

Children and Family Events

Summer Reading Challenge!

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SWASEY LIBRARY 7001 Sixth Avenue

STORYTIMES

Family Storytime | ALL AGES
Thursdays at 10 a.m. | August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Join us for stories, songs, and other learning activities for the whole family to enjoy.

Baby Storytime | BIRTH–18 MOS.
Fridays at 10 a.m. | August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Fun for you and your baby with songs, rhymes, stories, and movement.

GAMES AND CLUBS



Brick by Brick LEGO Club | GRADES K–12
Fridays at 4 p.m. | August 2, 16
Join us to build a LEGO creation around a theme or free build to your heart's content!

OTHER IN-PERSON EVENTS

Saturday Morning Cartoons | ALL AGES
Saturdays at 10 a.m. | August 3, 17
Join us for a series of cartoons, animations, and visual stories. Feel free to bring snacks!

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: Adventures in Hydropower
- August 13: Unicorn Marionettes
- August 20: Construction Paper Flower Sculptures
- August 27: Egg Carton Animal Portraits



Tacoma Boat Builders Make & Take Pop-Up Event | GRADES K–12
Friday, Aug. 16 at 2 p.m.
Youth and families can explore multiple projects to work with wood and explore their creativity. Presented by Tacoma Boat Builders, 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

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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

Swasey Book Club | ADULTS
 Tuesday, Aug. 6 at 6:30 p.m.
 August's selection is *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus.

EVENTS

Español/English Chat Group
 ADULTS & TEENS
 Thursdays at 4 p.m. | August 1, 15
 Join us to exchange English and Spanish. Any level of knowledge is welcome.

Drop-In Tech Help | ADULTS
 Fridays at 11 a.m. | August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
 Get assistance with learning basic computer skills like email, web searching, MS Office programs, navigating apps, using your iOS or Android devices, and more.

Arts & Crafts Series: Ornaments
 ADULTS & TEENS
 Wednesday, Aug. 7 at 5:30 p.m.
 We will supply the materials while you supply the creativity.

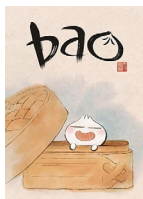
Social Work Support with Samie
 ADULTS & TEENS
 Fridays, 1–6 p.m. | August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
 Drop-in to connect with TPL's Social Worker who can assist patrons with resource navigation for a variety of needs.

Game Series | ADULTS & TEENS
 Friday, Aug. 9 at 3:30 p.m.
 Please join us for board games, card games, book games, and puzzles.

Community Puzzle Exchange
 ALL AGES | Saturday, Aug. 10, 2–4:30 p.m.
 Visit Swasey between Friday, Aug. 2 and Friday, Aug. 9 to drop off your puzzles for the exchange. You will receive a voucher with the number of puzzles you dropped off. On August 10, 2–4:30 p.m., visit Swasey, show your voucher, and pick out an equal number of puzzles to bring home!

Crafting with Remakery Tacoma: Snack Wrapper Pouch Sewing
 ADULTS & TEENS
 Wednesday, Aug. 14 at 5 p.m.
 Transform an old snack bag into a cute and trendy reusable pouch!

Building Bridges: Bao Viewing and Film Discussion | ADULTS & TEENS
 Sat., Aug. 17 at 11:30 a.m.
 Explore the connections between food, memories, and heritage with a viewing and discussion of the animated short film *Bao* by Domee Shi.



The Secrets to Effortless Meditation
 ADULTS & TEENS | *Registration required.*
 Saturdays at 1:30 p.m. | August 17, 24
 Perfect for all levels, learn techniques to make meditation feel natural and easy. Presented by The Art of Living.

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.

JUST FOR TEENS

Mario Kart Live: Home Circuit
 GRADES 6–12
 Saturday, Aug. 3 at 12 p.m.
 Race a real world, remote-controlled Mario Kart at the library. You can watch the screen or kart while you play!

Teen Time: Craft Your Own Jigsaw Puzzles | GRADES 6–12
 Wednesday, Aug. 7 at 3:30 p.m.
 Middle school and high school students are invited to join us for Teen Time!

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.

