

October

Children and Family Events

Moore Library
215 South 56th Street

Storytimes •••••

Baby Storytime | BIRTH–18 MOS.

Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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

Family Storytime and Petite Picasso

ALL AGES | Saturday, Oct. 4 at 11 a.m.

Start with stories, songs, and other fun learning activities, then stay and create little masterpieces and join us for some process art-making fun!

Family Storytime | ALL AGES

Saturday, Oct. 18 at 11 a.m.

Join us for stories, songs, and fun learning activities that the whole family can enjoy.

¡Cuentos y Cantos! Bilingual Storytime

ALL AGES | Saturdays at 11 a.m.

October 11, 25

¡Están invitados a una muy especial hora de cuentos bilingüe! You are invited to our special bilingual storytime!

Games and Clubs •••••

Brick by Brick LEGO Club | GRADES K–5

Saturday, Oct. 11 at 3 p.m.

Free build to your heart's content!

Other In-Person Events ••••

Up and Atom STEAM Days

GRADES K–8 | Wednesdays at 4 p.m.

Join us to try out different STEAM and craft activities.

- October 1: Balloon-Powered Cars with LeMay - America's Car Museum, funded by the City of Tacoma/Tacoma Creates
- October 8: Spooky Fall Science
- October 15: Ozobots
- October 22: Clay Ghost Candle Holder
- October 29: Calaveras/Sugar Skulls



Gustavo the Shy Ghost Scavenger Hunt

Tacoma Reads: Community Weaving Project | GRADE K–8

Presented in partnership with Remakery, stop by to participate in a peg loom project September 3–October 16 and explore the themes of kindness, compassion, and community.

Switch Saturday | ALL AGES

Saturday, Oct. 25 at 3 p.m.

Bring your Nintendo Switch, or your favorite handheld console. No Switch? No problem, use one of ours!

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

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) | Wed., 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 • • • • •

**Free Shower Service with New Hope
Resource Center** | ADULTS
Wednesdays, 12–5 p.m. | October 1, 15
A mobile shower trailer will be available
in the parking lot, with resources offered
in our meeting room while you wait.

Basic Computer Skills | ADULTS
Friday, Oct. 3 at 12 p.m.
*To register scan the QR code or call
253-593-6641 ext 142.* 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.



Junk Journals | ADULTS & TEENS
Saturday, Oct. 4 at 11:30 a.m.
Learn how to turn everyday materials
into something special while exploring
your artistic side. All supplies provided.

Home Maintenance 101 | ADULTS & TEENS
Saturday, Oct. 4 at 3 p.m.
Learn new ways to maintain your home
with demonstrations by the Tacoma Tool
Library.

Housing Justice Project | ADULTS
Tuesdays, 1–3 p.m. | October 7, 21
Bring your housing issues to this walk-in
clinic! Presented by Tacomaprobono's
Housing Justice Project.

Freedom to Read Week Panel
ADULTS & TEENS | Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 6 p.m.
Our panel of advocates will explore how
censorship affects access, equity, and
the freedom to read.

Social Work Support with Samie
ADULTS & TEENS | Weds., 1:30–5:30 p.m.
October 8, 15, 22, 29
TPL's Social Worker can assist with a
variety of needs.

Drop-In Tech Help | ADULTS
Thursday, Oct. 9, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Learn basic computer skills like email,
web searching and MS Office programs,
navigating apps, and more.

Money, Me & Key | ADULTS
Join Key Bank for programs designed
to provide financial education and
empowerment.

- Budgeting: Thu., Oct. 9 at 3:30 p.m.
- Credit 101: Thu., Oct. 23 at 3:30 p.m.

Free Legal Aid Pop-Ups | ADULTS
Friday, Oct. 10, 2–4 p.m.
Stop by for free, drop-in help,
information, and resources from
Tacomaprobono!

**Tacoma Reads: Valarie Kaur's "Divided
We Fall" Film Screening**
ADULTS & TEENS | Tue., Oct. 14 at 6 p.m.
This moving film explores the stories of
Sikh Americans in the aftermath of 9/11
and the wave of hate crimes that followed.

D&D Adventure Campaign
ADULTS & TEENS | Wed., Oct. 15 at 6 p.m.
Today's adventure will be led by a
Dungeon Master... Glowing jewels,
assassins, thieves, gold, and dragon-fire
all could be found here.

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**Asia Pacific Cultural Center Presents:
Samoa** | ADULTS & TEENS
Registration required. Thu., Oct. 16 at 3 p.m.
Join Fa Seui for a workshop making
flowers. Presented by APCC, funded by
the City of Tacoma/Tacoma Creates, and
hosted by TPL.

Typing Club | ADULTS & TEENS
Thursday, Oct. 23 at 11 a.m.
Use tutorials to practice typing for
beginning keyboard users.

Genealogy Help Desk | ADULTS
Saturday, Oct. 25, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Volunteers from the Tacoma-Pierce
County Genealogical Society will offer
individual help.

Reimagining Your Lawn | ADULTS
Saturday, Oct. 25 at 11 a.m.
Join the Master Gardeners to explore
alternatives that are more sustainable.

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 author Valarie
Kaur 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 | Tuesdays at 4 p.m.
Middle and high school students
are invited to play games, work on
homework, or make a craft.

- October 7: Clay Monsters
- Oct. 14: Freedom to Read Bracelets
- October 21: Moore Movies
- October 28: Manga Club



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