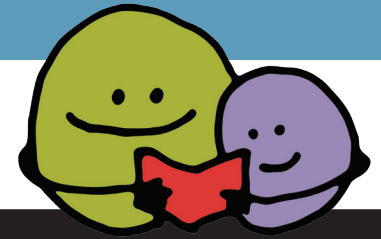


Children and Family Events

OCTOBER

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FERN HILL LIBRARY 765 South 84th Street

STORYTIMES

Baby Storytime | BIRTH–18 MOS.

Tuesdays at 1 p.m.
October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Fun for you and your baby with songs, rhymes, stories, and movement.

Family Storytime | ALL AGES

Saturdays at 10:30 a.m.

- October 5: Regular storytime
- October 12: Tacoma Reads
- October 19: Regular storytime
- October 26: Regular storytime

Join us for stories, songs, and other fun learning activities.

GAMES AND CLUBS

Pokémon League

AGES 6–YOUNG ADULT
Wednesdays at 4 p.m. | October 9, 23
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.

- October 1: Play-Doh Play
- October 8: Tacoma Reads Mosaic Art
- October 15: Log Cabins with Job Carr Cabin Museum, funded by Tacoma Creates
- October 22: Flapping Bat Craft
- October 29: Calaveras/Sugar Skulls

Play to Learn

BABY AND PRE-K
Fridays at 10 a.m.
October 4, 11, 18, 25
For children and caregivers to enjoy play together. Thematic curriculum invites individual play, fun group activities, songs, and group circle time. Presented by Greentrike, funded by Tacoma Creates, and hosted by TPL.

Tacoma Boat Builders Make & Take Pop-Up Event

GRADES K–12
Friday, Oct. 11 at 3 p.m.
Explore multiple wood projects and use your creativity to make a craft. 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.
October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Come join us for an evening of stories, activities, and songs.



SCAVENGER HUNT

Gustavo the Shy Ghost Scavenger Hunt

| GRADES K–8 | Fern Hill, Kobetich, Moore, Mottet, South Tacoma, Swasey, Wheelock |
Throughout the month of October, Gustavo the shy ghost will be hiding around the library. Find all the hiding spots and win a prize!

TAKE-HOME PROGRAM KITS

Craftopia Program Kits

AGES 3+ | Fern Hill, Kobetich, Moore, Mottet, South Tacoma, Swasey, Wheelock

- **Paper Pumpkins:** Pick up starting Friday, Oct. 4
- **Bead Spider Rings:** Pick up starting Friday, Oct. 11
- **Spooky Cats & Flapping Bats:** Pick up starting Friday, Oct. 18

AROUND TOWN

Studio and Storytime with Tacoma Art Museum

| AGES 2–8
Saturday, Oct. 19 at 11 a.m.
TAM (1701 Pacific Avenue)
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

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BOOK CLUBS

Treat Your Shelf Book Club | ADULTS
Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 6:30 p.m.
We pick the theme, you pick the book!
October's category is: Don't go in there!

IN-PERSON EVENTS

Drop-In Tech Help | ADULTS
Tuesdays at 6 p.m. | Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Get assistance with learning computer skills like email, web searching, MS Office programs, navigating apps, and more.

Social Work Support with Samie
ADULTS & TEENS
Tuesdays, 1–5 p.m. | October 1, 29
TPL's Social Worker can assist with a variety of needs!

Tacoma Reads: Solidarity in Storytelling
ADULTS & TEENS
Wednesday, Oct. 2 at 5:30 p.m.
Registration required. Former Tacoma Poet Laureate, Kellie Richardson, will host a workshop as a part of this year's theme of Rhythms of Resilience.

Garden Alchemy | ADULTS & TEENS
Friday, Oct. 4 at 3 p.m.
Learn to make garden-boosting teas and tonics from your own backyard. Presented by Tacoma Urban Land Trust, funded by Tacoma Creates, and hosted by TPL.

Blood Drive with Bloodworks NW
ADULTS | Friday, Oct. 11, 11 a.m.–5 p.m.
Visit bloodworksnw.org/giveblood to book your one-hour appointment.

Tacoma Reads & Tacoma Arts Month: Studio Tour | ADULTS & TEENS
Saturday, Oct. 12, 11 a.m.–5 p.m.
Come join #VoicesOfTacoma as they host their Poet's studio at the library. Hear poets read their work and participate in a variety of activities. Brought to you by the Tacoma Arts & Cultural Vitality.

Fused Together | ALL AGES
Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 5:30 p.m.
Join us for a glass-working program presented by Hilltop Artists, Communities for a Healthy Bay, and artist Kait Rhoads, funded by Tacoma Creates, and hosted by TPL.

Wisdom Café | ADULTS
Thursday, Oct. 24 at 10:30 a.m.
Join us for conversation and camaraderie as we discuss universal topics about life, fulfillment, and aging.

ONLINE EVENTS
Registration required.

Sort Out Your Email with Jamie Novak
ADULTS | online (Zoom)
Wednesday, Oct. 9 at 6:30 p.m.
Learn how to sort your inbox in just one step!

Getting Things Done with AI
ADULTS | online (Zoom)
Saturday, Oct. 19 at 11 a.m.
Find out more about getting started with Generative AI.

Discover Community Data with Reference Solutions | ADULTS
online (Zoom) | Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 12:30 p.m.
Learn how to use these free, online databases that can benefit small business owners, entrepreneurs, and researchers.

AROUND TOWN

Tacoma Reads: Book Discussion with Mayor Woodards | ADULTS
Thursday, Oct. 3 at 6 p.m.
Join Mayor Woodards for a discussion of James McBride's novel, *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store*. Check website for location tacomalibrary.org/tacomareads

Español/English Chat Group
ADULTS | Thursday, Oct. 3, at 4 p.m.
Lincoln District Starbucks (3737 South G Street) | Join our chat group to exchange English and Spanish. All levels are welcome to participate.

Tacoma Reads & Building Bridges: Discussion on Community & Solidarity
ADULTS | Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 5:30 p.m.
King's Books (218 Saint Helens Ave.)
Join panelists Silong Chhun, Rini Ng, Tamiko Nimura, and Vanna Sing for a discussion.

Books on Tap Book Club
21+ | Event details can be found via Meetup. Wed., Oct. 29 at 7 p.m.
For Hispanic Heritage Month we'll be reading *Monstrilio* by Gerardo Sámano Córdova.



JUST FOR TEENS

Teen Time | GRADES 6–12
Fridays at 3 p.m. | October 4, 11, 18, 25
Meet new friends, relax, play games, work on homework, or make a craft. We'll do something different each time!

Designing Just Futures | GRADES 9–12
Thursdays at 4 p.m. | October 3, 17, 31
Registration required. | Youth will explore issues they care about in their community and co-design solutions using technology as a tool. Presented by Fab-5, funded by Tacoma Creates, and hosted by TPL.

Battlebots | GRADES 6–12
Saturday, Oct. 5 at 12 p.m.
Get ready to be the last bot standing!
Presented by FabLab Education, funded by Tacoma Creates, and hosted by TPL.

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!



Moore: Friday, Oct. 4, 2–4 p.m.
Fern Hill: Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2–4 p.m.
Wheelock: Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2–4 p.m.
Moore: Thursday, Oct. 24, 2–4 p.m.
South Tacoma: Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2–4 p.m.