

# July Children and Family Events

Join the Summer Reading Challenge online using the Beanstack app or pick up a paper log at the library to track your progress, earn prizes, and more! All events are free and open to the public; library card not required. For full event details, visit [tacomalibrary.org](http://tacomalibrary.org).



## Main Library

1102 Tacoma Ave. South

**COLOR OUR WORLD™**

**Summer Reading Challenge**  
**June 21-August 16**

## Storytimes • • • • •

**Baby Storytime** | BIRTH-18 MOS.  
Fridays at 10:30 a.m. | July 11, 18, 25  
Fun for you and your baby with songs, rhymes, stories, and movement.

**Family Storytime** | ALL AGES  
Saturdays at 2 p.m. | July 5, 12, 19, 26  
Join us for stories, songs, and fun learning activities that the whole family can enjoy.

## Other In-Person Events • • • • •

**Up and Atom STEAM Days**  
GRADES K-8 | Fridays at 4 p.m.  
Join us to try out different STEAM and craft activities.

- July 11: Noisemakers with Tacoma Porchfest
- July 18: Creating 3D Art Dinosaur Sculptures
- July 25: DIY Sticker Books

**Science Heroes: Adventure of the Missing Color** | GRADES K-5  
Saturday, July 12 at 2 p.m.  
Science Heroes is coming to town, and they're bringing a whirlwind of wacky, wonderful experiments with them! Space is limited to the first 100 attendees.

**Thistle Theatre Presents: Brother Coyote and Sister Fox** | ALL AGES  
Saturday, July 26 at 3 p.m.  
Join us for a delightful and hilarious adaptation of this Mexican folktale. Space is limited to the first 100 attendees.



*Beach Walks with Harbor WildWatch.*

**Reptile Man** | ALL AGES  
Tuesday, July 29 at 4 p.m.  
Join the Reptile Man for an educational live animal demonstration featuring reptiles from all over the world. Kids will have the opportunity to touch and take photos with a few of the animals.

## Online Events • • • • •

*Registration required.*

**Pajama Storytime** | ALL AGES  
online (Zoom) | Tuesdays at 7 p.m.  
July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
Come join us for an evening of stories, activities, and songs.

## System-Wide Events • • • • •

**LGBTQIA+ Pride Month Scavenger Hunt** | GRADES K-8 | All Locations  
Join us June 24-July 19 for a Pride Month scavenger hunt inside the library!

**Summer Reading Scavenger Hunt**  
GRADES K-8 | All Locations  
Join us July 22-August 16 to complete a fun scavenger hunt inside the library!

## Craftopia Program Kits

AGES 3+ | All locations

- Star Magnets: pick up starting Friday, July 11
- Pinwheels: pick up starting Friday, July 18
- Hanging Yarn Charms: pick up starting Friday, July 25

## Around Town • • • • •

**Beach Walks with Harbor WildWatch**  
ALL AGES | Tour the parks at low tide to catch a glimpse of the ocean ecosystem and learn good beach etiquette.

- Wednesday, July 9 at 10 a.m.: Jack Hyde Park (1741 N. Schuster Pkwy.)
- Saturday, July 26 at 11:30 a.m.: Owen Beach (5605 Owen Beach Rd.)

## Closures • • • • •

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# July Adult and Teen Events

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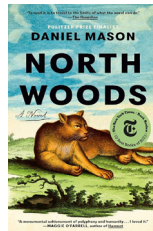
### Book Clubs • • • • •

#### Main Book Club

ADULTS

Wednesday, July 16  
at 6:30 p.m.

July's title is "North Woods" by Daniel Mason.



#### Other Worlds: Online Speculative Fiction Book Club

ADULTS | online (Zoom)  
Registration required.

Wednesday, July 30  
at 6:30 p.m.

Join us online to discuss speculative books from across genres. July's title is "Old Man's War" by John Scalzi.



### In-Person Events • • • • •

#### Next Step: Employment Support

ADULTS | Tuesdays at 3 p.m. | July 1, 15  
Join us for help with the job search process.

#### Monthly Ukulele Jam | ALL AGES

Tuesday, July 1 at 6 p.m.  
Whether you're a total beginner or a seasoned ukulele player, this is the perfect place to connect with others!

#### Housing Justice Project | ADULTS

Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m. | July 8, 22  
Bring your housing issues to this walk-in clinic! Presented by Tacomaprobono's Housing Justice Project.

#### Creative Circle | ADULTS & TEENS

Tuesdays at 6 p.m. | July 8, 22  
Join us for an hour of casual crafting and socializing.

#### Movies at Main | ADULTS

Wednesdays at 12 p.m.

- July 9: "The Outsiders" (PG)
- July 23 "Gladiator II" (R)

#### Social Work Support with Samie

ADULTS & TEENS

Fridays, 1:30-5:30 p.m. July 11, 18, 25  
Get assistance with a variety of needs related to housing, shelter, domestic violence, VA, employment, student support, and more!

#### Appy Hour | ADULTS

Friday, July 18 at 1 p.m.  
This drop-in session will help participants explore what LinkedIn Learning has to offer, as well as how to access and use the app.

#### Container Gardening | ADULTS

Saturday, July 19 at 11 a.m.  
Join WSU Master Gardeners to learn more about choosing the right containers, selecting appropriate plants, understanding soil and watering needs, and providing essential nutrients.

