

# October

## Children and Family Events

**South Tacoma Library**

3411 South 56th Street

### Storytimes .....

#### Family Storytime | ALL AGES

Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

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

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

Fridays at 11:30 a.m.

October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

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

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

#### Up and Atom STEAM Days

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

Join us to try out different STEAM and craft activities.

- October 3: Squishy Circuits
- October 10: Ozobots
- October 17: Thaumotrop Jack-o-lanterns
- October 31: Flapping Bats

#### Latine/x Heritage Month: Fun & Crafts

ALL AGES | September 16-October 14 during regular service hours.

Celebrate Latine/x Heritage month with the South Tacoma Library! We will have displays, storytimes, and fun activities for all ages.

#### Tiny Tots Theatre | AGES 2-5

Saturday, Oct. 18 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.



### 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 .....

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## Adult and Teen Events

### South Tacoma Library

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#### Book Clubs • • • • •

##### Read and Rant: The South Sound's LGBTQ+ Book Club | ADULTS & TEENS

Saturday, Oct. 11 at 11 a.m.

This event series is a collaboration between South Sound LGBTQ+ Book Club and the Tacoma Public Library.

#### Online Events • • • • •

Registration required.

##### Knitty Gritty Stitchers | ADULTS online (Zoom) | Registration required.

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

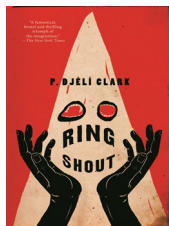
This is a great opportunity to work on your own project, share ideas, meet new people, and show-and-tell the things you have made.

##### 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. Djèli Clark.



#### In-Person Events • • • • •

##### Latine/x Heritage Month: Ofrenda at South Tacoma | ADULTS

Help us build a community ofrenda this October. Feel free to bring a photo (we can make a photo copy), make a flower, design a paper sugar skull or guitar, or share a favorite recipe.

##### Tacoma Queer Collective | ADULTS

Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 5 p.m.

All are welcome in our LGBTQIA+ community meetup! Come and meet new folks, socialize, check in with each other, share resources, and have fun with arts & crafts. Presented by the Tacoma Queer Collective.

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

Fridays at 3 p.m. | October 3, 10, 17, 31  
Learn basic computer skills like email, web searching and MS Office programs, navigating apps, and more.

##### Freedom to Read Week | ADULTS October 7–11

Join the fun with activity booklets, banned book jars, and more!

##### Read and Wear | ADULTS

Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 5:30 p.m.

Bring a shirt, bag, tea towel, etc. to iron on our Freedom to Read design. Designs are approximately 5" x 6" or 7" x 8".

##### Basic Computer Skills | ADULTS

Friday, Oct. 10 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.



##### Brushes of Wisdom | ADULTS

Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 12 p.m.

Follow step-by-step printed instructions or DIY to create your own painted masterpieces.

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

Thursday, Oct. 16, 2–4 p.m.

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

##### Bug Taxidermy Plaques

ADULTS & TEENS

Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 5 p.m.

Participants will create their own miniature faux "taxidermy" plaques by mounting a golden toy insect onto a painted plaque. All supplies provided.

##### Community Forum: Learn and Know

ADULTS | Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 5:30 p.m.

Candidates will be on hand to answer questions about how the Federal Government changes are affecting the citizens of Washington State. Organized and moderated by the Pierce County League of Women Voters

#### 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 | Wednesdays at 5 p.m.

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Middle and high school students are invited to play games, work on homework, or make a craft. We'll do something different each time!

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