

September

Children and Family Events

**Main
Library**

1102 Tacoma Ave. South

Storytimes

Baby Storytime | BIRTH-18 MOS.

Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

September 5, 12, 19, 26

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

Family Storytime | ALL AGES

Saturdays at 2 p.m.

September 6, 13, 20, 27

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.

September 6, 13, 20, 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 | Fridays at 4 p.m.

Join us to try out different STEAM and craft activities.

- September 5: Watercolor Painting
- September 12: Cardboard Paper Dolls
- September 19: Little Artists' Cube Art Displays
- September 26: Snap Circuits with TPU

Asia Pacific Culture Center Presents:

Okinawa | ALL AGES

Registration required. | Presented by Asia Pacific Cultural Center, funded by the City of Tacoma/Tacoma Creates, and hosted by TPL.

- Okinawa: Saturday, Sept. 20 at 4 p.m., join Mia Slutum in the Olympic Room for Okinawan drum and dance.
- Samoa: Wed., Sept. 24 at 4 p.m., join Fa Seui in the Cascade Room for Samoan song, patea, and drums.

Online Events

Registration required.

Pajama Storytime | ALL AGES

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

September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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

System-Wide Events

Back to School Scavenger Hunt

GRADES K-8 | All Locations

August 19-September 13

Latine/x Heritage Month Scavenger

Hunt | GRADES K-8 | All Locations

September 15-October 15

Craftopia Program Kits

AGES 3+ | All Locations

- Mini Balloons: Pick up starting Friday, Sept. 5
- Paint Prints: Pick up starting Friday, Sept. 12
- Paper Roll Cats: Pick up starting Friday, Sept. 26

Around Town

Storytime at Proctor Community

Garden | ALL AGES

Saturday, Sept. 6 at 11 a.m.

(2102 North Proctor Street)

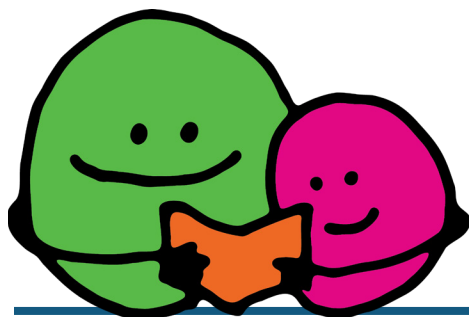
We will read a story and then try our hand at growing our own lettuce or spinach.

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

Saturday, Sept. 13 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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September

Adult and Teen Events

Main Library

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Book Clubs • • • • •

Main Book Club | ADULTS

Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a discussion of "Nothing to See Here" by Kevin Willson.

Online Events • • • • •

Registration required.

Other Worlds: Online Speculative

Fiction Book Club | ADULTS

online (Zoom) | Registration required.

Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us online to discuss "The House in the Cerulean Sea" by TJ Klune.

Knitty Gritty Stitchers | ADULTS

online (Zoom) | Registration required.

Saturday, Sept. 27 at 4 p.m.

Work on your own project, share ideas, meet new people, and show-and-tell the things you have made.

In-Person Events • • • • •

Handforth Gallery: Life Itself Is You and

Me by Christopher Petrich | ALL AGES

This photography exhibit will be on display throughout September during regular service hours.

Next Step: Job Support | ADULTS

Tuesdays at 3 p.m. | Sept. 2, 16

Join us for help with the job search process. Sample resumes, cover letters, and tip sheets will be available.

Monthly Ukulele Jam | ALL AGES

Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 6 p.m.

This is the perfect place to connect with others in a fun and relaxed environment. All levels welcome

Senior Social | ADULTS

Friday, Sept. 5 at 1 p.m.

Community members can come together for vibrant conversation or participate in tabletop games and puzzles.

Board Game Meetup | ADULTS

Friday, Sept. 5 at 1 p.m.

Join library staff for an afternoon of games. Adults of all ages are welcome to gather to play favorite board and card games, and to socialize.

Social Work Support with Samie

ADULTS & TEENS

Fridays, 1:30–5:30 p.m.

September 5, 12, 19, 26

TPL's social worker can assist with a variety of needs related to housing, shelter, domestic violence, VA, employment, student support, and more!

