

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.
August 15, 22, 29

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.
August 15, 22, 29

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

¡Cuentos y Cantos! Bilingual Storytime

ALL AGES | Saturday, Aug. 24 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

Playdate at the Library | FAMILY

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Playdate at the Library | BABY

Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.
August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Saturday, Aug. 24 at 12 p.m.

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



Up and Atom STEAM Days

GRADES K–8 | Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.

Join us to try out different STEAM and craft activities.

- August 1: Paper Plate Summer Sun
- August 8: Recycled T-Shirt Friendship Bracelets
- August 15: Recycled CD Wind Spinners
- August 22: Bubble Art
- August 29: DIY Fruit Fans



City Critters with the Tacoma Nature Center

| GRADES K–5

Wednesday, Aug. 7 at 12:30 p.m.

Learn about how not all wildlife live in the wild and how many species have adapted to humans and urban conditions.

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



Asian Reads Book Club

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ADULTS & TEENS | Tuesday, Aug. 6 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 *The Joy Luck Club* by Amy Tan.

EVENTS

Tacoma Needle Exchange Peer Navigation | ADULTS

Thursdays, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
The Peer Navigator from TNE can help with: transportation assistance, health and safety training, referrals, supplies, and more.

South Tacoma's Disability Social Hour | ADULTS

Friday, August 2 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. | August 2, 16
Staff can assist with learning basic computer skills, email, navigating apps and devices, getting started on resumes and cover letters, and more!

Appy Hour

ADULTS | Friday, Aug. 9 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. | August 10, 24
Drop-in to connect with TPL's Social Worker who can assist patrons with resource navigation for a variety of needs.

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

Wednesday, Aug. 21 at 12:30 p.m.
Follow step-by-step printed instructions or DIY to create your own masterpieces.

D&D GM Training | ADULTS & TEENS

Wednesday, Aug. 21 at 5 p.m.
Join us to go over D&D fundamentals in a welcoming environment. All levels welcome. Presented by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Washington State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

Free Haircut and Barber Service with the Skoolie Foundation | ADULTS

Thursday, Aug. 22, 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.

Computer Skills Practice | ADULTS

Friday, Aug. 23 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!

ONLINE EVENTS

Registration required.

Knitty Gritty Stitchers

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.

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.

