

# Children and Family Events

## Summer Reading Challenge!

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# JULY



## MOTTET LIBRARY 3523 East G Street

### STORYTIMES

#### Family Storytime

ALL AGES | Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.  
July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

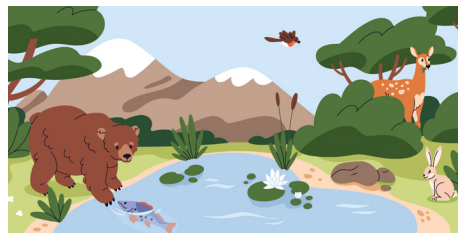
Join us for stories, songs, and other fun learning activities designed to develop language, literacy, and social skills in an environment the whole family can enjoy.

### OTHER IN-PERSON EVENTS

#### Up and Atom STEAM Days

GRADES K-8 | Wednesdays at 4 p.m.  
Join us to try out different STEAM and craft activities.

- July 3: Family Game Night
- July 10: Friendship Bracelets
- July 17: Perler Beads
- July 24: Summer Art Workshop with Tacoma Art Museum (funded by Tacoma Creates)
- July 31: Kindness Rocks



**Habitat is Where It's at with Tacoma Nature Center** | GRADES K-5  
Thursday, July 18 at 3 p.m.

Join The Tacoma Nature Center and learn about common habitats in Washington. Learn what wildlife needs to survive and the different parts of habitats.

**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

#### 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 fascinating 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.



#### Adventure Time: Pokemon Go!

ALL AGES

Saturday, July 13 at 2 p.m.

Celebrate eight years of Pokemon Go with Tacoma Public Library. There will be lots of fun stuff including battles, Pokemon trades, shrinky dink keychain craft, raffle, and of course, catching Pokemon! We'll have lures going at our Pokestops.

# Adult & Teen Events

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**Social Work Support with Samie**  
ADULTS & TEENS  
Saturdays, 1–6 p.m. | July 6, 20  
Drop-in to connect with TPL's Social Worker. Samie is happy to listen and assist patrons with resource navigation for a variety of needs related to housing, shelter, domestic violence, VA, employment, behavioral health, McKinney Vento or student support, and more!

**Appy Hour at Mottet** | ADULTS  
Tuesdays at 6 p.m. | July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
Do you use a tablet, smartphone or laptop? Maybe you're a new user looking for ways to get started on your mobile journey with TPL. No matter what your level, join the conversation at Appy Hour to discuss, share, and learn about the variety of online resources TPL has to offer.



Wisdom Café  
at Mottet

**Wisdom Café**  
ADULTS | Friday, July 12 at 11 a.m.  
Welcome, adults of all ages! Gather to share memories and life experiences, discuss topics of the day, and encourage active connections.

**Crochet Connection with Debra**  
ADULTS & TEENS  
Saturday, July 27 at 3 p.m.  
Join Debra and TPL for crochet fun! Debra will be teaching the group how to make simple crochet projects. Patterns will be provided.

**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

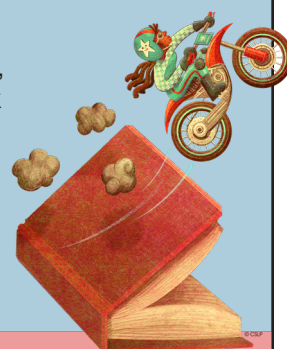


**Books on Tap Book Club (21+)**  
Event details can be found via Meetup.  
Tuesday, July 30 at 7 p.m.  
Join us to discuss *Song of Achilles* by Madeline Miller - a thrilling, profoundly moving, and utterly unique retelling of the legend of Achilles and the Trojan War from the bestselling author of *Circe*.

#### JUST FOR TEENS



**Teen Time**  
Saturdays at 4 p.m.  
July 6, 13, 20, 27  
Middle and high school students are invited to join us for Teen Time! Meet new friends, play games, work on homework, or make a craft. We'll do something different each time!



#### 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](http://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.**