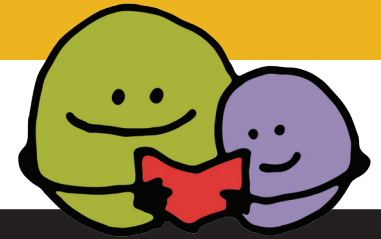


Children and Family Events

SEPTEMBER

All events are free and open to the public; library card not required. Please note events may require registration. For full event details, visit tacomalibrary.org.



WHEELLOCK LIBRARY 3722 North 26th Street

STORYTIMES

Toddler Storytime | 18–36 MONTHS
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. | September 5, 12
Encourage emerging language skills with books, rhymes, music and fun. For ages 18-36 months with a caregiver.

Family Storytime | ALL AGES
Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

- September 6: Regular Storytime
 - September 13: Prepare With Pedro from the American Red Cross
 - September 27: Tacoma Reads
- Join us for stories, songs, and fun learning activities that the whole family can enjoy.

Baby Storytime | BIRTH–18 MOS.
Fridays at 1 p.m. | September 6, 13, 27
Fun for you and your baby with songs, rhymes, stories, and movement.

Сказки на русском | Russian Story Time
ALL AGES | Saturday, Sept. 28 at 11 a.m.
Сказки, потешки и игры на русском языке с Наталией
Семейная программа для всех возрастов
Stories, songs, and games for families in Russian with Natalia.

GAMES AND CLUBS

Pokémon League
AGES 6–YOUNG ADULT
Wednesdays at 4 p.m. | September 4, 18
Grab your Pokemon deck or DS and join us! All levels welcome.

OTHER IN-PERSON EVENTS

Up and Atom STEAM Days
GRADES K–8 | Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.

- September 5: All About Me
- September 12: Piñata Craft
- September 19: Playdough Play
- September 26: Tacoma Reads - Make Your Own Musical Instrument

Try out different STEAM and craft activities.



Playdate at the Library

PRE K | Saturday, Sept. 7 at 10:30 a.m.
Playdate is a time for families to grow their community, spend time together with your child, make new friends, and enjoy toys and games.



Bottle Rockets

Bottle Rockets | PRE-K–GRADE 5
Saturday, Sept. 7 at 3:30 p.m.
Build your own 2 liter bottle rocket, and get ready for blast off! Bring your own 2 liter soda bottle. Materials and curriculum generously provided by the WSU 4-H Program of Pierce County.

Discover Dance Day | ALL AGES
Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 5:30 p.m.
This interactive session is designed to ignite creativity, boost confidence, and instill a love for dance in all ages. Presented by Pacific Northwest Dance Foundation, funded by Tacoma Creates, and hosted by TPL.

Play to Learn
BABY AND PRE-K
Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
September 19, 26

For children and caregivers to enjoy play together. Presented by Greentrike, funded by Tacoma Creates, and hosted by TPL.

ONLINE EVENTS
Registration required.

Pajama Storytime
ALL AGES | online (Zoom)
Tuesdays at 7 p.m. | September 3, 10, 17, 24
Come join us for an evening of stories, activities, and songs.

AT MULTIPLE LOCATIONS

Latine/x Heritage Month Scavenger Hunt | GRADES K–8
Fern Hill, Kobetich, Moore, Mottet, South Tacoma, Wheelock
Join us September 3–28 to learn about Latine/x children's book authors as you find the hidden pictures.



Craftopia Program Kits
AGES 3+ | Fern Hill, Kobetich, Moore, Mottet, South Tacoma, Wheelock

- **Bottle Cap Bugs:** Pick up starting Friday, Sept. 6
- **Straw Weaving:** Pick up starting Friday, Sept. 20
- **Leaf Coaster:** Pick up starting Friday, Sept. 27

Freedom to Read Week: Creation Station
PRE-K–GRADE 5 | Tuesday, Sept. 24–Saturday, Sept. 28 during regular service hours at Fern Hill, Kobetich, Moore, Mottet, South Tacoma, and Wheelock.
Join us all week long at our Freedom to Read creation station!

Freedom to Read Week: Activity Booklets
ALL AGES | Tuesday, Sept. 24–Saturday, Sept. 28 during regular service hours at Fern Hill, Kobetich, Moore, Mottet, South Tacoma, and Wheelock. Stop by and pick up an activity booklet with crosswords, mazes, and puzzles!

