

October

Children and Family Events

**Wheelock
Library**
3722 North 26th Street

Storytimes • • • • •

Baby Storytime | BIRTH–18 MOS.
Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.
October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Fun for you and your baby with songs, rhymes, stories, and movement.

Family Storytime | ALL AGES
Fridays at 10:30 a.m. | October 3, 10, 17
Join us for stories, songs, and fun learning activities that the whole family can enjoy.

Musical Storytime with Tacoma Youth Symphony Association | ALL AGES
Saturday, Oct. 11 at 4 p.m.
Join us for a story told with musical performances! Presented by TYSA, funded by the City of Tacoma/Tacoma Creates, and hosted by TPL.

Family Storytime and Petite Picasso
ALL AGES | Friday, Oct. 31 at 10:30 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!

Games and Clubs • • • • •

Family Chess Club | GRADES K–5
Wednesdays at 4 p.m.
October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Players of all experience levels can learn from an experienced chess coach.

Pokémon League
AGES 6–YOUNG ADULT
Wednesdays at 4 p.m. | October 1, 15
Grab your Pokemon deck or DS and join us! All levels welcome.

Other In-Person Events • • • •

Up and Atom STEAM Days
GRADES K–8 | Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.
Join us to try out different STEAM and craft activities.

- October 2: Freedom to Read Week Activity Bookmarks and Bracelets
- October 9: Hanging Bat Craft
- October 16: Air Dry Clay Ghosts
- October 23: Ozobots
- October 30: Calaveras/Sugar Skulls

Fused Together Workshop | ALL AGES
Wednesday, Oct. 22 at 5 p.m.
Join us for a special glass-working program presented by Hilltop Artists and Communities for a Healthy Bay, funded by the City of Tacoma/Tacoma Creates, and hosted by TPL!



Explore Capoeira Vida | ALL AGES
Saturday, Oct. 25 at 12 p.m.
Come watch or participate and dive into an art deeply rooted in resilience, where every move narrates a story of its creators. Presented by Capoeira Vida, 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.



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

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Book Clubs • • • • •

Wheelock Book Club | ADULTS

Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 6:30 p.m.

In October we'll be reading the Tacoma Reads book "See No Stranger: A Memoir and Manifesto of Revolutionary Love" by Valarie Kaur.

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 • • • • •

Trends in Medicare 101 | ADULTS

Thursday, Oct. 2 at 12:30 p.m.

Learn about the trends happening in Medicare at this free seminar.

Drop-In Tech Help | ADULTS

Saturdays at 11 a.m. | Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25

Wed. at 1 p.m. | Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Learn basic computer skills like email, web searching and MS Office programs, navigating apps, and more.

Learn to Play Mah Jongg | ADULTS

Registration required.

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

This session will introduce you to the basics of the game.



Dollars & Sense of Solar In Western Washington | ADULTS

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

Does solar make sense in Washington with our long rainy winters and tall shady trees? Join us to learn more and hear about upcoming Pierce County solar projects.

Wisdom Cafe | ADULTS

Thursday, Oct. 9 at 1 p.m.

Join us for conversation and camaraderie as we discuss universal topics about life, fulfillment, and aging. All are welcome!

Genealogy Help Desk | ADULTS

Thursday, Oct. 9, 1–3 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 11, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Get help with genealogy research from the Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society (TPCGS).

Guma' Imahe: Bone Carving Workshop

ADULTS & TEENS | Registration required.

Saturday, Oct. 18 at 1:30 p.m.

Join Angela Paet for a special bone carving workshop. All supplies provided. Presented by Guma' Imahe, funded by the City of Tacoma/Tacoma Creates, and hosted by TPL

Free Legal Aid Pop-Ups | ADULTS

Thursday, Oct. 30, 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.

Just for Teens • • • • •

Teen Time | Tuesdays at 2:15 p.m.

October 7, 14, 21, 28

Middle and high school students are invited to play games, work on homework, or make a craft.



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