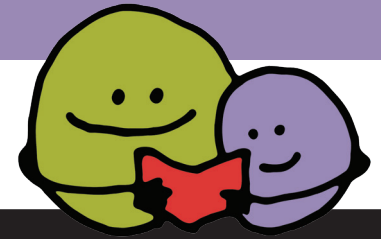


Children and Family Events

DECEMBER

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.



WHEELOCK LIBRARY 3722 North 26th Street

STORYTIMES

Toddler Storytime | 18–36 MONTHS
Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. | Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26
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.
December 6, 13, 20, 27
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. | December 6, 13, 20, 27
Fun for you and your baby with songs, rhymes, stories, and movement.

Сказки на русском | Russian Story Time
ALL AGES | Saturday, Dec. 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. | December 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.
Try out different STEAM and craft activities.

- December 5: Bear Sweater Weaving Craft
- December 12: Otterly Awesome – Book Release Party
- December 19: Winter Bird Craft
- December 26: Winter Polar Bear Craft

Playdate at the Library
BABY AND PRE-K
Saturday, Dec. 7 at 10:30 a.m.
A time for caretakers to spend time with their children, enjoy toys and games together, and connect with other members of the community!

Discover Drums with Tacoma Youth Symphony! | PRE-K–GRADE 5
Saturday, Dec. 14 at 11 a.m.
Join us on a drumming adventure! Listen to stories, try out instruments, and make your own drum to take home with you!
Presented by Tacoma Youth Symphony Association, funded by Tacoma Creates, and hosted by TPL.

ONLINE EVENTS
Registration required.

Pajama Storytime
ALL AGES | online (Zoom)
Tuesdays at 7 p.m.
December 3, 10, 17, 31
Come join us for an evening of stories, activities, and songs.

SYSTEM-WIDE EVENTS

Jan Brett Scavenger Hunt
GRADES K–5 | Fern Hill, Kobetich, Moore, Mottet, South Tacoma, Swasey, Wheelock | Join us this month for a special themed scavenger hunt inspired by children's author Jan Brett!

The Mitten Creation Station
GRADES K–5 | Fern Hill, Kobetich, Moore, Mottet, South Tacoma, Swasey, Wheelock | December 3–14 to decorate your own mitten, a craft inspired by Jan Brett's classic picture book, "The Mitten".

TAKE-HOME PROGRAM KITS

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

- **Candy Canes:** Pick up starting Friday, Dec. 6
- **Clothespin Snowmen:** Pick up starting Friday, Dec. 20
- **Felt Fidget Toys:** Pick up starting Friday, Dec. 27

AROUND TOWN



Jan Brett's "Alice in a Winter Wonderland" Tour | PRE-K–GRADE 5
Registration required.
Saturday, Dec. 14 at 10 a.m.
Silas High School (1202 North Orchard St.)
Join Tacoma Public Library, Tacoma Online Elementary, and King's Books as we welcome Jan Brett to Tacoma! Jan Brett will be touring to support her new book, "Alice in a Winter Wonderland". At the event, Brett will do a short drawing and presentation, followed by a signing.

Studio and Storytime with Tacoma Art Museum | AGES 2–8
Registration required.
Saturday, Dec. 21 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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EVENTS

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



DIY Herbal Tea Blends | ADULTS
Saturday, Dec. 7 at 3 p.m.
Registration required.
Herbalist Erica Coe will guide you through the process and provide tips and tricks for crafting the perfect cup of herbal tea.



Wisdom Cafe | ADULTS
Thursday, Dec. 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, Dec. 12, 1–3 p.m.
Get help with genealogy research from the Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society (TPCGS).

ONLINE EVENTS

Registration required.



Podcast Café
AGES 12–ADULT | online (Zoom)
Tuesday, December 10 at 6:30 p.m.
Create your very own podcast from concept to download.

AROUND TOWN

Books on Tap Book Club (21+) Event
details can be found via Meetup.
Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m.
We want to know what books you've read and loved this year. Bring one or two of your favorites to share with the group.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Tacoma Public Library will be closed on the following holidays:

- Tuesday, Dec. 24
- Wednesday, Dec. 25
- Wednesday, Jan. 1

SNACK DONATION DRIVE

TPL is partnering with St. Vincent De Paul to collect non-perishable food items like cup of noodles, instant oatmeal, granola bars, breakfast bars, protein bars, mini-cereal boxes, and other assorted snacks for those in need.



JUST FOR TEENS

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

- December 3: Painting Air-dry Clay Trinket Dishes and More
- December 10: Sports and More
- December 17: Mini-Magnets and More
- December 31: Games and More



Coding with EarSketch
Saturday, Dec. 7 at 12 p.m.
Learn the basics of Python while making music with the online software, Earsketch! Presented by FabLab Education, funded by Tacoma Creates, and hosted by TPL.

Nintendo SwitchUp
Friday, Dec. 27 at 2:30 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! Bring your own Switch or use one of ours.

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.org!

- Moore: Wednesday, Dec. 4, 3–5 p.m.**
- Fern Hill: Thursday, Dec. 12, 3–5 p.m.**
- Moore: Friday, Dec. 13, 3–5 p.m.**
- South Tacoma: Friday, Dec. 20, 2–4 p.m.**

