

Children and Family Events

Summer Reading Challenge!

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JULY



SWASEY LIBRARY 7001 Sixth Avenue

STORYTIMES

Baby Storytime | BIRTH–18 MOS.

Friday at 10 a.m. | July 5, 19, 26
Fun for you and your baby with songs, rhymes, stories, and movement.

Family Storytime | ALL AGES

Thursdays at 10 a.m. | July 18, 25
Join us for stories, songs, and other learning activities for the whole family to enjoy.

GAMES AND CLUBS

Brick by Brick LEGO Club | GRADES K–12

Fridays at 4 p.m. | July 5, 19
Join us to build a LEGO creation around a theme or free build to your heart's content!

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: Paper Roll Fireworks Painting
- July 9: Open Crafting
- July 16: Pride Chalk the Walk
- July 23: Shark Week
- July 30: Bristlebots

Amazing Magic Show with Jeff Evans!

ALL AGES | Saturday, July 6 at 11 a.m.
Magical adventure begins in the library!

STEAM Day with Greentrike

GRADES K–5 | Wednesday, July 10 at 4 p.m.
Explore concepts of science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Presented by Greentrike, funded by Tacoma Creates, and hosted by TPL.

Playdate at the Library | BABY & PRE-K

Thursday, July 11 at 10 a.m.
Friday, July 12 at 10 a.m.
A time for caretakers to spend time with their children, enjoy toys and games together, and connect with the community!

Saturday Morning Cartoons | ALL AGES

Saturdays at 10 a.m. | July 20, 27
Join us for a series of cartoons, animations, and visual stories. Feel free to bring snacks!

Summer Art Workshop with Tacoma Art Museum | AGES 5–12

Wednesday, July 17 at 3:30 p.m.
Join TAM in a hands-on workshop where kids will learn about an artist and make their own artwork! Presented by tam, funded by Tacoma Creates, and hosted by TPL.

Adventures in Astrobiology: Life on Other Planets with Dr. Seven M. Rasmussen | GRADES K–12

Saturday, July 20 at 3 p.m.
Have you ever wondered what life on other planets would look like? Is it even possible? Join us to find out!

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.

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 discover fascinating critters that make their homes under the rocks and tidepools. 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.

Adult & Teen Events

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BOOK CLUBS

Swasey Book Club | ADULTS
Tuesday, July 16 at 6:30 p.m.
July's selection is *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt.

EVENTS

Terrarium Building with Jade and Co. ADULTS | Tuesday, July 2 at 6 p.m.
Registration required.

Join local business, Jade and Co., for this hands-on class to delve into creating your own enchanting self-contained garden.

Drop-In Tech Help | ADULTS
Fridays at 11 a.m. | July 5, 12, 19, 26
Get assistance with learning basic computer skills like email, web searching, MS Office programs, navigating apps, using your iOS or Android devices, and more.

Social Work Support with Samie ADULTS & TEENS
Fridays, 1–6 p.m. | July 5, 12, 19, 26
Drop-in to connect with TPL's Social Worker who can assist patrons with resource navigation for a variety of needs.

Español/English Chat Group ADULTS & TEENS
Thursdays at 4 p.m. | July 11, 18
Join us to exchange English and Spanish. Any level of knowledge is welcome.

Game Series | ADULTS & TEENS
Fridays at 3:30 p.m. | July 12, 26
Please join us for board games, card games, book games, and puzzles.

Rain Gardens with a Pierce County Master Gardener | ADULTS
Saturday, July 13 at 11 a.m.
Explore the art and science of these eco-friendly gardens that are perfect for managing stormwater runoff, promoting biodiversity, and enhancing the beauty of your landscape.

Crafting with Remakery Tacoma: Junk Journals | ADULTS & TEENS
Wednesday, July 17 at 5 p.m.
Use found and salvaged paper materials to make a personalized journal.

Tile Painting with Alcohol Inks ADULTS & TEENS | Registration required.
Saturday, July 20 at 11:30 a.m.
Freestyle your own design or use a stencil.

The Secrets to Effortless Meditation ADULTS & TEENS
Registration required.
Saturdays at 1 p.m. | July 20, 27
Perfect for all levels, learn techniques to make meditation feel natural and easy. Presented by The Art of Living.

Foreclosure Prevention with Tacoma/Pierce County Habitat for Humanity ADULTS | Tuesday, July 23 at 1 p.m.
A certified housing counselor will discuss steps to take to avoid foreclosure.

Arts & Crafts Series | ADULTS & TEENS
Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.
• July 24: Create a Cat Toy
• July 31: Watercolor

Blacklight Painting Session ADULTS | Thursday, July 25 at 4 p.m.
Enjoy creative painting under black lights.

Worm Composting 101 with Pierce Co. Conservation District | ADULTS & TEENS
Tuesday, July 30 at 5:30 p.m.
Learn the value of worm composting and some strategies for composting at home!

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

Teen Time
Middle school and high school students are invited to join us for Teen Time! Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.
• July 3: Makedo - Building with Cardboard!
• July 24: Nature Journaling with the Puget Sound Museum of Natural History
• July 31: Comic Creation
Saturday, July 27 at 3 p.m.
• 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.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.

