

August Children and Family Events

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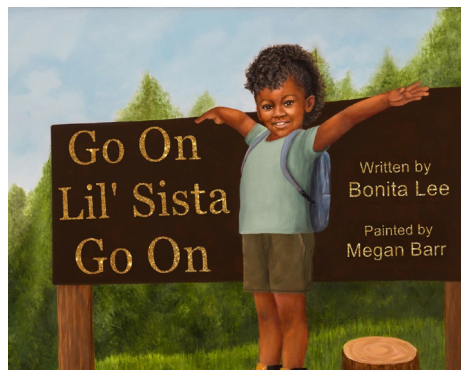


Swasey Library
7001 Sixth Avenue

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

Storytimes • • • • •

Family Storytime | ALL AGES
Fridays at 10:30 a.m.
August 7, 14, 21, 28 | Join us for stories, songs, and fun learning activities that the whole family can enjoy.



Author Visit and Storytime with Bonita Lee | GRADES K-5
Saturday, Aug. 23 at 3 p.m.
Join us for a special storytime with local writer Bonita Lee, author of “Go on Lil’ Sista, Go On”—a poetic anthem and uplifting reminder to young Black girls that they can be anything they want to be! This event is perfect for young readers and their families.

Games and Clubs • • • • •

Brick by Brick LEGO Club | GRADES K-5
Wednesdays at 4 p.m. | August 13, 27
Build a LEGO creation around the theme, or free build to your heart’s content!

Other In-Person Events • • • • •

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

- August 5: Snap Circuits with TPU
- August 12: Tissue Paper Painting
- August 19: Bubble Art
- August 26: Crayon Holder

Hand Knitting and Finger Crochet for Kids | GRADES K-5
Wednesday, Aug. 13 at 12:30 p.m.
Join Craftopia for this kid’s craft program and learn to make your very own creation using nothing but yarn and your own hands in our finger knit/crochet class.

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.



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August Adult and Teen Events

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Book Clubs • • • • •

Swasey Book Club

ADULTS | Tuesday, Aug. 19 at 6:30 p.m.
July's selection is "Anita De Monte Laughs Last" by Xochitl Gonzalez.

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 • • • • •

Drop-In Tech Help | ADULTS

Fridays at 11 a.m.
August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Learn basic computer skills like email, web searching and MS Office programs, navigating apps, and more.

Music aLIVE Concert Series | ADULTS

Friday, Aug. 1 at 4 p.m.
Join us for a toe-tapping, soul-soothing hour of live folk music with Whippoorwill Arts.

Birding the Rainbow | ADULTS & TEENS

Wednesday, Aug. 6 at 2 p.m.
Learn about some of our local and migratory birds and habitats while exploring how a rainbow of colors and patterns are used by wild birds for display, courtship, and camouflage. Presented with Tahoma Bird Alliance.

Veggie Gardening | ADULTS

Wednesday, Aug. 6 at 5:30 p.m.
Join WSU Master Gardeners and learn ways to grow resilient gardens in the face of climate change.

Español/English Chat Group | ALL AGES

Thursdays at 4 p.m. | August 7, 21
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.

Basic Computer Skills | ADULTS

Friday, Aug. 8 at 12 p.m.
Registration required: call 253-593-6641 ext 142 or scan the QR code to register online. Join Black Brilliance to explore computer basics. Those who complete the workshop can apply for a free laptop. This program is funded by Pierce County Digital Literacy and Digital Equity Services.



Crafting with Remakery Tacoma--Sew a Slug Friend | ADULTS & TEENS

Wednesday, Aug. 13 at 5 p.m.
Hand sew fabric scraps into a sweet and silly slugs. All supplies are provided.

Learn to Play Mah Jongg | ADULTS

Registration required.
Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.
August 20, 27 | Open to all levels, these sessions will introduce you to the fundamentals, strategies, and social aspects of the game.

Creative Expressions: Open Crafting for Adults | ADULTS

Friday, Aug. 22 at 3:30 p.m.
Bring your own projects or use the provided crafting supplies.

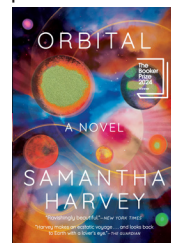
A Gathering of Poets | ADULTS & TEENS

Wednesday, Aug. 27 at 6 p.m.
Come visit with the poets of #VoicesofTacoma who have published an anthology of their most recent works.

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 • • • • •

Switch Saturday | GRADES 6-12

Saturday, Aug. 9 at 12 p.m.
Bring your Nintendo Switch or favorite handheld console. No Switch? No problem! Use ours, loaded with Smash Bros, Minecraft, and tons more!

Closures • • • • •

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



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