AROUND TOWN

Studio and Storytime with Tacoma Art Museum | AGES 2–8
Saturday, Sept. 21 at 11 a.m.
TAM (1701 Pacific Avenue)
Celebrate Latine/x heritage month as we read a story, explore art in TAM's galleries, and create a hands-on project in TAM's studio! Presented by TAM and TPL and funded by Tacoma Creates.



Adults and Teen Events

SEPTEMBER

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WHEELOCK LIBRARY 3722 North 26th Street

BOOK CLUBS

Wheelock Book Club | ADULTS
Wednesday, Sept. 4 at 6:30 p.m.
Join us to discuss *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas.

EVENTS

Drop-in Tech Help | ADULTS
Saturdays at 11 a.m. | Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28
Wednesdays at 1 p.m. | Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25
Learn basic computer skills like email, web searching and MS Office programs, navigating apps, and more.

Wisdom Cafe | ADULTS
Thursday, Sept. 12 at 1 p.m.
Join us for conversation and camaraderie as we discuss universal topics about life, fulfillment, and aging.

Drop-In Genealogy Help | ADULTS
Thursday, Sept. 12 at 1 p.m.
Volunteers from the Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society (TPCGS) will offer individual help to those with questions about their genealogy research.

Nature's Table | ADULTS
Saturday, Sept. 14 at 11 a.m.
Come learn about foraging with Nature's Table and learn to forage where you are.

Getting Things Done with AI | ADULTS
Saturday, Sept. 14 at 2 p.m.
Recent advancements in AI can assist us in being more productive and acquiring new skills. Find out more about getting started with Generative AI.

Blood Drive with Bloodworks Northwest | ADULTS
Friday, Sept. 20, 11 a.m.–5 p.m.
Donating blood helps patients with treatments, procedures, and surgeries. Visit bloodworksnw.org/giveblood to book your one-hour appointment.

Let's Celebrate Pollinators | ADULTS
Saturday, Sept. 21 at 4 p.m.
Create your own pollinator friendly habitat at home. Discussion led by Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Postcrossing Meetup | ADULTS
Saturday, Sept. 28 at 1 p.m.
Join us for a meetup to share our collective joy of Postcrossing and to make fun connections with other PC people in the South Sound.

ONLINE EVENTS
Registration required.

Getting Paid: Create an Invoice
ADULTS | online (Zoom)
Saturday, Sept. 28 at 11 a.m.
An invoice is a bill from a seller to a buyer, listing the items purchased, their costs, and the due date for payment. Learn how to create an invoice during this workshop.

AROUND TOWN

Español/English Chat Group
ADULTS | Thursdays at 4 p.m.
September 5, 19
Brewer's Row (3205 North 26th Street)
Join our exciting chat group to exchange English and Spanish. All levels are welcome to participate.

Tacoma Reads: Strength and Harmony: The Story of Nettie Asberry in Tacoma
Registration required.
Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 5 p.m.
Nettie Asberry House (1219 S. 13th Street)
Join Pretty Gritty Tours on a captivating 1 hour journey through Tacoma's historic Hilltop neighborhood. Discover the remarkable life of Nettie Asberry, a trailblazing Black woman who left an indelible mark on our community.

Books on Tap Book Club | 21+ | Event details can be found via Meetup.
Wed., Sept. 24 at 7 p.m. | Discuss the 2024 Tacoma Reads selection, *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride.

Freedom to Read Week: Book Talk at The Red Hot! | 21+ | 2914 6th Ave.
Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 6 p.m.
Enjoy food and a favorite beverage while celebrating our freedom to read and fight censorship.

JUST FOR TEENS

Teen Time | Tuesdays at 2:15 p.m.

- September 3: Ice Pop Mini Message Cards
- September 10: Regular Teen Time
- September 17: Craft Extravaganza
- September 24: Uncovered - A Freedom to Read Art Workshop

Middle and high school students are invited to play games, work on homework, or make a craft.

Nintendo SwitchUp
Friday, Sept. 27 at 2:15 p.m.
Whether you're a Mario Kart master, a Super Smash Bros. champion, or just looking for something fun to do, this event is for you! Don't have a Switch of your own? Use one of ours!

DONATION DRIVE



July through September, TPL is partnering with Tacoma Rescue Mission to collect school supplies. Visit your neighborhood library to make a donation.

