

Children and Family Events

Summer Reading Challenge!

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JULY



WHELLOCK LIBRARY 3722 North 26th Street

STORYTIMES

Storytime on the Lawn

FAMILY: Fridays at 10:30 a.m.
BABY: Fridays at 11:30 a.m.
July 5, 12, 19 | Join us on the lawn!

Сказки на русском

Russian Story Time | ALL AGES

Saturday, July 27 at 11 a.m.
Сказки, потешки и игры на русском языке с Наталией
Семейная программа для всех возрастов
Stories, songs and games in Russian with Natalia. All ages are welcome!

GAMES & CLUBS

Pokémon League | AGE 6+

Wednesdays at 4 p.m. | July 3, 17
Grab your Pokemon deck or DS and join your friends at our official Pokemon League!

OTHER IN-PERSON EVENTS

Petite Picasso: Rainbow Suncatcher

AGES 2+ | Saturday, July 6 at 10:30 a.m.
Create little masterpieces and join us for some process art-making fun! Please wear clothes that can get messy.

Author Visit: Renee Beauregard Lute

GRADES K-5 | Saturday, July 6 at 1 p.m.
Join local juvenile fiction author Renee Beauregard Lute, as she shares her new book *Dinner at the Brake Fast* and we create delicious "apple nachos" inspired by her main character Tacoma Jones.

Up and Atom STEAM Days

BABY & PRE-K | Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.
Join us to try out different STEAM and craft activities.

- July 11: Kindness Rocks
- July 18: Dinosaur Terrariums
- July 25: Shark Week Pop-Up Card and Bookmark

Family Craft Night

ALL AGES | Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.
Join us for a fun night of crafting for the entire family!

- July 2: Wild About Wildlife
- July 9: Kindness Rocks
- July 16: Dinosaur Collage
- July 23: Shark Week Suncatchers
- July 30 Glow Bugs



Thistle Theatre Presents: Winnie the Pooh | PRE-K-GRADE 5

Friday, July 26 at 11 a.m.
Join a wondrous Christopher Robin as his toys come to life in Thistle Theatre's production of "Winnie-the-Pooh."

Reptile Man | GRADES K-12

Saturday, July 27 at 1 p.m.
Join the Reptile Man for an educational live animal demonstration featuring reptiles from all over the world.

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, S. 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

Reading the Tidepools with Tacoma Nature Center | ALL AGES

Tuesday, July 23 at 12:30 p.m.
Titlow Beach (8425 6th Avenue)
Registration required. | Discover fascinating critters in the tidepools and learn how to be a kind visitor to this 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)
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

Wheelock Book Club | ADULTS

Wednesday, July 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us to discuss *The Tiger's Wife* by Tea Obreht.

EVENTS

Drop-in Tech Help | ADULTS

Saturdays at 11 a.m. | July 6, 13, 20, 27

Wednesdays at 1 p.m. | July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Learn basic computer skills like email, web searching and MS Office programs, navigating apps, and more.

Weird, Wonderful, and Worrisome Objects in Washington State's Museums | ADULTS

Wednesday, July 10 at 6 p.m.

Join Harriet Baskas as she takes us on a journey to explore a wide range of hidden objects found in museums in our state and around the country like Bing Crosby's toupees and a 150-year old pickle.

Presented by Humanities WA.

Drop-In Genealogy Help

ADULTS | Thursday, July 11, 1–3 p.m.

Volunteers from the Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society will offer individual help to those with questions about their genealogy research. All levels of experience are welcome. Just drop-in!

Wisdom Café | ADULTS

Thursday, July 11 at 1 p.m.

Join us for conversation and camaraderie as we discuss universal topics about life, fulfillment, and aging.

Better Senior Living with Pierce County Aging and Disability Resource Center

ADULTS | Friday, July 12 at 1:30 p.m.

Learn about the many resources available to help seniors and disabled adult residents live full lives.

Introduction to Tai Chi Chuan

ADULTS | Saturdays at 11 a.m.

July 13, 20, 27

Join us outside on the lawn for this 3-part series! Participants will be introduced to the underlying principles and philosophy of Tai Chi and how it relates to proper physical movement, balance, and well being.



Rainwater Storytelling Presents Dr.

Nettie Craig Asberry | ADULTS & TEENS

Friday, July 19 at 3 p.m.

Eva Abram of Rainwater Storytelling will introduce you to the life and times of Dr. Nettie Craig Asberry a tireless fighter for equal rights.

Native Plant Transfer Workshop with Yoshi Nakagawa | ADULTS & TEENS

Registration required.

Saturday, July 20 at 3 p.m.

Be a naturalist and artist with no experience necessary!

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

Pride Tassel Pin and Jewelry Making

Friday, July 12 at 3:30 p.m.

The library will provide pins, earrings, and a collection of embroidery floss in every color of the rainbow!



Nintendo Switch Night

Wednesday, July 31 at 4 p.m.

Don't have a switch of your own? This is the perfect opportunity to try it out! Have your own switch already? Bring it in and take advantage of our projector system to play with friends on a huge screen!

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.

South Tacoma: Friday, July 19, 2–4 p.m.

Moore: Friday, July 26, 3–5 p.m.