

October

Children and Family Events

Main Library

1102 Tacoma Ave. South

Storytimes

Baby Storytime | BIRTH-18 MOS.
Fridays at 10:30 a.m.
October 3, 10, 17, 31
Fun for you and your baby with songs, rhymes, stories, and movement.

Family Storytime | ALL AGES
Saturdays at 2 p.m.
October 4, 11, 18, 25
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.
October 4, 11, 18, 25
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.

- October 3: Paper Mâché
- October 10: Dot Painting
- October 17: Let's Learn About Jellyfish!
- October 31: Pom Pom Palooza

Tacoma Reads: Community Weaving Project | ALL AGES
A circle weaving loom will be available in the Handforth Gallery from September 2-October 16 during open hours. Patrons are welcome to add their favorite pieces to the loom. Presented with Remakery.

Lego Printmaking with FabLab Education | GRADES 6-8
Saturday, Oct. 18 at 12 p.m.
Create your own print using Lego tiles!
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.
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.

Kaleidoscope 2025 | ALL AGES
Saturday, Oct. 4, 1-4 p.m.

Tacoma Arts Month begins with Kaleidoscope, a free, all-ages event! Enter a kaleidoscope of creativity, where every turn reveals new colors and connections. Performances, art displays, and community experiences fill the day in celebration of Tacoma's arts and culture. We're grateful to the City of Tacoma, Tacoma Creates, Peirce Transit and other sponsors for making this celebration possible.



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Adult and Teen Events

Book Clubs • • • • •

Main Book Club | ADULTS

Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m.
Join us for a discussion of "Holly" by Stephen King.

Online Events • • • • •

Registration required.

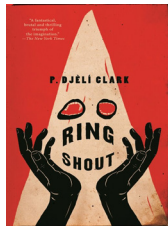
Knitty Gritty Stitchers | ADULTS

online (Zoom) | *Registration required.*
Wednesday, Oct. 8 at 6:30 p.m.
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. Djèli Clark.



In-Person Events • • • • •

Social Work Support with Samie

ADULTS & TEENS
Fridays, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
October 3, 10, 17, 31
TPL's social worker can assist with a variety of needs related to housing, shelter, domestic violence, VA, employment, student support, and more!

Senior Social | ADULTS

Friday, Oct. 3 at 1 p.m.
Community members can come together for vibrant conversation or participate in tabletop games and puzzles.

Board Game Meetup | ADULTS

Friday, Oct. 3 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.

Money, Me & Key: Budgeting | ADULTS

Join Key Bank for programs designed to provide financial education and empowerment.

- Budgeting: Fri., Oct. 3 at 3:30 p.m.
- Credit 101: Fri., Oct. 17 at 3:30 p.m.
- Retirement: Fri., Oct. 31 at 3:30 p.m.

Next Step: Job Support | ADULTS

Tuesdays at 3 p.m. | October 7, 21
Join us for help with the job search process. Sample resumes, cover letters, and tip sheets will be available.

Tacoma Reads: "We Are Not Strangers" Author Talk with Josh Tuininga | ADULTS & TEENS

Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 6 p.m.
Josh Tuininga's award-winning graphic novel is based on the true story of a Jewish immigrant who helped his Japanese-American neighbors during WWII. Join us to unravel the profound lessons embedded in this tale of allyship and unity amidst wartime.

Friday Movie at Main | ADULTS

Fridays at 12 p.m. in the Olympic Room

- "Beetlejuice Beetlejuice" (PG-13): October 10

Studio Tour at the Library with Voices of Tacoma: A Gathering of Poets

ADULTS & TEENS
Saturday, Oct. 11, 10:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Hear poets reading their work and enjoy the Poets' Corner activities. Part of the Tacoma Arts Month brought to you by the Tacoma Arts & Cultural Vitality Division.

Movie: "Banned Together"

ADULTS & TEENS
Saturday, Oct. 11, 11:30 a.m.
Visionary teenagers, public protests, threats, criminal charges, and drama-filled school board meetings are featured in this documentary about fighting book bans and censorship in the U.S.

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Housing Justice Project | ADULTS

Tuesdays, 1–3 p.m. | October 14, 28
Bring your housing issues to this walk-in clinic! Presented by Tacomaprobono's Housing Justice Project.

Appy Hour | ADULTS

Friday, Oct. 17 at 1 p.m.
Join us in the Cascade room and learn about the Kanopy streaming service.

Community Building Zine Workshop

ADULTS & TEENS
Wednesday, Oct. 22 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.

Free Legal Aid Pop-Ups | ADULTS

Thursday, Oct. 23, 2–4 p.m.
Stop by for free, drop-in help, information, and resources from Tacomaprobono!

Around Town • • • • •

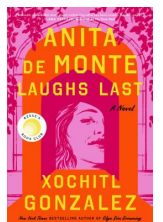
Tacoma Reads: Valarie Kaur in Conversation with Mayor Woodards

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.



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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

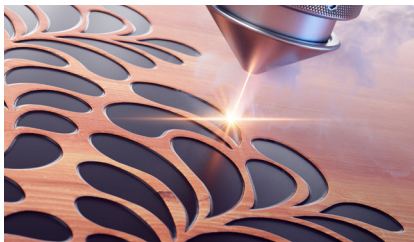
Equipment is first-come, first-served. Staff assistance is available.

- 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

Make it Today at the Wonder Lab

ADULTS & TEENS

Registration required.

- Cork Earrings: Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 12 p.m.

Metal Keychains: Wednesday, Oct. 8 at 12 p.m.

Wonder Lab Basics

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

- Sewing Machine: Saturday, Oct. 4 at 11:30 a.m.
- Serger Machine: Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 6 p.m.
- 3-D Printing: Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 12 p.m.
- Crochet Basics: Saturday, Oct. 18 at 11:30 a.m.
- Cricut Machine: Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 6 p.m.
- xTool Laser Engraver: Wednesday, Oct. 29 at 12 p.m.

Laser Engraved Keychains:

Freedom to Read | GRADES 6–12

Saturday, Oct. 11 at 11:30 a.m.

Choose between several Freedom to Read design and engrave and cut out your own Freedom to Read keychain. All supplies provided.

Wonder Lab Exploration: Dash

Robot Basketball | GRADES K–5

Saturday, Oct. 25 at 11:30 a.m.

Dash into a good time with our robots. We'll use our coding skills to make the robots drive around the room and play a game of basketball.

Lego Spike Prime in the Wonder Lab | GRADES 6–12

Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 12 p.m.

Expand on what's possible with Legos by adding real time instructions for movement. Program your vehicle to steer through an obstacle course, calculating distance and wheel geometry to turn corners and avoid walls.

Digital Media Lab

Podcast Café

ADULTS & TEENS

Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 6 p.m.

Create your very own podcast from concept to download.

Digital Media Lab Intro

ADULTS & TEENS

Tuesday, Oct. 28 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.



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