

Children and Family Events

Summer Reading Challenge!

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KOBETICH LIBRARY 212 Browns Point Boulevard NE

STORYTIMES

Baby Storytime

BIRTH–18 MOS.

Thursdays at 11:15 a.m.

July 11, 18, 25

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

Storytime on the Lawn

ALL AGES

Fridays at 11 a.m.

July 5, 12, 19, 26

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. Family Storytime will be held outdoors in Alderwood Park, next to Kobetich library.

OTHER IN-PERSON EVENTS

Up and Atom STEAM Days

GRADES K–8 | Tuesdays at 4 p.m.

Join us to try out different

STEAM and craft activities.

- July 2: Sidewalk Chalk
- July 9: Friendship Bracelets
- July 16: Perler Beads
- July 23: Shark Week
- July 30: Kindness Rocks



Reptile Man | GRADES K–12

Saturday, July 27 at 11 a.m.

Join the Reptile Man for an educational live animal demonstration featuring 8 to 12 reptiles from all over the world. This event will be held outdoors in Alderwood Park next to Kobetich library.

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

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Nature Center | ALL AGES

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

Titlow Beach (8425 6th Avenue)

Registration required.

Join us at Titlow Beach as we walk along the shore and discover fascinating critters that make their homes under the rocks and tidepools and learn how to be a kind visitor and take care of this unique habitat. Adult supervision is required for children.

Low Tide Beach Walk: Owen Beach

ALL AGES | Wednesday, 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.



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Adult & Teen Events

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BOOK CLUBS



Kobetich Book Club | ADULTS
 Wednesday, July 31 at 6:30 p.m.
 Join us for a discussion of *Turn of Mind* by Alice LaPlante—a literary page-turner about a retired orthopedic surgeon suffering from dementia and accused of killing her best friend.

EVENTS

Appy Hour Featuring Northwest ORCA | ADULTS
 Saturday, July 6 at 3 p.m.
 ORCA is TPL's Online Records and Collections Access where you can explore digital images and documents from local history. New content is added regularly. Join us to learn how to better access this amazing digital resource!



Wisdom Café | ADULTS
 Wednesday, July 3 at 1 p.m.
 Gather to share memories and life experiences, discuss topics of the day, and encourage connections.



Paint Night | ADULTS & TEENS
 Wednesday, July 10 at 5 p.m.
 Follow step-by-step instructions or create an image from your imagination. All skill levels welcome. All supplies provided.

Drop-In Tech Help | ADULTS
 Saturdays at 3 p.m.
 July 13, 20, 27
 Get assistance with learning basic computer skills, email, web searching, Microsoft Office Suite basics, navigating apps, using your mobile devices, and getting started on resumes and cover letters.

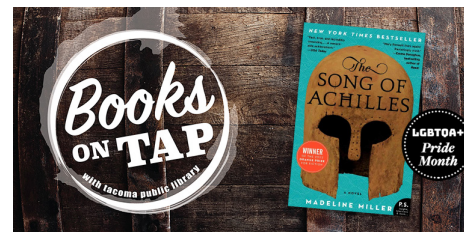
ONLINE EVENTS
 Registration required.



Knitty Gritty Stitches
 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 - a thrilling, profoundly moving, and utterly unique retelling of the legend of Achilles and the Trojan War from the bestselling author of *Circe*.

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.org!



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