

September

Children and Family Events

**Swasey
Library**
7001 Sixth Avenue

Storytimes • • • • •

Baby Storytime | BIRTH–18 MOS.

Wednesdays at 1 p.m.

September 10, 17, 24

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

Games and Clubs • • • • •

Brick by Brick LEGO Club

GRADES K–5 | Fridays at 4 p.m.

September 5, 19

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.

- September 2: Balloon-Powered Cars with LeMay - America's Car Museum funded by the City of Tacoma/Tacoma Creates
- September 9: Leaf Sprite Craft
- September 16: Hojalata (Mexican Tin Art)
- September 23: Wizards of Washington - See the Science of Light Come to Life!
- September 30: El Coqui Frog Craft

Tacoma Boat Builders Make and Take Pop-Up | GRADES K–12

Friday, Sept. 12 at 3 p.m.

There will be multiple project tables for youth and families to work with wood and explore their creativity. Presented by Tacoma Boat Builders, funded by the City of Tacoma/Tacoma Creates, and hosted by TPL.



Tinkercad for 3D Printing with FabLab Education | GRADES 6–8

Saturday, Sept. 20 at 12 p.m.

Create your own 3D prints! Presented by FabLab Education, 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.

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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Some events may require registration.

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Adult and Teen Events

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Book Clubs • • • • •

Swasey Book Club | ADULTS
Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m.
Join us to discuss "An Unfinished Love Story" by Doris Kearns Goodwin.

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 • • • • •

Tacoma Queer Collective | ADULTS
Wednesday, Sept. 3 at 5 p.m.
Meet new folks, socialize, share resources, and have some fun with arts and crafts. Presented by the Tacoma Queer Collective and hosted by TPL.

Drop-In Tech Help | ADULTS
Fridays at 11 a.m. | Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26
Learn basic computer skills like email, web searching and MS Office programs, navigating apps, and more.

Basic Computer Skills | ADULTS
Friday, Sept. 5 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. Funded by Pierce County Digital Literacy and Digital Equity Services.



How to Library | ADULTS & TEENS
Saturday, Sept. 6 at 11 a.m.
Learn all the things you can do with your library card! We'll cover account basics, navigating the library's website, and more.

Learn to Play Mah Jongg | ADULTS
Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 12:30 p.m.
Registration required. | This session will introduce you to the basics of the game.

Crafting with Remakery Tacoma--Leather Wallets | ADULTS & TEENS
Wednesday, Sept. 10 at 5 p.m.
We'll use leather scraps and pleather samples to construct one-of-a-kind wallets! All supplies provided.

Social Hour (and a half) for Older Adults | Friday, Sept. 12 at 10:30 a.m.
Adults 55+ can come together to socialize, play games, do puzzles, and get to know each other in a relaxed setting.

Play Mah Jongg | ADULTS
Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 12:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 27 at 2:30 p.m.
We'll provide three full sets of tiles and four tables. No instruction provided.

A Gathering of Poets: Freedom to Read
ADULTS & TEENS | Wed., Sept. 24 at 6 p.m.
Come visit with the poets of #VoicesofTacoma!

How to Build a Healthier, Kinder Relationship with Food | ADULTS & TEENS
Thursday, Sept. 25 at 4 p.m.
Nutritional Therapy Practitioner and Coach Michelle Kester Ho will share gentle, practical ways to break free from binge eating, overeating, and emotional eating.

Creative Expressions: Open Crafting for Adults | ADULTS
Friday, Sept. 26 at 3:30 p.m.
Bring your own project or experiment with provided supplies while enjoying casual conversation and inspiration from fellow craft enthusiasts.

Community Plant and Seed Swap
ALL AGES | Friday, Sept. 27 at 11 a.m.
Bring clippings of your favorite house or garden plants, or seeds to swap.

Hojalata Art Workshop: Exploring Mexican Tin Traditions | ADULTS & TEENS
Tuesday, Sept. 30 at 6 p.m.
Explore this craft by cutting, embossing, and painting your own tin masterpieces.

Around Town • • • • •

Tacoma Reads + Building Bridges: Community Game Night | 21+
Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 6 p.m.
Peaks & Pints (3816 North 26th St.)
Gather and play a specially designed card game that sparks friendship, community, and authentic dialogue.

Poetry in the Park: Guided Walks
ADULTS & TEENS | 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.

Just for Teens • • • • •

Switch Saturday | GRADES 6–12
Saturday, Sept. 13 at 12 p.m.
Bring your Switch or other handheld console, or use ours! Hang out, talk games, and play your favorites on the projector.

Teen RPG | GRADES 6–12
Saturday, Sept. 13 at 4 p.m.
Dive into a world of magic, mystery, and danger as you navigate through the little town of Tusk. No experience necessary.



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