

October

Children and Family Events

Swasey Library
7001 Sixth Avenue

Storytimes • • • • •

Baby Storytime | BIRTH–18 MOS.
Wednesdays at 1 p.m.
October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Fun for you and your baby with songs, rhymes, stories, and movement.

Games and Clubs • • • • •

Brick by Brick LEGO Club
GRADES K–5 | Fridays at 4 p.m.
October 3, 17
Build a LEGO creation around the theme, or free build to your heart's content!

Other In-Person Events • • • • •

Play to Learn | BABY AND PRE-K
Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.
October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
For children and caregivers to enjoy play together. Presented by Greentrike, funded by 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: Freedom to Read Week Activity Bookmarks and Bracelets
- October 14: Hanging Bat Craft
- October 21: Air Dry Clay Ghosts
- October 28: Ozobots

Shelter Pet Pawtraits with the Humane Society for Tacoma and Pierce County
ALL AGES | Thursday, Oct. 16 at 4 p.m.
Create art inspired by the adoptable animals at the Humane Society

Tiny Tots Theatre | AGES 2–5
Saturday, Oct. 25 at 1 p.m.
Enjoy an interactive performance based on nursery rhymes and 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 • • • • •

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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Adult and Teen Events

Book Clubs • • • • •

Swasey Book Club | ADULTS

Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us to discuss the Tacoma Reads selection, "We Are Not Strangers" by Josh Tuininga.

Online Events • • • • •

Registration required.

Knitty Gritty Stitchers | ADULTS

online (Zoom) | Registration required.

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

Work on projects, share ideas, 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 "Ring Shout" by P. Djèlí Clark.

In-Person Events • • • • •

Play Mah Jongg! | ADULTS

Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m.

October 1, 15, 22, 29

Saturday, Oct. 25 at 2:30 p.m.

We'll provide three full sets of tiles and four tables. No instruction provided.

Accessibility in Performance Art

ADULTS | Wed., Oct. 1 at 5:30 p.m.

Join Artistic Director Sophie Marie and Dancer V to discuss how to create a more accessible performance art space. Presented by Das Biest Performance Project, and hosted by TPL.

Drop-In Tech Help | ADULTS

Fridays at 11 a.m. | Oct. 3, 10, 17, 31

Learn basic computer skills like email, web searching, and more.

Tacoma Reads: Six-Word Memoirs

ADULTS & TEENS | Friday, Oct. 3 at 4 p.m.

Join us for a reflective writing program inspired by Valarie Kaur's powerful Tacoma Reads title, "See No Stranger".

How to Library | ADULTS & TEENS

Saturday, Oct. 4 at 11 a.m.

Learn about all the things you can do with your library card!

Tacoma Reads: Community Game Night

ADULTS | Saturday, Oct. 4 at 3 p.m.

Join us to play a card game that sparks friendship, community, and dialogue.

Read Freely, Print Boldly

ADULTS & TEENS | Tue., Oct. 7 at 6 p.m.

Join us for hands-on printmaking!

Learn to Play Mah Jongg | ADULTS

Wednesday, Oct. 8 at 12:30 p.m.

Registration required. | This session will introduce you to the basics of the game.

Resisting Erasure through Storytelling with Putsata Reang | ADULTS

Wednesday, Oct. 8 at 6 p.m.

Brought to you by Humanities WA.

Social Hour (and a half) for Older

Adults | Friday, Oct. 10 at 10:30 a.m.

Adults 55+ are invited to socialize and play games.

Creative Expressions: Open Crafting

for Adults | Friday, Oct. 10 at 3:30 p.m.

Bring your own project or use provided supplies.

Español/English Chat Group

ADULTS & TEENS

Tuesdays at 6 p.m. | October 14, 28

Any level of knowledge is welcome.

Cualquier nivel de conocimiento es bienvenido a participar.

Crafting with Remakery Tacoma--Yarn-Wrapped Pumpkins | ADULTS & TEENS

Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 5 p.m.

Make pumpkin decor with chunky yarn.

Blood Drive with Bloodworks

Northwest | ADULTS

Friday, Oct. 17 at 10 a.m.

Visit bloodworksnw.org/giveblood or scan the QR code to book your one hour appointment.



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Basic Computer Skills | ADULTS

Friday, Oct. 17 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, funded by Pierce Co. Digital Literacy and Digital Equity Services.



Seed Saving | ADULTS

Saturday, Oct. 18 at 11 a.m.

Join WSU Master Gardeners and discover the secrets to harvesting your own seeds!

A Gathering of Poets: Freedom to Read

ADULTS & TEENS | Wed., Oct. 22 at 6 p.m.

Come visit with the poets of #VoicesofTacoma!

No Quarters Needed: Nintendo Switch Night for Adults | ADULTS

Wednesday, Oct. 29 at 6 p.m.

Grab a controller and press start on some pure nostalgia.

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 as we welcome Valarie Kaur, author of "See No Stranger" to the Tacoma Armory 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 • • • • •

Switch Saturday | GRADES 6-12

Saturday, Oct. 11 at 12 p.m.

Bring your Switch or other handheld console, or use ours!

Teen RPG | GRADES 6-12

Saturday, Oct. 11 at 4 p.m.

Dive into a world of magic, mystery, and danger! No experience necessary.



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