

# October

## Children and Family Events

**Fern Hill  
Library**  
765 South 84th Street

### Storytimes .....

#### **Baby Storytime** | BIRTH-18 MOS.

Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

October 7, 14, 21, 28

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

#### **Family Storytime** | ALL AGES

Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

October 7, 14, 21, 28

Stories, songs, and fun learning activities that the whole family can enjoy.

### Games and Clubs .....

#### **Pokémon League**

AGES 6-YOUNG ADULT

Wednesdays at 4 p.m.

October 8, 22

Grab your Pokémon deck or DS and join us! All levels welcome.

### Other In-Person Events ....

#### **Play to Learn** | BABY AND PRE-K

Fridays at 10 a.m. | October 3, 10, 17, 31

For children and caregivers to enjoy play together with fun group activities. Presented by Greentrike, funded by the City of Tacoma/Tacoma Creates, and hosted by TPL.

#### **Up and Atom STEAM Days**

GRADES K-8 | Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.

Join us to try out different STEAM and craft activities.

- October 7: Ozobots
- October 14: Thaumotrop Jack-o-Lanterns
- October 21: Spooky Static
- October 28: Flapping Bats



### Gustavo the Shy Ghost Scavenger Hunt

### Online Events .....

*Registration required.*

#### **Pajama Storytime** | ALL AGES

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

October 7, 14, 21, 28

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

### System-Wide Events .....

#### **Latine/x Heritage Month Scavenger**

**Hunt** | GRADES K-8 | All Locations

September 15-October 15

#### **Craftopia Program Kits**

AGES 3+ | All Locations

- 3D Pumpkin: Pick up starting Friday, Oct. 3
- Squiggly Trees: Pick up starting Friday, Oct. 17
- Dancing Skeleton: Pick up starting Friday, Oct. 31

#### **Freedom to Read Week: Creation**

**Station** | ALL AGES | All Locations

October 7-11 | This annual event celebrates the freedom to seek out and read books that interest and challenge us, even ones considered to be radical or unpopular.

#### **Gustavo the Shy Ghost Scavenger Hunt**

GRADES K-8 | All Locations

October 16-31

Gustavo the shy ghost is hiding around our library branches. Can you help us find all his hiding spots?

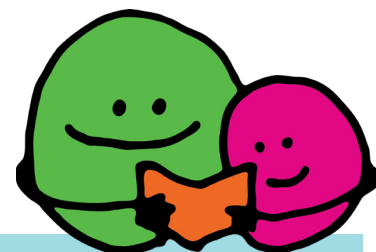
### Around Town .....

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

Saturday, Oct. 11 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 Libraries will be closed on Friday, Oct. 24 for a Staff In-Service Day.



All events are free and open to the public; library card not required. Some events may require registration.

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# October

## Adult and Teen Events

### Fern Hill Library

765 South 84th Street

#### Book Clubs • • • • •

##### **Treat Your Shelf Book Club** | ADULTS

Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 6:30 p.m.

We pick the theme, you pick the book!  
September's category is urban fantasy.

#### Online Events • • • • •

*Registration required.*

##### **Knitty Gritty Stitches** | ADULTS

online (Zoom) | *Registration required.*

Wednesday, Oct. 8 at 6:30 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to work on your own project, share ideas, meet new people, and show-and-tell the things you have made.

##### **Other Worlds: Online Speculative Fiction Book Club** | ADULTS

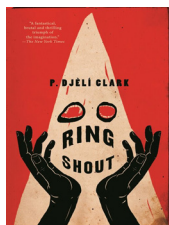
online (Zoom)

*Registration required.*

Wednesday, Oct. 29

at 6:30 p.m.

Join us online to discuss speculative books from across genres. October's title is "Ring Shout" by P. Djèlí Clark.



#### In-Person Events • • • • •

##### **Basic Computer Skills** | ADULTS

Thursday, Oct. 2 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.



##### **Free Legal Aid Pop-Ups** | ADULTS

Friday, Oct. 3, 2–4 p.m.

Stop by for free, drop-in help, information, and resources from Tacomaprobono!



##### **Creative Reuse Workshops: Make Yarn Ghosts** | ADULTS & TEENS

Saturday, Oct. 4 at 1 p.m.

Create ghosts on a stick out of donated and reclaimed yarn. Presented by Remakery Tacoma, funded by the City of Tacoma/Tacoma Creates, and hosted by TPL.

##### **Drop-In Tech Help** | ADULTS

Tuesdays at 6 p.m.

October 7, 14, 21, 28

Learn basic computer skills like email, web searching and MS Office programs, navigating apps, and more.

##### **Good Pruning Keeps the Tree Doctor**

**Away** | ALL AGES | Wed., Oct. 15 at 4 p.m.

Join Sarah Low to learn about good pruning practices to keep trees healthy. Presented by Tacoma Tree Foundation, funded by the City of Tacoma/Tacoma Creates, and hosted by TPL.

##### **Wisdom Cafe** | ADULTS

Thursday, Oct. 30 at 10:30 a.m.

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

#### Around Town • • • • •

##### **Tacoma Reads: Valarie Kaur in Conversation with Mayor Woodards**

ADULTS | *Registration required.*

Thursday, Oct. 16 at 6 p.m.

Tacoma Armory (1001 S. Yakima Ave.)  
Join us for the headline event of Tacoma Reads 2025 as we welcome Valarie Kaur, author of *See No Stranger* to the Tacoma Armory stage in conversation with Mayor Woodards!

##### **Books on Tap Book Club** | 21+

Tuesday, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m.

Incline Cider (2115 S C St.)

Join us to discuss "Anita De Monte Laughs Last" by Xochitl Gonzalez.



#### Just for Teens • • • • •

##### **Teen Time** | Thursdays at 2:30 p.m.

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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!



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