

May

Children and Family Events

**Swasey
Library**
7001 Sixth Avenue

Storytimes • • • • •

Family Storytime | ALL AGES

Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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.

May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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

Musical Storytime with Tacoma Youth Symphony Association | ALL AGES

Saturday, May 10 at 2 p.m.

Come and meet the instruments in the symphony orchestra in this special storytime! Presented by Tacoma Youth Symphony Association, funded by Tacoma Creates, and hosted by TPL.

Games and Clubs • • • • •

Family Chess Club

GRADES K–5 | Wednesdays at 4 p.m.

May 7, 14, 21, 28

Players of all experience levels can learn from an experienced chess coach.

Brick by Brick LEGO Club

GRADES K–5 | Wednesdays at 4 p.m.

May 7, 21

Build a LEGO creation around the theme, or free build to your heart's content!

Other In-Person Events • • • •

Play to Learn | BABY AND PRE-K

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

May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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



Elephant and Piggie Party

PRE-K–GRADE 5

Saturday, May 3 at 3 p.m.

Little ones will have a blast making fun crafts inspired by Mo Willems' beloved characters, Elephant and Piggie. We'll also bring their adventures to life with a lively storytime featuring some of Willems' classic books.

Up and Atom STEAM Days

GRADES K–8 | Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.

Join us to try out different STEAM and craft activities.

- May 6: Children's Day Koinobori
- May 13: Cherry Blossom Tissue Paper Craft
- May 20: Art Workshop with Tacoma Art Museum, funded by Tacoma Creates
- May 27: Toolbox Laboratories Action Figure Engineering, funded by Tacoma Creates

Online Events • • • • •

Registration required.

Pajama Storytime | ALL AGES

online (Zoom) | Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

May 6, 13, 20, 27

Come join us for an evening of stories, activities, and songs.

System-Wide Events • • • • •

Tacoma Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Scavenger Hunt | GRADES K–8 | Fern Hill, Kobetich, Main, Moore, Mottet, South Tacoma, and Swasey Libraries:

throughout May, learn about Tacoma and Washington Asian-America History, find hidden images around the library, and create a great craft!

Craftopia Program Kits

AGES 3+ | Fern Hill, Kobetich, Main, Moore, Mottet, South Tacoma, and Swasey Libraries

- Flower Wreaths: Pick up starting Saturday, May 10
- Woven Butterflies: Pick up starting Saturday, May 17
- Flying Bee: Pick up starting Saturday, May 31

Around Town • • • • •

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

Saturday, May 17 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.



All events are free and open to the public; library card not required.

Some events may require registration.

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Adult and Teen Events

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Book Clubs • • • • •

Swasey Book Club

ADULTS | Tuesday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m.
May's selection is "Sharks in the Time of Saviors" by Kawai Strong Washburn.



Other Worlds: Online Speculative Fiction Book Club | ADULTS

online (Zoom)
Registration required.
Wednesday, May 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us online to discuss speculative books from across genres. May's title is "The Left Hand of Darkness" by Ursula K. Le Guin.



In-Person Events • • • • •

Español/English Chat Group

ALL AGES | Thursdays at 4 p.m.
May 1, 15

Any level of knowledge is welcome to participate in this language exchange. Cualquier nivel de conocimiento es bienvenido a participar en este intercambio de idiomas.

Drawing Night with Puget Sound Museum of Natural History

ADULTS & TEENS

Wednesday, May 7 at 5 p.m.

Sketch birds, skulls, insects (and more!) and view the wildlife up close. Bring your own art supplies and enjoy your time with the specimens or use the provided supplies and follow along with the museum's expert artist and naturalist to learn some tips and tricks about how to draw wildlife.



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Financial Savvy | ADULTS & TEENS

Friday, May 9 at 3:30 p.m.

Join Global Credit Union to learn more about personal finance. Whether you're planning for college, starting your first job, or simply want to understand money management, this program is for you.

Crafting with Remakery Tacoma-- Snack Wrapper Zipper Pouches

ADULTS & TEENS

Wednesday, May 14 at 5 p.m.

Take an old snack bag that was destined for the trash, reinforce it, sew in a zipper and turn it into a reusable pouch. All materials and supplies are provided.

Learn About All Things Medicare

ADULTS | Wednesday, May 21 at 6 p.m.

Join us for a special presentation from SHIBA (Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisor) - presenters will discuss coverage options, benefit check-ups, and help with fraud concerns.

A Gathering of Poets | ADULTS & TEENS

Wednesday, May 28 at 6 p.m.

Come visit with the poets of #VoicesofTacoma who have published an anthology of their most recent works. Bring your questions, your poetic ideas, and/or your own works for sharing.

Create a Floral Hair Piece | ADULTS

Registration required.

Saturday, May 31 at 2:30 p.m.

Join Rhodys Flowers for a hands-on workshop where you'll learn to craft your own flower crown or floral hair piece! All materials provided.

Around Town • • • • •

Books on Tap Book Club | 21+

Event details can be found via Meetup.

| Tuesday, May 27 at 7 p.m.

In honor of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month we'll be reading "Yellowface" by R.F. Kuang.

Online Events • • • • •

Registration required.

Using Census Data to Help Grow Your Small Business

ADULTS | online (Zoom)

Wednesday, May 7 at 12 p.m.

Learn how to use the Census Bureau's first cloud-based data tool, Census Business Builder, to optimize customer outreach, inform growth decisions and strengthen appeals for funding.



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