

July Children and Family Events

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Wheelock Library

3722 North 26th Street

COLOR OUR WORLD™
Summer Reading Challenge
June 21-August 16

Storytimes • • • • •

Storytime on the Lawn: Family

ALL AGES | Fridays at 10:30 a.m.
July 11, 18, 25

Join us on the lawn for stories, rhymes, and songs! Bring Your Own Blanket.

Storytime on the Lawn: Baby

18–36 MONTHS | Fridays at 11:30 a.m.
July 11, 18, 25

Encourage emerging language skills with books, rhymes, music and fun. Bring Your Own Blanket.

Games and Clubs • • • • •

Family Chess Club | GRADES K–5

Wednesdays at 4 p.m.
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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

Pokémon League | GRADES K–8

Wednesdays at 4 p.m.
July 2, 16

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

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: Let's Explore Georgia O'Keefe - Watercolor Flowers and Paper Rosettes
- July 10: Shadow Puppets
- July 17: Kindness Rocks
- July 24: Let's Explore Marlow Moss - Abstract Heart Magnets
- July 31: Paper Mâché

Mini Soaps with Craftopia

GRADES K–5 | Tues., July 8 at 12:30 p.m.
Create your own custom soap with provided supplies!

Alex Zerbe Gravity Catastrophe Science Show | GRADES K–8

Saturday, July 12 at 11 a.m.
Join us for a fun science show with an explosive mix of juggling and fun. Registration is not required but space is limited.

Reptile Man | ALL AGES

Tuesday, July 29 at 2 p.m.
Join us for an educational live animal demonstration featuring reptiles from all over the world. Registration is not required but space is limited.

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 • • • • •

Wheelock Book Club

ADULTS

Wednesday, July 2
at 6:30 p.m.

Join us to discuss "The Martian" by Andy Weir.



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 • • • • •

Drop-In Tech Help | ADULTS

Wednesdays at 1 p.m. | July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Saturdays at 11 a.m. | July 5, 12, 19, 26
Learn basic computer skills like email, web searching and MS Office programs, navigating apps, and more.

Wisdom Cafe | ADULTS

Thursday, July 10 at 1 p.m.

Join us for conversation and camaraderie as we discuss universal topics about life, fulfillment, and aging at this monthly program. All are welcome!



Neon installation at the Tacoma Dome. (Photo courtesy of the Tacoma Dome.)

Kindness Rocks | ADULTS & TEENS

Saturday, July 19 at 3:30 p.m.

Paint and decorate stones with positive messages, inspiring words, and beautiful designs. All supplies provided.

Around Town • • • • •

A Walk Through Neon | ADULTS

Registration required.

Tuesday, July 15 at 4 p.m.

Tacoma Art Museum
(1701 Pacific Avenue)

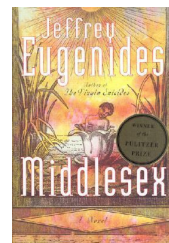
Join Pretty Gritty Tours to learn about the city's history with neon and explore Tacoma's bright future.

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.



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