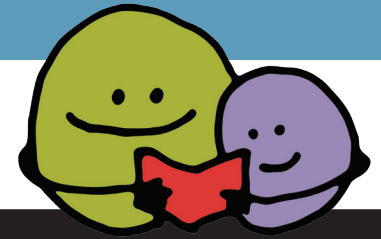


Children and Family Events

OCTOBER

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.



SWASEY LIBRARY 7001 Sixth Avenue

STORYTIMES

Baby Storytime | BIRTH–18 MOS.
Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

- October 11: Baby Storytime
 - October 18: Tacoma Reads Storytime with Ted Brown Music Outreach, funded by Tacoma Creates
 - October 25: Baby Storytime
- Fun for you and your baby with songs, rhymes, stories, and movement.

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

- October 12: Family Storytime
- October 19: Tacoma Reads Storytime

Join us for stories, songs, and fun learning activities that the whole family can enjoy.

OTHER IN-PERSON EVENTS



Up and Atom STEAM Days
GRADES K–8

Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.

- October 8: Art Workshop with Tacoma Art Museum, funded by Tacoma Creates
- October 15: Flapping Bat Craft
- October 22: Mosaic Art
- October 29: Calaveras/Sugar Skulls

Try out different STEAM and craft activities.

Play to Learn | BABY AND PRE-K
Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
October 10, 17, 24, 31
For children and caregivers to enjoy play together. Presented by Greentrike, funded by Tacoma Creates, and hosted by TPL.

STEAM Day with Greentrike
PRE-K–GRADE 5

Wednesdays, Oct. 23 at 4 p.m.
Explore concepts of science, technology, engineering, art, and math. 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.
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

OCTOBER

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.



SWASEY LIBRARY 7001 Sixth Avenue

BOOK CLUBS

Swasey Book Club | ADULTS
Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m.
October's book is 2024 Tacoma Reads selection, *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride.

EVENTS

Blood Drive with Bloodworks Northwest | ADULTS
Thursday, Oct. 17, 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.

Español/English Chat Group
ADULTS & TEENS
Thursday, Oct. 17, at 4 p.m.
Join our chat group to exchange English and Spanish. All levels are welcome.

Autumn Plant and Seed Swap
ALL AGES | Saturday, Oct. 19, at 3 p.m.
Bring seeds and clippings of your favorite house and garden plants to swap with fellow plant lovers.

Open House with the Poets
ADULTS & TEENS
Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 6 p.m.
Hear from the poets of #VoicesofTacoma along with Blue Cactus Press.

Tacoma Reads: Solidarity and Storytelling | ADULTS & TEENS
Thursday, Oct. 24 at 4:30 p.m.
Registration required. | Former Tacoma Poet Laureate, Kellie Richardson, will host a workshop with this year's Tacoma Reads theme of Rhythms of Resilience.

Crafting with Remakery Tacoma—Plastic Smithed Jewelry | ADULTS & TEENS
Saturday, Oct. 26 at 11 a.m.
We'll use previously melted bottle caps and plastics to make unique, colorful jewelry to celebrate the season!

Blacklight Painting Session | ADULTS
Saturday, Oct. 26 at 4 p.m.
Come paint under blacklights and watch your art glow!

Drawing Night with the Puget Sound Museum of Natural History
ADULTS & TEENS | Wed., Oct. 30 at 4 p.m.
Come spend the evening with real wildlife specimens and make some art!

AI Enhanced Travel with Tacoma Community College | ADULTS
Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 6 p.m.
Discover how AI technologies are revolutionizing the way we plan, experience, and enjoy our journeys.

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.
AI is a part of our daily lives, from maps to movie recommendations. 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.

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 | Fridays at 2:30 p.m.
• October 11: CD Coasters
• October 18: Button Making
• October 25: Video Games
Middle and high school students are invited to join us for a different activity each week!

Self-Scripting: Telling Your Story
AGES 12–18 | Thursday, Oct. 31 at 4 p.m.
Learn to write and theatricalize your own personal stories. Taught by Mary Woodard, presented by the Rainbow Center, 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.