

August 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.



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.

August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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

Family Storytime | ALL AGES

Saturdays at 2 p.m. | August 2, 9, 16, 23

Join us for stories, songs, and fun learning activities that the whole family can enjoy.

Games and Clubs • • • • •

Brick by Brick LEGO Club

GRADES K-5 | Saturdays at 4 p.m.

August 2, 9, 16, 23

Free build to your heart's content!

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.

- August 1: Balloon-Powered Cars
- August 8: Make-A-Monster Workshop
- August 15: CD Case Shadow Boxes
- August 22: Sock Puppets
- August 29: Cooking Up Compost with Solid Waste Management

STEAM Day with Greentrike

GRADES K-5

Wednesday, Aug. 6 at 4 p.m.

Bring the whole family together to explore concepts of science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Presented by Greentrike, funded by the City of Tacoma/Tacoma Creates, and hosted by TPL.

Online Events • • • • •

Registration required.

Pajama Storytime | ALL AGES

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

August 5, 12, 19, 26

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

System-Wide Events • • • • •

Summer Reading Scavenger Hunt

GRADES K-8 | All Locations

July 22-August 16

Back to School Scavenger Hunt

GRADES K-8 | All Locations

August 19-September 13

Craftopia Program Kits

AGES 3+ | All locations

- Mini Sailboats: pick up starting Friday, Aug. 8
- Paper Fish: pick up starting Friday, Aug. 15
- Circle Weaving: pick up starting Friday, Aug. 29

Around Town • • • • •

Nature Walk in Blueberry Park with

Tacoma Nature Center | ALL AGES

Charlotte's Blueberry Park (7402 East D St.) | Friday, Aug. 8 at 10:30 a.m.

Discover the plants and animals that thrive in this park and learn how they adapt to the changing seasons.

Storytime at Proctor Community

Garden | PRE-K-GRADE 5

Proctor Community Garden (2102 N.

Proctor St.) | Saturday, Aug. 9 at 11 a.m.

Bring your own blanket and join us to read a story and decorate a pot to grow our own basil seeds.

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

Saturday, Aug. 23 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 the City of Tacoma/Tacoma Creates.

Closures • • • • •

All Tacoma Public Library locations will be closed on Saturday, Aug. 30, in observance of Labor Day.



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August Adult and Teen Events

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Summer Reading Challenge

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Book Clubs • • • • •

Main Book Club | ADULTS

Wednesday, Aug. 20 at 6:30 p.m.
August's title is "All Systems Red" by Martha Wells.

Other Worlds: Online Speculative

Fiction Book Club | ADULTS

online (Zoom) | *Registration required.*

Wednesday, August 27 at 6:30 p.m.
Join us online to discuss speculative books from across genres. August's title is "Binti" by Nnedi Okorafor.

In-Person Events • • • • •

Senior Social | ADULTS

Friday, Aug. 1 at 1 p.m.
Come together for vibrant conversation in small groups or just to participate in tabletop games and puzzles.

Social Work Support with Samie

ADULTS & TEENS

Fridays, 1:30–5:30 p.m.
August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Get assistance with a variety of needs related to housing, shelter, domestic violence, VA, employment, student support, and more!

Medicare 101: Educational Seminar

ADULTS | Saturday, Aug. 2 at 11 a.m.
Learn how, when, and where to enroll in Medicare, unravel the mysteries of Part A, B, C and D, and more!

Next Step: Employment Support

ADULTS | Tuesdays at 3 p.m.
August 5, 19 | Join us for help with the job search process.

Monthly Ukulele Jam | ALL AGES

Tuesday, Aug. 5 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. | August 12, 26
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. | August 12, 26
Join us for an hour of casual crafting and socializing.

Movies at Main | ADULTS

Wednesdays at 12 p.m.
• August 13: "A Minecraft Movie" (PG)
• August 27: "Princess Mononoke" (PG-13)

Appy Hour | ADULTS

Friday, Aug. 15 at 1 p.m.
Join this drop-in session to learn more about what you can find in Libby and how to access the app for your personal device.

Free Legal Aid Pop-Ups | ADULTS

Thursday, Aug. 21, 2–4 p.m.
Stop by for free, drop-in help, information and resources from Tacomaprobono!

Blood Drive with Bloodworks Northwest

ADULTS | Friday, Aug. 22, 10 a.m.–6 p.m.
Visit bloodworksnw.org/giveblood or scan the QR code to book your appointment.



Basic Computer Skills | ADULTS

Friday, Aug. 29 at 12 p.m.
Registration required: call 253-593-6641 ext 142 or scan the QR code to register online. Join instructors from Black Brilliance to explore the basic hardware of a computer and gain essential knowledge. Those who complete the workshop can apply for a free laptop. This program is funded by Pierce County Digital Literacy and Digital Equity Services.



Around Town • • • • •

Books on Tap Book Club | 21+

Event details can be found via Meetup.
Tuesday, August 26 at 7 p.m.
In August we'll be reading "Orbital" by Samantha Harvey.

Just for Teens • • • • •

Teen Time | Wednesdays at 5 p.m.

August 6, 13, 20, 27
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!

Teen Book Club | Saturdays at 3 p.m.

Join us this summer to eat snacks and talk about books. Meetings will take place in Write253's studio on the second floor of the Main Library.
• August 2: "Tomorrow and Tomorrow" by Gabrielle Zevin
• August 16: TBD



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August 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

Make it Today at the Wonder Lab

ADULTS & TEENS

- Embroidered Patch: Saturday, Aug. 2 at 11:30 a.m.
- Coaster: Tuesday, Aug. 19 at 6 p.m.

Wonder Lab Basics

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

- 3D Printing: Tuesday, Aug. 5 at 6 p.m.
- Cricut Machine: Saturday, Aug. 9 at 11:30 a.m.
- xTool Laser Engraver: Wednesday, Aug. 20 at 12 p.m.

Wonder Lab Snap and Squishy

Grades K–12

Wednesday, Aug. 6 at 12 p.m.

Get connected with snap and squishy circuits! We'll try out a few projects to get the spark going.

Fiber Arts Club | ADULTS

Wednesday, Aug. 13 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 Dash Robots

Grades K–12

Saturday, Aug. 16 at 11:30 a.m.

Race, launch, or compose your way through a variety of experiences with our Dash Robots.

Coding in the Wonder Lab

Grades 6–12

Saturday, Aug. 23 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, Aug. 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Create your very own podcast from concept to download.

Digital Media Lab Intro

ADULTS & TEENS

Tuesday, Aug. 26 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.

Multi-Track Recording I

ADULTS & TEENS

Wednesday, Aug. 27 at 12 p.m.

In this two-session series we'll go over basic mixer controls and how to record multiple instruments simultaneously in the Digital Media Lab. Part I focuses on inputs: guitar, bass, drums, piano, and vocals.



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