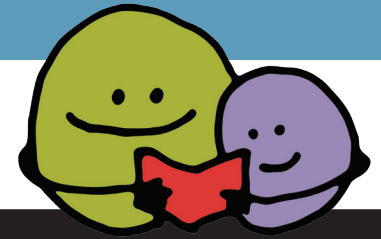


Children and Family Events

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.



WHEELLOCK LIBRARY 3722 North 26th Street

STORYTIMES

Family Storytime | ALL AGES

Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

October 4, 11, 18, 25

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. | October 4, 11, 18, 25

Fun for you and your baby with songs, rhymes, stories, and movement.

Toddler Storytime | 18-36 MONTHS

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. | Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31

Encourage emerging language skills with books, rhymes, music and fun. For ages 18-36 months with a caregiver.



Сказки на русском | Russian Story Time

ALL AGES | Saturday, Oct. 26 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. | October 2, 16

Grab your Pokemon deck or DS and join us! All levels welcome.



Family Chess Club | GRADES K-5

Wednesdays at 4 p.m. | October 9, 23

Beginning players can learn the game from an experienced chess coach. Chess sets and instructions provided.

OTHER IN-PERSON EVENTS

Play to Learn

BABY AND PRE-K

Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

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

Up and Atom STEAM Days

GRADES K-8 | Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.

- October 3: Art Workshop with Tacoma Art Museum, funded by Tacoma Creates
- October 10: Custom Cars with LeMay-America's Car Museum, funded by Tacoma Creates
- October 17: Animals at Night
- October 24: Calaveras/Sugar Skulls

Try out different STEAM and craft activities.

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

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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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WHEELOCK LIBRARY 3722 North 26th Street

BOOK CLUBS

Wheelock Book Club | ADULTS
Wednesday, Oct. 2 at 6:30 p.m.
Join us to discuss the 2024 Tacoma Read's selection, *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride.

EVENTS

Drop-In Tech Help | ADULTS
Saturdays at 11 a.m. | Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26
Wednesdays at 1 p.m. | Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Learn basic computer skills like email, web searching and MS Office programs, navigating apps, and more.

Tacoma Reads: Little Literary Fest
ALL AGES | Saturday, Oct. 5, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.
Wednesdays at 1 p.m. | Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Join us for a day of art, performance, workshops, and more! Presented in partnership with Tacoma Arts Live.

Wisdom Cafe | ADULTS
Thursday, Oct. 10 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, Oct. 10 at 1 p.m.
Get help with genealogy research from the Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society (TPCGS).

The Secrets to Effortless Meditation with The Art of Living
ADULTS | Friday, Oct. 11 at 3 p.m.
Registration required.
Perfect for all levels, learn techniques to make meditation feel natural and easy.

Queer Northwest Author Visit
ADULTS | Saturday, Oct. 12 at 3 p.m.
Author Andrew Wolter visits! Presented by Queer Northwest, funded by Tacoma Creates, and hosted by TPL.

Be Prepared for the Great ShakeOut
ALL AGES | Thursday, Oct. 17 at 12 p.m.
Join the Red Cross to learn about and practice earthquake safety together.

Create Your Own Mini Zen Garden
ADULTS & TEENS
Saturday, Oct. 19 at 11 a.m.
A relaxing and creative session where we'll make our very own mini Zen gardens!

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! Follow along during this class led by author Jamie Novak.

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. 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 on the theme of "Rhythms of Resilience."

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 *Monstrillo* by Gerardo Sámano Córdova.



JUST FOR TEENS

Teen Time | Tuesdays at 2:15 p.m.
October 8, 15, 22, 29
Middle and high school students are invited to play games, work on homework, or make a craft.

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.

