

December

Children and Family Events

**Main
Library**

1102 Tacoma Ave. South

Storytimes • • • • •

Baby Storytime

BIRTH–18 MOS.

Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

December 5, 12, 19, 26

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

Family Storytime

ALL AGES

Saturdays at 2 p.m.

December 6, 13, 20, 27

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

Games and Clubs • • • • •

Brick by Brick LEGO Club

GRADES K–5

Saturdays at 4 p.m.

December 6, 13, 20, 27

Build a LEGO creation around the theme, or free build to your heart's content!

Other In-Person Events • • • •

Up and Atom STEAM Days

GRADES K–8 | Fridays at 4 p.m.

Join us to try out different STEAM and craft activities.

- December 5: Wizards of Washington
- December 12: Rigamajig
- December 19: Pom Pom Palooza
- December 26: Paper Airplanes



Online Events • • • • •

Registration required.



Pajama Storytime | ALL AGES

online (Zoom) | Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Come join us for an evening of stories, activities, and songs.

Holiday Schedule • • • • •

All Tacoma Public Libraries will be closed:

- Wednesday, Dec. 24
- Thursday, Dec. 25
- Thursday, Jan. 1

All locations will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.:

- Wednesday, Dec. 31

System-Wide Events • • • • •

Winter Reading Challenge

GRADES K–8

All locations and online (Beanstack)

December 6–January 3

Sign up online using the Beanstack app or pick up a paper log at your neighborhood library!

Around Town • • • • •

Studio and Storytime with Tacoma Art Museum | AGES 2–8

Saturday, Dec. 13 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.



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Some events may require registration.

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Adult and Teen Events

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Online Events •••••

Knitty Gritty Stitches | ADULTS
online (Zoom) | *Registration required.*
Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Work on your own project, share ideas, meet new people, and show-and-tell the things you have made.

In-Person Events •••••

Next Step: Job Support | ADULTS
Tuesdays at 3 p.m. | December 2, 16
Join us for help with the job search process. Sample resumes, cover letters, and tip sheets will be available.

Explore Career and Training Opportunities
ADULTS | Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 1 p.m.
Join us for a presentation by Tacoma Community College's Workforce Education Department!

Every Tree Has a Story | ADULTS & TEENS
Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 5:30 p.m.
Presented by Tacoma Tree Foundation, funded by the City of Tacoma/Tacoma Creates, and hosted by TPL. Part of a series in support of the NEA Big Read program and the Museum of Glass.

Brotherhood Rise Center | ADULTS
Thursday, Dec. 4, 1–3 p.m.
Drop in to connect with the Brotherhood Rise Center, a safe and supportive space where individuals and families can access vital resources, mentoring, and programs designed to strengthen our community.

Social Work Support with Samie
ADULTS & TEENS | Fridays, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
December 5, 12, 19, 26
TPL's social worker can assist with a variety of needs related to housing, shelter, domestic violence, VA, employment, student support, and more!

Board Game Meetup | ADULTS
Friday, Dec. 5 at 1 p.m.
Adults of all ages are welcome to gather to play favorite board and card games, and to socialize.

Christmas Ornament Workshop | ADULTS
Saturday, Dec. 6 at 1 p.m.
Make ornaments infused with Chamorro culture. Presented by Guma' Imahe, funded by the City of Tacoma/Tacoma Creates, and hosted by TPL

Drop-In Tech Help | ADULTS
Saturdays at 10 a.m. | Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27
Learn basic computer skills like email, web searching and MS Office programs, navigating apps, and more.

Send a Card and Say Hello
ADULTS & TEENS | Sat., Dec. 6 at 11 a.m.
Join us in the Cascade room to write cards and say hello the old-fashioned way. All supplies provided.

Somatic Storytelling for Healing and Resilience | ADULTS & TEENS
Saturday, Dec. 6 at 3 p.m.
This interactive workshop blends storytelling with somatic practices to help you move through stress, release tension, and connect with your inner resilience. Presented by Hilltop Urban Garden, funded by the City of Tacoma/Tacoma Creates, and hosted by TPL.

Housing Justice Project | ADULTS
Tuesdays, 1–3 p.m. | Dec. 9, 23
Bring your housing issues to this walk-in clinic! Presented by Tacomaprobono's Housing Justice Project.

Creative Circle | ADULTS & TEENS
Tuesdays at 6 p.m.
• December 9: Shrinky Dinks
• December 23: Button Making

Free Legal Aid Pop-Ups | ADULTS
Wednesday, Dec. 10, 3–5 p.m.
Stop by for free, drop-in help, information, and resources from Tacomaprobono!