Housing Justice Project | ADULTS

Tuesdays, 1–3 p.m. | September 9, 23

Bring your housing issues to this walk-in clinic! Presented by Tacomaprobono's Housing Justice Project.

Friday Movie at Main | ADULTS

Fridays at 12 p.m. in the Olympic Room

- "Nope" (R): September 12
- "Venom: the Last Dance" (PG-13): September 26

Appy Hour | ADULTS

Friday, Sept. 19 at 1 p.m.

No matter what your level, join us in the Cascade room to discuss, share, and learn about the variety of online resources the library has to offer.

Money, Me & Key: Banking Basics

ADULTS | Friday, Sept. 19 at 3:30 p.m.

Join Key Bank for an information program designed to provide financial education and empowerment.

Community Building Zine Workshop

ADULTS & TEENS

Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 6 p.m.

Join us as we partner with Tacoma Tool Library and UP WA Indivisible for a zine-making workshop! All supplies provided.

Basic Computer Skills | ADULTS

Thursday, Sept. 4 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.



Postcrossing Meetup | ADULTS

Saturday, Sept. 27 at 11 a.m.

Join us for a meetup to share our collective joy of Postcrossing and to make fun connections with other PC people in the South Sound.

Around Town • • • • •

Tacoma Reads + Building Bridges:

Community Game Night | 21+

Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 6 p.m.

Peaks & Pints (3816 North 26th St.)

You are invited to gather and play a specially designed card game that sparks friendship, community, and authentic dialogue.

Poetry in the Park: Guided Walks

ADULTS & TEENS | Connect with nature on guided poetry walks. Presented with Tahoma Bird Alliance.

- Tacoma Nature Center (1919 S. Tyler St.): Wed., Sept. 10 at 4 p.m.
- Point Defiance Park Native Plant Garden (5400 N. Pearl St.): Saturday, Sept. 13 at 3 p.m. and Thursday, Sept. 25 at 3 p.m.

Books on Tap Book Club | 21+

Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 7 p.m.

Peaks & Pints (3816 North 26th St.)

Join us to discuss the Tacoma Reads 2025 selection, "See No Stranger" by Valarie Kaur.



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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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Maker Labs

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

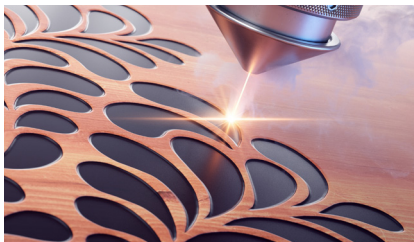
Equipment is first-come, first-served. Staff assistance is available.

- 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.*

- 3D Printing: Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 6 p.m.
- Cricut Machine: Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 12 p.m.
- xTool Laser Engraver: Saturday, Sept. 20 at 11:30 a.m.
- Embroidery Machine: Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 12 p.m.

Painting in the Wonder Lab

GRADES 5–8

Saturday, Sept. 6 at 11:30 a.m.

Use the provided materials to create your very own masterpiece.

Make it Today at the Wonder Lab:

Mini 3D Prints | ADULTS & TEENS

Registration required.

Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 6 p.m.

Pick out your own project in Thingiverse and bring it to life using our slicer software and 3D printer.

Wonder Lab Exploration: Makey Makey Playable Picture

GRADES 8–12

Saturday, Sept. 13 at 11:30 a.m.

Draw pictures and turn them into mini playable pianos.

Felting in the Wonder Lab

ADULTS & TEENS

Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 12 p.m.

Whether you're experienced or new to the craft, everyone will get to take something home.

Wonder Lab

Wonder Lab: Rigamajig

PRE-K–GRADE 5

Saturday, Sept. 27 at 11:30 a.m.

We'll use our extra-large wooden pieces to build something amazing.

Arduinos | Registration required. **GRADES 8–12**

Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 6 p.m.

This fun and engaging electronics deep dive will help you understand how electronics manage power and route instructions based on changing conditions.

Digital Media Lab

Podcast Café

ADULTS & TEENS

Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 6 p.m.

Create your very own podcast from concept to download.

Digital Media Lab Intro

ADULTS & TEENS

Tuesday, Sept. 23 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

ADULTS & TEENS

Wednesday, Sept. 3 at 12 p.m.

Learn how to record several instruments simultaneously. We'll review how the mixer works to record electric or acoustic guitars, bass, drums, piano, and vocals.



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