

Children and Family Events

Summer Reading Challenge!

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FERN HILL LIBRARY 765 South 84th Street

STORYTIMES

Family Storytime

ALL AGES

Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. | Aug. 3, 10, 17, 24

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.

Tuesdays at 1 p.m. | Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27

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

GAMES AND CLUBS

Pokémon League

AGES 6–YOUNG ADULT

Wednesday, Aug. 28 at 4 p.m.

Grab your Pokemon deck or DS and join us! Both experienced players and beginners are welcome.

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.

- August 6: Recycled T-Shirt Friendship Bracelets
- August 13: Recycled CD Wind Spinners
- August 20: Bubble Art
- August 27: DIY Fruit Fans

STEAM Day with Green Trike

PRE-K–GRADE 5

Wednesday, Aug. 21 at 4 p.m.

Bring the whole family together to explore concepts of science, technology, engineering, art, and math! Presented by Greenrike, funded by Tacoma Creates, and hosted by TPL.

ONLINE EVENTS

Registration required.

Pajama Storytime

ALL AGES | online (Zoom)

Tuesdays at 7 p.m. | August 6, 13, 20, 27

Come join us for an evening of stories, activities, and songs.

SCAVENGER HUNT



Camping Scavenger Hunt | GRADES K–8

Join us at the Fern Hill, Kobetich, Moore, Mottet, S. 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

- **Backpack Charms:** Pick up starting Friday, Aug. 2
- **Pencil Holders:** Pick up starting Friday, Aug. 16
- **Rolled Paper Bowls:** Pick up starting Friday, Aug. 30

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



Low Tide Beach Walks with Harbor WildWatch | ALL AGES

Join us for a morning of nature and learning, with our friends at Harbor WildWatch!

- **Jack Hyde Park:** (171 N. Schuster Parkway) Friday, Aug. 2 at 9 a.m.
- **Thea's Park:** (535 Dock Street) Saturday, Aug. 3 at 10 a.m.

Together in Nature with Tacoma Nature Center | GRADES K–8

Thursday, Aug. 15 at 11 a.m.

McKinley Park (907 Upper Park Street)

Registration required. Explore the plants and animals that make the park their home during this naturalist-led walk.



Studio and Storytime with Tacoma Art Museum | AGES 2–8

Saturday, Aug. 17 at 11 a.m.

Tacoma Art Museum (1701 Pacific Ave.)

Registration required. Explore and create art at TAM! Presented by TAM and TPL and funded by Tacoma Creates.

Adult & Teen Events

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BOOK CLUBS

Treat Your Shelf Book Club | ADULTS
 Wednesday, August 7 at 6:30 p.m.
 We pick the theme, you pick the book!
 August's category is Courageous Characters.

IN-PERSON EVENTS

Drop-In Tech Help
 ADULTS | Tuesdays at 6 p.m.
 August 6, 13, 20, 27
 Get assistance with learning basic computer skills like email, web searching, MS Office programs, navigating apps, using your iOS or Android devices, and more.



Free Haircut and Barber Service with the Skoolie Foundation
 ALL AGES | Tuesday, Aug. 13, 12–4 p.m.
 TPL and the Skoolie Foundation have partnered to offer Haircuts for Hope, outreach for homeless and low income families to provide haircuts and other resources for those in need.

Wisdom Café | ADULTS
 Thursday, Aug. 15 at 10:30 a.m.
 Join us for conversation and camaraderie as we discuss universal topics about life, fulfillment, and aging.

Social Work Support with Samie
 ADULTS & TEENS
 Tuesday, Aug. 27, 1–6 p.m.
 TPL's Social Worker can assist with a variety of needs related to housing, shelter, domestic violence, VA, employment, behavioral health, McKinney Vento or student support, and more!

ONLINE EVENTS

Registration required.

Knitty Gritty Stitches
 ADULTS | online (Zoom)
 Wednesday, Aug. 7 at 6:30 p.m.
 Saturday, Aug. 24 at 4 p.m.
 Share current projects and socialize with like-minded folks.

Podcast Café
 AGES 12–ADULT | online (Zoom)
 Tuesday, Aug. 13 at 6:30 p.m.
 Create your very own podcast from concept to download.

AROUND TOWN



Echoes of Tacoma's Past: Ghost Stories Tour | ADULTS & TEENS
 Friday, Aug. 9 at 5 p.m.
 McMenamins Pub - Elks Temple (565 Broadway) *Registration required.*
 Join Pretty Gritty Tours to explore events that have changed Tacoma's identity and left authorities baffled.

Books on Tap Book Club | 21+
 Event details can be found via Meetup.
 Tuesday, Aug. 27 at 7 p.m.
 Join us to discuss *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy, a post-apocalyptic novel about a father and son's fight to survive.

JUST FOR TEENS




Teen Time
 Fridays at 3 p.m.
 Middle and high school students are invited to join us for Teen Time!

- August 2: Video Games
- August 9: Board Games
- August 16: Shrinky Dinks
- August 23: No Sew Fleece Pillows
- August 30: Video Games

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!



Swasey: Friday, Aug. 2, 3–5 p.m.
Moore: Wednesday, Aug. 7, 4–6 p.m.
Wheelock: Friday, Aug. 9, 2–4 p.m.
Mottet: Thursday, Aug. 22, 2–4 p.m.
Moore: Friday, Aug. 23, 3–5 p.m.