Basic Computer Skills | ADULTS
Friday, Dec. 12 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. Attendees can apply for a free laptop. Funded by Pierce Co. Digital Literacy and Digital Equity Services.



Friday Movie at Main | ADULTS
Fridays at 12 p.m.
• Dec. 12: "Grand Turismo" (PG-13)
• Dec. 26: "Lilo and Stitch (2024, PG)

Get to Know Ancestry.com and Discover Your Roots | ADULTS | Sat., Dec. 13 at 11 a.m.
Join us in the Olympic Room for a presentation on free genealogy databases.

Community Compass | ADULTS
Saturdays, 12–4 p.m. | Dec. 13, 27
Drop-in to connect with UWT's Master of Social Work Practicum Students. They can listen and assist patrons with general support and resource navigation.

Appy Hour | ADULTS | Friday, Dec. 19 at 1 p.m.
Join us in the Cascade Room to discuss, share, and learn about the variety of online resources TPL has to offer.

Around Town •••••

Books on Tap Book Club | 21+
Tuesday, Dec. 30 at 7 p.m.
Narrows Brewing (9007 S. 19th Street)
Bring one or two of your 2025 favorites to share with the group!

Just for Teens •••••

Teen Time | Wednesdays at 5 p.m.
December 3, 10, 17, 31
Middle and high school students are invited to meet new friends, relax, play games, work on homework, or make a craft. We'll do something different each time!



Handforth Gallery Exhibit

ADULTS & TEENS | Explore artwork from Vaquero Azul, Gillian Nordlund, Tacoma Photo Center, and Open Sesame Gallery. Free and open in December during library hours.



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The Maker Labs at the Main Library are a group of do-it-yourself studios where everyone can explore individual curiosity, engage in collaborative work, and learn from instructors and fellow makers.

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Maker Labs

Independent Study

ADULTS & TEENS

Reservations are recommended. Walk-ins are subject to availability. No staff assistance will be available during Independent Study hours.

Scan the code to make a reservation.



- Tuesdays, 4–7 p.m.
- Wednesdays, 12–3 p.m.
- Fridays, 2–5 p.m.
- Saturdays, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Open Lab | ALL AGES

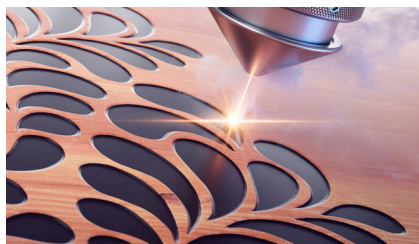
Equipment is first-come, first-served. Staff assistance is available.

- Tuesdays, 12–3 p.m.
- Wednesdays, 4–7 p.m.
- Thursdays, 2–5 p.m.
- Saturdays, 2–5 p.m.

Tinker Time | ADULTS & TEENS

Each day we'll have a new activity set out for you to explore. Tinker Time is an unstaffed program. Access to our reservable equipment is not available.

- Thursdays, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
- Fridays, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.



Wonder Lab

Make it Today at the Wonder Lab

ADULTS & TEENS

Tuesday, Dec. 2 at 6 p.m.

Registration required.

You'll be able to pick out your own project in Thingiverse and bring it to life using our slicer software and 3D printer.

Fiber Arts Club | ADULTS

Wednesday, Dec. 3 at 1:30 p.m.

Explore the world of crochet, felting, knitting, sewing and make meaningful connections in this supportive forum.

Wonder Lab Basics

ADULTS & TEENS | *Ages 17 and younger are welcome with caregiver participation.*

- Embroidery Machine: Saturday, Dec. 6 at 11:30 a.m.
- Sewing Machine: Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 1:30 p.m.
- Serger Machine: Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 6 p.m.
- 3D Printer: Tuesday, Dec. 30 at 6 p.m.

Nano Tape | TEENS

Saturday, Dec. 13 at 11:30 a.m.

We'll explore how the nanotechnology of the tape allows us to make our own squeezable squishies.

Snap Circuits | TEENS

Registration required.

Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 1:30 p.m.

Snap into STEM with Snap Circuits. Join us for a real-world activity involving an array of circuitry.

Wonder Lab Exploration

GRADES 5–12

- Building with Strawbees and Keva Planks: Saturday, Dec. 20 at 11:30 a.m.
- Dash Robot Basketball: Wednesday, Dec. 31 at 1:30 p.m.



Digital Media Lab

Podcast Café | ADULTS & TEENS

Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 6 p.m.

Create your very own podcast from concept to download. This monthly group gathers to share ideas, collaborate, and network.

Digital Media Lab Intro

ADULTS & TEENS

Tuesday, Dec. 23 at 6 p.m.

Learn what's available for voiceover, music recording, podcasting, and audio production. We will give an overview of the different tools and how you can get started.



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