

Children and Family Events

Summer Reading Challenge!

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SOUTH TACOMA LIBRARY 3411 South 56th Street

STORYTIMES

Family Storytime | ALL AGES

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
July 11, 18, 25

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.

Baby Storytime | BIRTH–18 MOS.

Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.
July 11, 18, 25

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



¡Cuentos y Cantos! Bilingual Storytime

ALL AGES | Saturday, July 20 at 11 a.m.
¡Están invitados a una muy especial hora de cuentos bilingüe! Vengan con toda la familia para bailar, cantar, leer y hacer amigos en la Biblioteca de Tacoma! You are invited to our special bilingual storytime! Come with the whole family for dancing, reading, singing, and making friends at TPL!

OTHER IN-PERSON EVENTS

Up and Atom STEAM Days

GRADES K–8 | Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.
Join us to try out different STEAM and craft activities.

- July 11: Pride Tissue Paper Hearts
- July 18: Pacific Science Center “Space Science Workshop”
- July 25: Sharks



Playdate at the Library | BABY & PRE-K

Saturday, July 20 at 12 p.m.

A time for caretakers to spend time with their children, enjoy toys and games together, and connect with the community!

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 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!

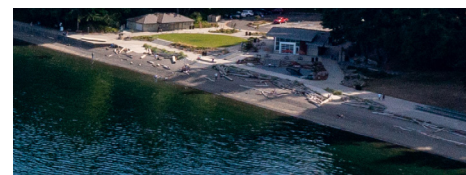
AROUND TOWN



Reading the Tidepools with Tacoma Nature Center | ALL AGES

Tuesday, July 23 at 12:30 p.m.
Titlow Beach (8425 6th Avenue)
Registration required.

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

with Harbor WildWatch



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.

Adult & Teen Events

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BOOK CLUBS

Asian Reads Book Club

ADULTS & TEENS | Tuesday, July 2 at 4 p.m.
Join us for an Asian American Native Hawaiian Pacific Islander discussion of the creative output of Asian and Asian-American writers! July's selection is *Afterparties* by Anthony Veasna So.

EVENTS

South Tacoma's Disability Social Hour

ADULTS | Friday, July 5 at 11 a.m.
You're invited to bring your friends and meet new people! Caregivers and support staff are welcome. Refreshments provided.

Drop-In Tech Help | ADULTS

Fridays at 3 p.m. | July 5, 19
Staff can assist with learning basic computer skills, email, navigating apps and devices, getting started on resumes and cover letters, and more!

Summer Safety & Personal Preparedness | ADULTS

Tuesday, July 9 at 3:30 p.m.
This presentation Pierce County Emergency Management will focus on hiking and outdoor safety, summer hazards at home and while traveling, and during all of your summer recreational activities.

Tacoma Needle Exchange Peer Navigation | ADULTS

Thursdays, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. | July 11, 18, 25
The Peer Navigator from TNE can help with: transportation assistance, health and safety training, referrals, supplies, and more.

AIDS Healthcare Foundation: HIV Rapid Testing | ADULTS

Thursdays, 11 a.m.–2 p.m. | July 11, 18, 25
The AIDS Healthcare Foundation will have their fully equipped testing van on site, open to the public for all interested in getting tested. Results are instant!

Appy Hour

ADULTS | Friday, July 12 at 3 p.m.
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.

Social Work Support with Samie

ADULTS & TEENS
Saturdays, 1–6 p.m. | July 13, 27
Get assistance for a variety of needs related to housing, shelter, domestic violence, VA, employment, behavioral health, McKinney Vento or student support, and more!

Brushes of Wisdom: A Painting Program for Older Adults | ADULTS

Wednesday, July 17 at 12:30 p.m.
Follow step-by-step printed instructions or DIY to create your own masterpieces.

Computer Skills Practice | ADULTS

Friday, July 26 at 3 p.m.
Would you like to learn about the updates on your favorite programs? Become a faster typist? Learn how to use the library catalog? Stop by to learn something new or brush-up on an old favorite!

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.

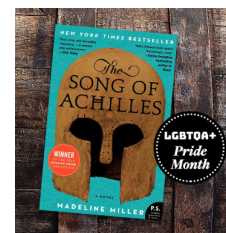
Podcast Café

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.



JUST FOR TEENS

Printmaking with KTA Studio

Wednesday, July 10 at 3 p.m.
Learn the basics of linocut printmaking with our special guest Kathy Anderson of KTA Studio! All materials provided.

Better Photography for YOU

Saturday, July 20 at 2 p.m.
Bring your current film or digital camera and learn from the experts at Tacoma Photo Center. All skill levels and camera types are welcome!

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.

