

# January

## Children and Family Events

**Wheelock  
Library**  
3722 North 26th Street

### Storytimes • • • • •

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

Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.

January 8, 15, 22, 29

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

#### **Family Storytime** | ALL AGES

Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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

### Games and Clubs • • • • •

#### **Family Chess Club** | GRADES K-5

Wednesdays at 4 p.m.

January 7, 14, 21, 28

Players of all experience levels can learn from an experienced chess coach.

#### **Pokémon League**

AGES 6-YOUNG ADULT

Wednesdays at 4 p.m.

January 7, 21

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.

- January 8: STEM Into the New Year!
- January 15: Shocking Science! Exploring Static Electricity
- January 22: Tangrams
- January 29: Building with KEVA Planks



Studio and Storytime at Tacoma Art Museum

#### **Lego Printmaking with FabLab**

**Education** | AGES 6+

Saturday, Jan. 10 at 12 p.m.

Create your own print using Lego tiles! All supplies provided. Presented by FabLab Education, funded by the City of Tacoma/Tacoma Creates, and hosted by TPL.

#### **Mommy & Me** | ALL AGES

Friday, Jan. 16 at 4 p.m.

Join Pacific Northwest Dance Foundation for a vibrant exploration of nursery rhymes and brain dances for all ages of littles. Presented by PNDF, 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 • • • • •

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- Saturday, January 17



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## Adult and Teen Events

**Wheelock Library**  
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### Book Clubs • • • • •

#### Wheelock Book Club | ADULTS

Saturday, Jan. 3 at 11 a.m.

Join us to discuss "Last Murder at the End of the World" by Stuart Turton.

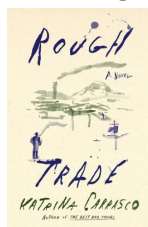
### Online Events • • • • •

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 • • • • •

#### Scream Club | ADULTS

Fridays at 5:30 p.m. | Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Feeling stressed? Overwhelmed? Just want to yell for the fun of it? Join us for a one-of-a-kind event where everyone is invited to come together and... SCREAM!

#### Drop-In Tech Help | ADULTS

Wednesdays at 1 p.m. | Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28

Saturdays at 11 a.m. | Jan. 3, 10, 24, 31

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

#### How to Build a Healthier, Kinder Relationship with Food | ADULTS & TEENS Registration required.

Saturday, Jan. 3 at 1:30 p.m.

In this class, Nutritional Therapy Practitioner and Binge Eating Recovery Coach Michelle Kester Ho will share gentle, practical ways to break free from binge eating, overeating, and emotional eating.

#### Wisdom Cafe | ADULTS

Thursday, Jan. 8 at 1 p.m.

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

#### Genealogy Help Desk | ADULTS

Thursday, Jan. 8, 1–3 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 10, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Get help with your genealogy research from the Tacoma-Pierce County Genealogical Society.

#### Learn to Play Mah Jongg

ADULTS | Registration required.

Fridays, 12:30–3 p.m. | January 9, 16, 23, 30

Designed for all skill levels, these sessions will introduce you to the fundamentals, strategies, and social aspects of the game.

#### Knitting 101 | ADULTS

Saturday, Jan. 10 at 3 p.m.

Join us for a cozy, hands-on introduction to the art of knitting! All supplies provided.

#### Winter Adventure Tips with the Mountaineers | ADULTS

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

Whether you're a winter sports enthusiast or simply curious about exploring the snowy outdoors, this program will equip you with essential knowledge.

#### Asia Pacific Cultural Center Presents:

Korea | ADULTS | Registration required.

Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 5 p.m.

You're invited to come learn about the culture of Korea! Presented by APCC, funded by the City of Tacoma/Tacoma Creates, and hosted by TPL.

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

Friday, Jan. 23, 2–4 p.m.

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

#### Attracting Native Bees to Your Garden Oasis | ADULTS & TEENS

Saturday, Jan. 24 at 11 a.m.

Learn simple strategies to put in place in their home garden to attract and support native bees. Presented with support from the National Endowment for the Arts Big Read program and the Museum of Glass.

#### Crochet Connection | ADULTS & TEENS

Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 4 p.m.

Join Debra for crochet fun and learn how to make simple projects. Patterns provided.

#### Local Author Alex Kenna Talks Crime Fiction, Criminal Prosecution, and Publishing | ADULTS & TEENS

Saturday, Jan. 31 at 4:30 p.m.

Join Alex as she talks about her latest novel, "Burn This Night," her experience in criminal law, and how to talk about your work when submitting it for publication.

### 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 Richard Powers. Funded by the National Endowment for the Arts Big Read program.

### Just for Teens • • • • •

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

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Enjoy an afternoon of fun, creativity, and relaxation. Try a hands-on craft, play table tennis with your friends, or just hang out.

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