

January

Children and Family Events

Main Library

1102 Tacoma Ave. South

Storytimes • • • • •

Baby Storytime | BIRTH–18 MOS.

Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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

Family Storytime | ALL AGES

Saturdays at 2 p.m.

January 3, 10, 24, 31

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



Studio and Storytime at Tacoma Art Museum

Games and Clubs • • • • •

Brick by Brick LEGO Club

GRADES K–5 | Saturdays at 4 p.m.

January 3, 10, 24, 31

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.

- January 2: Build a Bug
- January 9: Balloon Powered Cars with LeMay Car Museum, funded by the City of Tacoma/Tacoma Creates
- January 16: Collage Art
- January 23: Marshmallow Engineers
- January 30: Stamp Art

Act the Story with Tacoma Musical Playhouse | GRADES K–5

Saturday, Jan. 24 at 3 p.m.

This class will teach basic acting skills through character, movement/dance and performance work based on popular books. Presented by Tacoma Musical Playhouse, 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.

January 6, 13, 20, 27

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

System-Wide Events • • • • •

Space Scavenger Hunt

GRADES K–8

All Locations | January 2–31

Learn about the planets circling our solar system and earn a prize!

Around Town • • • • •

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

Saturday, Jan. 10 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.

Holiday Schedule • • • • •

All Tacoma Public Libraries will be closed:

- Thursday, January 1
- Saturday, January 17



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 • • • • •

Main Book Club | ADULTS

Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a discussion of "Yellowface" by R.F. Kuang.

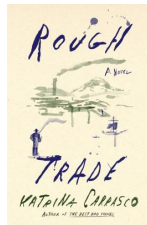
Online Events • • • • •

Registration required.

2025 WSBA Winner Katrina Carrasco in Conversation with Marcus Harrison Green | ADULTS | online (Zoom)

Wednesday, Jan 14 at 6 p.m.

Winner of the 2025 Washington State Book Award for Fiction, Katrina Carrasco's "Rough Trade," brings readers into the vivid, rough-and-tumble world of the late-1800s PNW. Presented by the Washington Center for the Book, TPL's Northwest Room, and Charlie's Queer Books.



Knitty Gritty Stitchers | ADULTS

online (Zoom)

Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 24 at 4 p.m.

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

New Year Organizing: What to KEEP When Decluttering in 2026

ADULTS | online (Zoom)

Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 6 p.m.

Join expert organizer and author Jamie Novak for tips on what to toss while decluttering.

Other Worlds: Online Speculative

Fiction Book Club | ADULTS

online (Zoom)

Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us online to discuss speculative books from across genres. Title TBD.

In-Person Events • • • • •

Board Game Meetup | ADULTS

Friday, Jan. 2 at 1 p.m.

Adults of all ages are welcome to gather to play favorite board and card games, and to socialize.

Drop-In Tech Help | ADULTS

Saturdays at 10 a.m. | Jan. 3, 10, 24, 31

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

Housing Justice Project | ADULTS

Tuesdays, 1–3 p.m. | January 13, 27

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. | January 13, 27

Join us for an hour of casual crafting and socializing. Crafting projects may include papercraft, felting, rock painting and other fun activities.

Genealogy Help Desk | ADULTS

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 12:30–2:30 p.m.

Volunteers from the Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society will offer individual genealogy research help.

Scams/Fraud Prevention and Recovery

ADULTS | Friday, Jan. 16 at 1 p.m.

Join Matt Santelli, Outreach Specialist at Pierce County Aging Disability Resources, to learn how to promptly recognize the most common scams, understand why seniors are targeted, and learn the steps to take for recovery if you become a victim.

Free Legal Aid Pop-Ups | ADULTS

Friday, Jan. 16, 2–4 p.m.

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

Next Step: Job Support | ADULTS

Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 3 p.m.

Join us for help with the job search process. Sample resumes, cover letters, and tip sheets will be available.

The American Revolution: A Screening and Community Conversation

Join KBTC Public Television and Tacoma Public Library for a lively screening and discussion of The American Revolution, a PBS documentary by Ken Burns, Sarah Botstein, and David Schmidt. There will be a panel discussion and Q&A after the film.

- ADULTS: Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 6 p.m.
- TEENS: Friday, Jan. 30 at 3:30 p.m.

Community Building Zine Workshop

ADULTS & TEENS

Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 6 p.m.

Join the Tacoma Tool Library and UP WA Indivisible for a zine making workshop. We will provide all the supplies you need to make a zine of your own including crafting supplies, guidance from other zine makers, and free photocopying.

Around Town • • • • •

Books on Tap: Big Read Edition | 21+

Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m.

Narrows Brewing (9007 S. 19th Street)

In January we'll join the Museum of Glass's citywide Big Read program to read "Bewilderment," by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Richard Powers. Funded by the National Endowment for the Arts Big Read program.

Just for Teens • • • • •

Teen Time | Wednesdays at 5 p.m.

January 7, 14, 21, 28

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!



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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

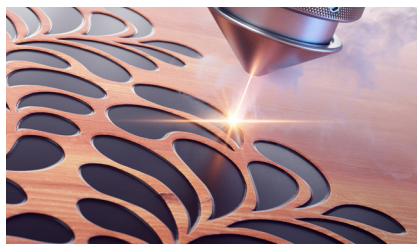
Equipment is first-come, first-served. Staff assistance is available.

- 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

Shrinky Dinks | TEENS

Saturday, Jan. 3 at 11:30 a.m.

Draw or trace your designs on special plastic that shrinks in the oven. All supplies provided.

Make it Today at the Wonder Lab: Wooden Name Placard

ADULTS & TEENS

Tuesday, Jan. 6 at 6 p.m.

Registration required.

Come explore our xTool laser engraver and make your own personalized placard.

Fiber Arts Club | ADULTS

Wednesday, Jan. 7 at 1:30 p.m.

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

Ozobots | TEENS

Saturday, Jan. 10 at 11:30 a.m.

Whether you want to send the Ozobot on a long, slow drive, or have it complete a maze, you're sure to have a great time designing something unique.

Wonder Lab Basics

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

- Cricut Machine: Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 12 p.m.
- xTool Laser Engraver: Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 6 p.m.
- Embroidery Machine: Saturday, Jan. 31 at 11:30 a.m.

Gadget Geeks | TEENS

Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 1:30 p.m.

Dissect the hardware of yesterday's computers and gaming systems, examine CPU chips and memory retrieval, and test logical ideas using Arduinos, Makey Makeys, and your own intuition.

Cosplay Costume-Making

ADULTS & TEENS

Saturday, Jan. 24 at 11:30 a.m.

Sew, embroider, and craft your very own cosplay costume. Learn fundamental sewing and crafting skills and work alongside other creative makers.

Wonder Lab Exploration: Crafting GRADES 5–12

Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 1:30 p.m.

Use crafting supplies like paint, beads, crayons, colored pencils and more to create your own masterpiece.



Digital Media Lab

Podcast Café | ADULTS & TEENS

Tuesday, Jan. 13 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, Jan. 27 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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