July Children and Family Events

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Summer Reading Challenge
June 21-August 16

Storytimes •

tacomalibrary.org.

Family Storytime | ALL AGES Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Join us for stories, songs, and fun learning activities that the whole family can enjoy.

Baby Storytime | BIRTH-18 MOS. Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Fun for you and your baby with songs, rhymes, stories, and movement.



Colorful Backyard Birds with Tacoma Nature Center.

Other In-Person Events • •

Up and Atom STEAM Days

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

- July 3: Cool Coding: Ice Cube Commands
- July 10: Cooking Up Compost with Solid Waste Management
- July 17: with the Tacoma Astronomical Society and the Star Map
- · July 24: DIY Robot Hand
- · July 31: Snap Circuits with TPU

Rayven the Clown | GRADES K-5 Saturday, July 19 at 11 a.m. Join Rayven the Clown for outrageous topsy turvey clownery, colorful balloon twisting, fun magic, juggling, and more! **Colorful Backyard Birds** | GRADES K-5 Tuesday, July 29 at 1 p.m. Join Tacoma Nature Center to explore

Join Tacoma Nature Center to explore the colorful world of birds. Come learn and be inspired by the birds around you!

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 HuntGRADES 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 • • • •

All Tacoma Public Library locations will be closed on Friday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.



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July Adult

and Teen Events

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South Tacoma Library

3411 South 56th Street



Summer Reading Challenge
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Book Clubs • • •

Other Worlds: Online Speculative
Fiction Book Club | ADULTS
online (Zoom) | Registration required.
Wednesday, July 30 at 6:30 p.m.
July's title is "Old Man's War" by John
Scalzi.

In-Person Events • • •

Disability Social Hour | ADULTS Friday, July 11 at 11 a.m. Meet new people that are living with or supporting others with disabilities. Caregivers and support staff welcome.

Appy Hour | ADULTS Friday, July 11 at 3 p.m. Join us to discuss, share, and learn about the variety of online resources TPL has to offer.

Drop-In Tech Help | ADULTS Friday, July 11 at 3 p.m. | Learn basic computer skills like email, web searching, navigating apps, and more.

Social Work Support with Samie ADULTS & TEENS

Saturdays, 1:30–5:30 p.m. | July 12, 26 TPL's Social Worker can assist with a variety of needs related to housing, shelter, domestic violence, VA, employment, and more!

Brushes of Wisdom | ADULTS Wednesday, July 16 at 12:30 p.m. Follow step-by-step printed instructions or DIY to create your own masterpieces.



Teen Art Workshop with artist Vaguero Azul.

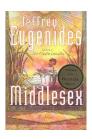
Computer Skills Practice | ADULTS Friday, July 25 at 3 p.m. Learn something new or brush-up on an old favorite!

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 LGBQTIA+
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 play games, work on homework, or make a craft. We'll do something different each time!

The Ugly Art Workshop

Tuesday, July 8 at 2 p.m. Break down the mental barriers of perfectionism and your inner critic by making intentionally ugly art. Presented by Scribe and Sunshine.

Teen Art Workshop with Vaquero Azul *Registration required.*

Wednesday, July 23 at 5 p.m.
Vaquero Azul is Otomí, Maya, and Taíno, and their art is all about honoring identity, celebrating community, and expressing euphoria in full, vivid color.



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