Digital Media Workshops for Adults!

The Digital Media Lab at Tacoma’s downtown Main Branch now offers free workshops for adults. **Space is limited.** Register online through our events calendar at www.tacomalibrary.org or by calling the library at (253) 292-2001.

**Photography 101**
*Session I (choose one date)*

**Friday, June 24 at 6 p.m.**
**OR Saturday, June 25 at 9 a.m.**
(Offsite: Tacoma waterfront location TBA)

**Session II: June 25 at Noon.**
Computer Classroom, Main Branch

A 2-session class addressing the essentials of outdoor still photography and editing led by professional photographer **Jesse Michener.** The first session is a two-hour photo-gathering exercise that will take place offsite. In the second session participants will learn to use **Adobe Lightroom** to edit their photographs.

**Podcasting 101**

**Tuesday, August 23 at 6:30 p.m.**
**Tuesday, August 30 at 6:30 p.m.**

What makes a good podcast great? In this salon-style round-table we’ll learn the essential elements of effective, memorable podcasting. Recording high quality audio, finding compelling content and setting up a recurring feed to end-users will be covered.

**Digital Media Conversion Made Easy**

**Tuesday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m.**
**Tuesday, September 27 at 6:30 p.m.**

A basic overview of the Digital Media Lab’s new video capture/digital encoding workstation. Learn how to convert slides, 35 mm film, VHS tapes, printed photos, books and other source material into the digital realm. While no system can accommodate every type of media, many of the commonly-used formats from the latter 20th century are possible using this equipment.

**Voice-over 101**

**Saturday, July 23 at 9:30 a.m.**

Voice-over is a mysterious and often misunderstood industry. **Nicole Fazio,** professional producer and VO artist wants to help you decode it. Students learn how to interpret scripts, develop their timing and infuse each phrase with attitude. Students are encouraged to bring a script of their own to work on: a song, monologue, scene, or a few pages from a book. In this collaborative environment we’ll share ideas and answer questions of how to succeed in this fast-paced, exciting profession.
Blind Date With A Book  
*June 14 - July 30*  
All locations

We won't let you judge a book by its cover. Library staff have selected books covering a wide range of the genres, (everything from mystery, romance, classics, horror, adventure, to westerns and science fiction) wrapped them in plain brown paper and made them available for you to check out.

When your “Blind Date” has had a chance to impress you, or not, tell all! Share it on our Summer Reading Challenge website, or drop-off the response card at your favorite branch.

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Couch to 5k  
*June 15 to August 10*  
*Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.*  
Olympic Room, Main Branch

Run and Read With Us this Summer! Couch to 5k is a series of weekly training runs and informational talks to prepare you to participate in a 5k run (about 3.1 miles). You may also want to register for the Thirsty Summer Nights 5k at Titlow Park on Wednesday, August 17.

Included in this FREE nine-week program:

- Weekly run hosted by South Sound Running, beginning at the Main Library
- Weekly information sessions from local health experts
- Opportunity to log weekly progress online
- Enter a raffle to win a prize at each weekly meeting
- Weekly participation badges

Prerequisite: You should be able to walk comfortably for 30 minutes.

Register in advance at any library location or at the first session at the Main branch.

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How Does Your Garden Grow?  
*Fern Hill Branch*  
Presented in partnership with the WSU Pierce County Master Gardener Program

We’re Talking Chickens!  
*Saturday, June 11 at 2 p.m.*  
Master Gardener Angie Frye will talk about the care and feeding of chickens.

Moss: Always Under Foot  
*Saturday, July 9 at 2 p.m.*  
Did you know moss has the ability to absorb liquids up to 20 times its weight? Come hear more interesting facts and stories about this amazing plant with local author Karla Stover.

Small Space Gardening and Edible Landscaping  
*Saturday, July 16 at 2 p.m.*  
Make the most of your space. Imagine adding fruit, vegetables, trees and vines to your yard or patio. No space is too small. Learn how with Master Gardener Sharron Emery.

Weed Management and Identification  
*Saturday, August 6 at 2 p.m.*  
Struggling to keep up with all the weeds in your garden? Wondering what’s a weed and what’s not? Master Gardener Dave Zink walks us through weed identification and management. Your gardens will grow so much better!

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Zen Doodle workshop  
*Thursday, July 7 at 4:30 p.m.*  
Fern Hill Branch  

*Tuesday, August 2 at 6:30 p.m.*  
Moore Branch

Doodle art is much more than just some drawing on a piece of paper during a boring meeting. It’s a meditative art form through which artists can express themselves.