#### Hope in Bloom: A Resource Fair for Recovery & Harm Reduction | ADULTS

Friday, July 25 at 12 p.m.  
The Pierce County Recovery Coalition's Hope in Bloom is a free resource fair. The event will feature various community-based organizations along with free resources including naloxone, fentanyl testing strips, swag, and snacks.

#### Macrame Feathers for Adults | ADULTS

Registration required.

Wednesday, July 30 at 5:30 p.m.  
Join Craftopia to make gorgeous macrame feathers. Surprisingly simple but super elegant, these feathers can be made into ornaments, keychains, or even wall decor.

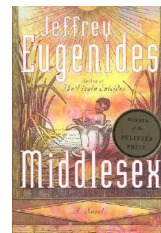
### Around Town • • • • •

#### A Walk Through Neon | ADULTS

Registration required.  
Tuesday, July 15 at 4 p.m.  
Tacoma Art Museum (1701 Pacific Ave.)  
Join Pretty Gritty Tours to learn about the city's history with neon and explore Tacoma's bright future.

#### Books on Tap Book Club | 21+

Event details can be found via Meetup.  
Tuesday, July 29  
at 7 p.m.  
In honor of LGBTQIA+ Pride Month we'll be reading "Middlesex" by Jeffrey Eugenides.



### Just for Teens • • • • •

#### Teen Time | Wednesdays at 5 p.m.

July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
Middle and high school students are invited to meet new friends, relax, play games, work on homework, or make a craft. We'll do something different each time!

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# Maker Labs

The Maker Labs at the Main Library are a group of do-it-yourself studios where everyone can explore individual curiosity, engage in collaborative work, and learn from instructors and fellow makers.

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### Independent Study

ADULTS & TEENS

Reservations are recommended.

Walk-ins are subject to availability. No staff assistance will be available during Independent Study hours.

Scan the code to make a reservation.



- Tuesdays, 4–7 p.m.
- Wednesdays, 12–3 p.m.
- Fridays, 2–5 p.m.
- Saturdays, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

### Open Lab | ALL AGES

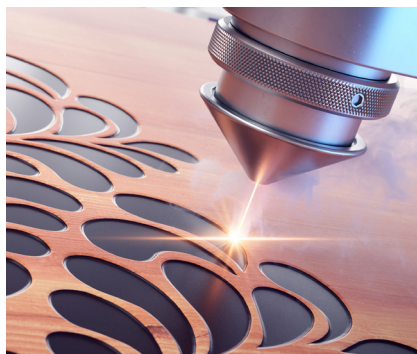
Equipment is first-come, first-served. Staff assistance is available.

- Tuesdays, 12–3 p.m.
- Wednesdays, 4–7 p.m.
- Thursdays, 2–5 p.m.
- Saturdays, 2–5 p.m.

### Tinker Time | ADULTS & TEENS

Each day we'll have a new activity set out for you to explore. Tinker Time is an unstaffed program. Access to our reservable equipment is not available.

- Thursdays, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
- Fridays, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.



### Wonder Lab

#### Wonder Lab Basics

ADULTS & TEENS | *Ages 17 and younger are welcome with caregiver participation.*

- Embroidery Machine: Tuesday, July 1 at 6 p.m.
- Sewing Machine: Saturday, July 12 at 11:30 a.m.
- Serger Machine: Wednesday, July 16 at 12 p.m.

#### Wonder Lab Rigamajig | Grades K–12

Wednesday, July 2 at 12 p.m.  
Get constructing with the Rigamajig! We'll use our extra-large wooden pieces to build something amazing.

#### Make it Today at the Wonder Lab

ADULTS & TEENS

- Mini 3D Prints: Saturday, July 5 at 11:30 a.m.
- Wooden Name Placard: Tuesday, July 15 at 6 p.m.

#### Fiber Arts Club | ADULTS

Wednesday, July 9 at 12 p.m.  
Come and explore the world of crochet, felting, knitting, and sewing in a supportive forum. Bring your own textiles or use ours.

#### Wonder Lab Keva and Strawbees

Grades K–12

Saturday, July 19 at 11:30 a.m.  
Interact with Strawbees and Keva Planks.

#### Coding in the Wonder Lab

Grades 6–12

Saturday, July 26 at 11:30 a.m.  
Dive into coding with an introduction to Scratch coding using our iPads.



### Digital Media Lab

#### Podcast Café

ADULTS & TEENS

Tuesday, July 8 at 6 p.m.

Create your very own podcast from concept to download.

#### Digital Media Lab Intro

ADULTS & TEENS

Tuesday, July 22 at 6 p.m.

Learn what's available for voiceover, music recording, podcasting, and audio production. We will give an overview of the different tools and how you can get started.

#### Drum Machine/Apple Loops

ADULTS & TEENS

Wednesday, July 23 at 12 p.m.

When it comes to the first step of songwriting it's hard to go wrong with rhythm. See how the Drum Machine and Logic Pro's Apple Loops can provide the initial spark to get the project fired up.

#### AI Tools | ADULTS & TEENS

Tuesday, July 29 at 6 p.m.

Find out how AI has transformed the music production and songwriting process. Using easy-to-use tools and advanced algorithms, your music mixes and backing tracks can be transformed from nice to WOW.

#### Softsynths and Sampling Tools

ADULTS & TEENS

Wednesday, July 30 at 12 p.m.

Great for sound designers and songwriters alike, this program reviews how to unlock some of those signature synthesizer tones heard in today's popular music.



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