

Children and Family Events

Summer Reading Challenge!

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STORYTIMES

Storytime on the Lawn

FAMILY: Fridays at 10:30 a.m.
 BABY: Fridays at 11:30 a.m.
 August 2, 9, 16 | Join us on the lawn!



Сказки на русском

Russian Story Time | ALL AGES

Saturday, Aug. 24 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. | August 7, 21
 Grab your Pokemon deck or DS and join your friends at our official Pokemon League!

OTHER IN-PERSON EVENTS

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: Flapping Butterfly Craft
- August 8: Yarn Painting
- August 15: Friendship Bracelets

Family Craft Night

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

- August 6: Cardboard Llama Weaving
- August 13: Shrinky Dinks

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

Wednesday, Aug. 14 at 3:30 p.m.
 Join the Tacoma Art Museum in a fun hands-on workshop!

End of Summer Lawn Party

ALL AGES | Saturday, Aug. 17 at 3 p.m.
 Join us for an afternoon of lawn games, bubble blowing, chalk art, music, and fun in the sun!

Playdate at the Library | FAMILY

Fridays at 10:30 a.m. | August 23, 30

Playdate at the Library | BABY

Fridays at 11:30 a.m. | August 23, 30
 A time for caretakers to spend time with their children, enjoy toys and games together, and connect with the community!

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

Wheelock Book Club | ADULTS
 Wednesday, Aug. 7 at 6:30 p.m.
 Join us to discuss *Cleo, the Cat Who Mended a Family* by Helen Brown.

EVENTS

Drop-in Tech Help | ADULTS
 Saturdays at 11 a.m. | August 3, 10, 17, 24
 Wednesdays at 1 p.m. | August 7, 14, 21, 28
 Learn basic computer skills like email, web searching and MS Office programs, navigating apps, and more.

Drop-In Genealogy Help
 ADULTS | Thursday, August 8, 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 Cafe | ADULTS
 Thursday, Aug. 8 at 1 p.m.
 Join us for conversation and camaraderie as we discuss universal topics about life, fulfillment, and aging.

Summer Safety and Personal Preparedness
 ADULTS | Friday, Aug. 9 at 3 p.m.
 Join Pierce County Emergency Management to hear about how to be more prepared on these hot summer days with a focus on hiking and outdoor safety.

Q&A with Alexis Devine of *I Am Bunny*
 ADULTS | Saturday, Aug. 10 at 11 a.m.
 Social media star of @WhatAboutBunny, author of *I Am Bunny: How A "Talking" Dog Taught Me Everything I Need To Know About Being Human*, and local artist Alexis Devine will answer questions about Bunny, "the talking dog," and their journey.

Drag Queen Bingo!
 ALL AGES | Thursday, Aug. 22 at 3:30 p.m.
 Join us for rounds of bingo led by the lovely Lavinda Lyfe - drag host extraordinaire and MC.

Lost Apple Project with Dave Benscoter
 ADULTS | Saturday, Aug. 24 at 2 p.m.
 Learn about the historical importance of apples in the region and how the Lost Apple Project has located several species once thought extinct. The Project has recovered 29 apple varieties that were thought to have disappeared.

Foreclosure Prevention with Tacoma/Pierce County Habitat for Humanity
 ADULTS | Tuesday, Aug. 27 at 1 p.m.
 Learn about the foreclosure process, loss mitigation, and gain knowledge about local mortgage assistance programs.

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



Nintendo Switch Night
 Wednesday, Aug. 28 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!
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.

