

October

Children and Family Events

**Mottet
Library**
3523 East G Street

Storytimes • • • • •

Family Storytime | ALL AGES

Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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

Other In-Person Events • • • •

Tiny Tots Theatre | AGES 2–5

Saturday, Oct. 4 at 12:30 p.m.

Enjoy an interactive performance based on well-known children's songs and books. Presented by Tacoma Little Theatre, funded by the City of Tacoma/Tacoma Creates, and hosted by TPL.

Up and Atom STEAM Days

GRADES K–8 | Saturdays at 1:30 p.m.

Join us to try out different STEAM and craft activities.

- October 4: 3D Paper Pumpkins
- October 11: Reimagined Book Covers for Freedom to Read Week
- October 18: Spooky Spiders
- October 25: Family Game Night

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.



Gustavo the Shy Ghost Scavenger Hunt

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.
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Adult and Teen Events

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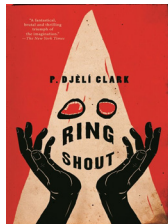
Online Events • • • • •

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 • • • • •

Wisdom Cafe | ADULTS
Thursday, Oct. 2 at 12 p.m.
Let's gather to connect, share stories, and learn from each other. Together, we'll explore a variety of topics and create lasting connections.

Money, Me & Key
ADULTS | Thursdays at 2:30 p.m.
Join Key Bank for informational programs designed to provide financial education and empowerment.

- October 2: Credit 101
- October 16: Retirement

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.



Make Paper Pumpkins | ADULTS
Thursday, Oct. 9 at 4 p.m.
Get creative and make your own paper pumpkin. This fun and easy craft is perfect for the season. All supplies will be provided.

Crochet Connection with Debra
ADULTS & TEENS
Saturday, Oct. 18 at 3 p.m.
Join Debra for crochet fun with simple crochet projects. Patterns will be provided.

Improving Communication with Hard-of-Hearing Loved Ones
ADULTS & TEENS
Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 2 p.m.
Join Pierce County Aging Disability Resources Outreach specialist Matt Santelli for this informative presentation on how best to communicate with a loved one who has limited hearing.

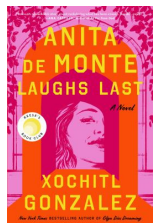
Adult Nintendo Night: Mario Kart
ADULTS | Thursday, Oct. 23 at 4 p.m.
Ready, set, race! Join us for a fun-filled evening of Mario Kart and friendly competition. Bring your best as we battle it out on the big screen. This event is for adults only, all skill levels welcome!

Día de los Muertos: Calavera Sun Catchers | ADULTS
Thursday, Oct. 30 at 4 p.m.
Celebrate Día de los Muertos by making colorful calavera sun catchers. This simple craft is a fun way to honor loved ones and learn more about the tradition. All supplies will be provided.

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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