Children and Family Events

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Baby Storytime | BIRTH–18 MOS. Fridays at 10:30 a.m. January 3, 17, 24, 31 Fun for you and your baby with songs, rhymes, stories, and movement.

Family Storytime | ALL AGES

Saturday, Jan. 25 at 10:30 a.m. Join us for stories, songs, and other fun learning activities designed to develop language, literacy, and social skills.

Brick by Brick LEGO Club

GRADES K–12 | Wednesdays at 4 p.m. January 15, 29 Join us to build a LEGO creation around a theme or free build to your heart's content!

Preschool Drive-In Movie

AGES 3–6 | Saturday, Jan. 4 at 3:30 p.m. Preschoolers are invited to decorate their own cardboard box car, and then enjoy a short film while sitting in their new rides! All supplies are provided. Space and supplies are limited to the first 30 attendees.

Up and Atom STEAM Days

GRADES K–8 | Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. Join us to try out different STEAM and craft activities.

- January 7: Tape Resist Snowflake Art
- January 14: Rubber Ducky Art
- January 21: Coffee Filter Snowflakes
- January 28: Penguin Weaving Craft

Play to Learn | BABY AND PRE-K

Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. January 9, 16, 30

For children and caregivers to enjoy play together. Presented by Greentrike, funded by Tacoma Creates, and hosted by TPL. Creating a Kinder World for Animals + Shelter Pet Pawtraits with the Humane Society of Tacoma and Pierce County ALL AGES | Saturday, Jan. 11 at 11 a.m. Learn about the programs offered at the Humane Society for Tacoma & Pierce County and how you can get involved with their efforts! Then "lend a paw" during a special craft time to create "pawtraits" of adoptable animals and help them find their forever home!

Ribbon Lei Making with Asia Pacific

Cultural Center | ALL AGES Saturday, Jan. 11 at 2:30 p.m. *Registration required.* Join us to explore Samoan culture and create ribbon leis to give to your family and friends! Presented by Asia Pacific Cultural Center, funded by Tacoma Creates, and hosted by TPL.

Create Your Own Year of the Snake Craft to Hide Around Tacoma!

We'll have multiple crafting stations available including button-making and more. Supplies are limited and are firstcome, first-served.

- Friday, Jan. 17 at 3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 25 at 3:30 p.m.

Tissue Box Derby | GRADES K–12 Thursday, Jan. 30 at 4 p.m.

Design your own tissue box or paper tube

cart and then put your creation to the test in our exciting distance competition.

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Pajama Storytime

ALL AGES | online (Zoom) Tuesdays at 7 p.m. January 7, 14, 21, 28 Come join us for an evening of stories, activities, and songs.



GRADES K–5 | Fern Hill, Kobetich, Moore, Mottet, South Tacoma, Swasey, Wheelock | Join us for a Lunar New Year snake-themed scavenger hunt!

TAKE-HOME PROGRAM KITS////////

Craftopia Program Kits

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

- Loom Bands: Pick up starting Friday, Jan. 3
- Snowflake Suncatchers: Pick up starting Friday, Jan. 17
- Mini Books: Pick up starting Friday, Jan. 31

Studio and Storytime with Tacoma Art Museum | AGES 2–8

Saturday, Jan. 25 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.

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- Saturday, Jan. 18 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

JANUARY



Adults and Teen Events

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Other Worlds: Online Speculative Fiction Book Club

ADULTS | online (Zoom) *Registration required.* Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 6:30 p.m. Join us online to discuss intriguing, mindexpanding, speculative books from across genres. In January we'll discuss "All Systems Red" by Martha Wells.

Español/English Chat Group

ADULTS & TEENS Thursdays at 4 p.m. | January 2, 16 Join us to exchange English and Spanish. Any level of knowledge is welcome.

Art Series: Artist Trading Cards

ADULTS & TEENS Friday, Jan. 3 at 3:30 p.m. Create cards using a variety of mediums and then trade them with others!

Fused Together | ALL AGES

Wednesday, Jan. 8 at 5:30 p.m. Join us for a special glass-working program presented by Hilltop Artists, Communities for a Healthy Bay and artist Kait Rhoads, funded by Tacoma Creates, and hosted by TPL!

Sesión de Ukulele Sin Cita Previa ADULTS & TEENS

Thursday, Jan. 9 at 4 p.m.

El ukelele es un instrumento con el que puedes aprender acordes y canciones sin experencia musical previa. Después de solo una de nuestras clases, aprenderás a tocar canciones, diferentes patrones de rasgueo, practicará técnicas para llevar tu aprendizaje al futuro y ¡todo en un ambiente social divertido y atractivo! Los instrumentos y la música son proporcionados por el Proyecto de (Tacoma Community Ukulele Project) Proyecto de Ukelele Comunitario de Tacoma.

A Gathering of Poets

ADULTS & TEENS Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 6 p.m. Visit with the poets of #VoicesofTacoma who have published an anthology of their most recent works. Feel free to bring your questions, your poetic ideas, and/or your own works for sharing.

Crafting with Remakery Tacoma ADULTS & TEENS

- Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 5 p.m.: Rag Rug Weaving - We will take fabric, tear it into strips, and use the strips to braid up a rug that is both functional and beautiful.
- Saturday, Jan. 25 at 2 p.m.: Embroidery Color-It-In - Practice embroidery techniques in a way that is easy and fun.

Drop-in Ukulele | ADULTS & TEENS

Learn how to play songs, strumming patterns, and practice techniques to carry your learning into the future! Instruments and music are provided by the Tacoma Community Ukulele Project.

- Friday, Jan. 24 at 3 p.m.: Level 1
- Friday, Jan. 31 at 3 p.m.: Level 2

Unlock Your Creativity: Altered Book Workshop | ADULTS & TEENS

Friday, Jan. 31 at 3:30 p.m. Transform old books into unique pieces of art by adding your creative touch whether that's through collage, painting, drawing, or mixed media.

Books on Tap Book Club (21+) Event details can be found via Meetup. Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. In January we'll be reading "Days at the Morisaki Bookshop" by Satoshi Yagisawa.



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Teen Time | Fridays at 2:30 p.m. Middle school and high school students are invited to join us for Teen Time! We'll do something different each time!

- January 3: Zen Coloring
- January 17: Embossed Bookmarks

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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, Jan. 3, 2–4 p.m. Mottet: Wednesday, Jan. 8, 3–5 p.m. Wheelock: Friday, Jan. 24, 2–4 p.m.