m. | July 10, 24

Grab your Pokemon deck or DS and join us! Both experienced players and beginners are welcome.

OTHER IN-PERSON EVENTS

Up and Atom STEAM Days

GRADES K–8 | Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.

Join us to try out different STEAM and craft activities.

- July 2: Straw Connectors
- July 9: Pacific Science Center
- July 16: Pride Tissue Paper Hearts
- July 23: Sharks
- July 30: Paper Plate Summer Sun

Amazing Magic Show! With Jeff Evans

ALL AGES | Saturday, July 6 at 2 p.m.

With over twenty-five years of experience, Jeff Evans is a seasoned magician known for his ability to engage audiences of all ages. This summer, magical adventure begins in the library!



Summer Art Workshops with Tacoma Art Museum | GRADES K–5

Saturday, July 20 at 3 p.m.

Join TAM in a fun hands-on workshop where kids will learn about an artist, their work and will explore their creative side by making their own artwork! Presented by TAM, funded by Tacoma Creates, and hosted by TPL.

ONLINE EVENTS

Registration required.

Pajama Storytime

ALL AGES | online (Zoom)

Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Come join us for an evening of stories, activities, and songs.

SCAVENGER HUNTS

LGBTQA+ Pride Month

Scavenger Hunt

GRADES K–8

Join us June 20–July 20 at the Fern Hill, Kobetich, Moore, Mottet, South Tacoma, Swasey, and Wheelock Libraries to find the hidden rainbow hearts.



Camping Scavenger Hunt

GRADES K–8

Join us July 23–August 30 at the Fern Hill, Kobetich, Moore, Mottet, South Tacoma, Swasey, and Wheelock Libraries to find hidden camping themed pictures. Find all of the hidden pictures around the library and earn a prize!

SYSTEM-WIDE ACTIVITIES

Craftopia Program Kits

AGES 3+ | Fern Hill, Kobetich, Moore, Mottet, South Tacoma, Swasey, Wheelock

- **Paper Plate Fans:** Pick up starting Friday, July 12
- **Pot Tab Snakes:** Pick up starting Friday, July 19
- **String Splatter Painting:** Pick up starting Friday, July 26

Summer Reading Creation Station

ALL AGES | Stop by the Fern Hill, Kobetich, Moore, Mottet, South Tacoma, Swasey, and Wheelock libraries to make your own creation. There will be a unique craft adventure at each branch!

AROUND TOWN

Reading the Tidepools with Tacoma Nature Center | ALL AGES

Tuesday, July 23 at 12:30 p.m.

Titlow Beach (8425 6th Avenue)

Registration required.

Walk along the shore and discover the critters that make their homes under the rocks and tidepools and learn how to take care of this unique habitat. Adult supervision is required for children.



Low Tide Beach Walk: Owen Beach

ALL AGES | Wed., July 24 at 12:45 p.m.

Owen Beach (5605 Owen Beach Road)

During this special event, Harbor WildWatch will be giving us a low tide tour, offering us a glimpse into the estuary ecosystem of which we are part.

Adult & Teen Events

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BOOK CLUBS



Treat Your Shelf Book Club

ADULTS
Wednesday, July 10 at 6:30 p.m.
We pick the theme, you pick the book! July's category is Satires and Parodies.

IN-PERSON EVENTS

Drop-In Tech Help

ADULTS | Tuesdays at 6 p.m.
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Get assistance with learning basic computer skills like email, web searching, MS Office programs, navigating apps, using your iOS or Android devices, and more.



Wisdom Café | ADULTS

Thursday, July 18 at 10:30 a.m.
Join us for conversation and camaraderie as we discuss universal topics about life, fulfillment, and aging.

ONLINE EVENTS

Registration required.



Knitty Gritty Stitchers

ADULTS | online (Zoom)
Wednesday, July 3 at 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 20 at 4 p.m.
Share current projects and socialize with like-minded folks.

Podcast Café

AGES 12-ADULT | online (Zoom)
Tuesday, July 9 at 6:30 p.m.
Create your very own podcast from concept to download.

AROUND TOWN



Books on Tap Book Club (21+)

Event details can be found via Meetup.
Tuesday, July 30 at 7 p.m.
Join us to discuss *Song of Achilles* by Madeline Miller. *Song of Achilles* is a thrilling, profoundly moving, and utterly unique retelling of the legend of Achilles and the Trojan War from the bestselling author of *Circe*.

JUST FOR TEENS



Teen Time

Fridays at 3 p.m.
Middle and high school students are invited to join us for Teen Time!

- July 5: Video Games
- July 12: CD Coasters
- July 19: Board Games
- July 26: Make an Instant Zine!

DONATION DRIVE

July through September, TPL is partnering with Tacoma Rescue Mission to collect school supplies. Visit your neighborhood library to make a donation.



FREE LEGAL AID POP-UPS

Are you facing eviction or need help with a landlord-tenant issue? Stop by for free, drop-in help, information and resources from tacomaprobono.com!



Fern Hill: Friday, July 12, 3-5 p.m.
Wheelock: Tuesday, July 16, 4-6 p.m.
S. Tacoma: Friday, July 19, 2-4 p.m.
Moore: Friday, July 26, 3-5 p.m.