

May

Children and Family Events

**Main
Library**

1102 Tacoma Ave. South

Storytimes

Baby Storytime | BIRTH-18 MOS.

Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

May 8, 15, 22

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

Family Storytime | ALL AGES

Saturdays at 2 p.m. | May 9, 16, 30

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.

May 16, 30

Join us in the Cascade Room to 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 | Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m.

Join us in the Olympic Room to try out different STEAM and craft activities.

- May 6: Art Workshop with Tacoma Art Museum
- May 13: Engineering with Strawbees
- May 20: Balloon-Powered Cars with LeMay - America's Car Museum
- May 27: Illustrating Like Eric Carle

Explore Capoeira Vida | GRADES K-8

Saturday, May 16 at 12 p.m.

Join us in the Olympic Room and discover the rich legacy of Capoeira. 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.

May 5, 12, 19, 26

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

System-Wide Events

Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Cuisine Scavenger Hunt

GRADES K-5 | All Locations | May 1-30

Learn more about foods from Asia, the Pacific Islands, and Hawaii!

Craftopia Program Kits

AGES 3+ | All Locations

- Paper Strip Ice Cream Cones: Pick up starting Friday, May 8
- Light Bugs: Pick up starting Friday, May 15
- Beaded Jellyfish: Pick up starting Friday, May 22

Around Town



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

Saturday, May 9 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:

- Saturday, May 23
- Friday, May 29



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Adult and Teen Events

Online Events •••••

Registration required.

Knitty Gritty Stitchers | ADULTS

online (Zoom)

Wednesday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 30 at 4 p.m.

Work on your own project, share ideas, and meet new people.

Other Worlds: Online Speculative Fiction

Book Club | ADULTS | online (Zoom)

Wednesday, May 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Join us online to discuss books from across genres. This month, we'll be discussing "How to Become the Dark Lord and Die Trying" by Django Wexler.

In-Person Events •••••

Social Work Support with Samie

ADULTS & TEENS | Fridays, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

May 1, 8 | TPL's social worker can assist with a variety of needs related to housing, shelter, domestic violence, VA, employment, student support, and more!

Tacoma Wayzgoose | ALL AGES

Friday, May 1, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

Join us for a community letterpress, printmaking, and book arts extravaganza. Watch the legendary steamroller printing, meet over 50 local artists, make your own keepsake, and see what Tacoma's talented arts community has created. Presented by Write253, King's Books, TPL, City of Tacoma/Tacoma Creates, and Springtide Press.



Handforth Gallery Exhibit

PSSA's Asian Art Exhibit, "Brushstroke Bounty" will be on display through June. Free and open to the public during library hours.

Community Compass

ADULTS & TEENS | Saturdays, 1–5 p.m.
May 9, 16, 30

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.

Brotherhood Rise Center | ADULTS

Access vital resources, mentoring, and programs designed to strengthen our community.

- ADULTS: Tuesdays at 1 p.m. | May 5, 19
- TEENS: Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. | May 5, 19

Movie at Main | ADULTS

Friday, May 8 at 12 p.m.

Join us to watch "Now You See Me Now You Don't" (PG-13).

Drop-In Tech Help | ADULTS

Saturdays at 10 a.m. | May 9, 16, 30

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

True Crime Deep Dive | ADULTS & TEENS

Join us in the Cascade Room for a presentation with detectives from the Tacoma Police Department, who will share the educational paths that led them to their careers and their perspectives on contemporary true crime insights.

- Part 1: Saturday, May 9 at 12 p.m..
- Part 2: Saturday, May 16 at 12 p.m.

Museum of Glass Big Read Program:

Bewilderment by Richard Powers

ADULTS & TEENS

Saturday, May 9 at 4 p.m..

Join us for a community reading of portions of "Bewilderment," in conjunction with the Big Read program and community partners.

Housing Justice Project | ADULTS

Tuesdays, 12–4:30 p.m. | May 12, 26

Bring your housing issues to this walk-in clinic! Presented by Tacomaprobono's Housing Justice Project and hosted by TPL.

Creative Circle | ADULTS & TEENS

Tuesdays at 6 p.m. | May 12, 26

Join us for an hour of casual crafting and socializing.

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Genealogy Help Desk | ADULTS

Wednesday, May 13, 12:30–2:30 p.m.

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



Cost of Healing in Silence with Ashley

McGirt-Adair | ADULTS

Saturday, May 16 at 2:30 p.m.

Join local author Ashley McGirt-Adair for a conversation around her new book, "The Cost of Healing in Silence: Navigating Racial Trauma and the Call for Culturally Responsive Care."

Free Legal Aid Pop-Ups | ADULTS

Friday, May 22, 12–2 p.m.

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

Around Town •••••

Books on Tap | 21+

Tuesday, May 26 at 7 p.m.

Parkway Tavern
313 North I Street

Join us at Books on Tap to discuss "They Called Us Enemy," by George Takei. This event is part of the One Book, One Coast reading program.



Just for Teens •••••

Teen Time | Tuesdays at 4 p.m.

May 5, 12, 19, 26

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, 4–7:30 p.m.
- Wednesdays, 12–3 p.m.
- Fridays, 2–5:30 p.m.
- Saturdays, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

Open Lab | ALL AGES

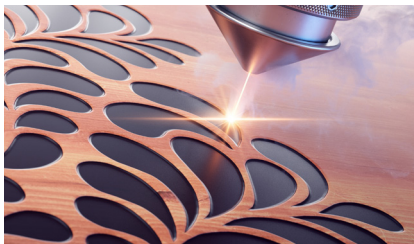
Equipment is first-come, first-served. Staff assistance is available.

- Tuesdays, 12–3 p.m.
- Wednesdays, 4–7:30 p.m.
- Thursdays, 2–5:30 p.m.
- Saturdays, 2–5:30 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

Bath Bombs | ALL AGES

Tuesday, May 5 at 6 p.m.

Registration required.

Celebrate Mental Health Month with us by creating a bath bomb to fuel your relaxation.

Fiber Arts Club | ADULTS

Wednesday, May 6 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.*

- Cricut Machine: Saturday, May 9 at 11:30 a.m.
- xTool Laser Engraver: Wednesday, May 13 at 1:30 p.m.
- Embroidery Machine: Tuesday, May 19 at 6 p.m.
- Serger Machine: Wednesday, May 27 at 1:30 p.m.

Gadget Geeks | TEENS

Registration required.

Saturday, May 16 at 11:30 a.m.

Engage in hands-on learning involving electronics, computers, materials fabrication, and related technologies.

Dance Dance Makey Makey

GRADES K–8 | *Registration required.*

Saturday, May 30 at 11:30 a.m.

Combine engineering, art, and dance with us as we create our own Makey Makey Dance mat. Participants will be able to dance on a full-size dance mat and create a smaller one to play by hand.

Digital Media Lab

Podcast Café | ADULTS & TEENS

Tuesday, May 12 at 6 p.m.

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

Audacity Deep Dive

ADULTS & TEENS

Wednesday, May 20, 1:30 p.m.

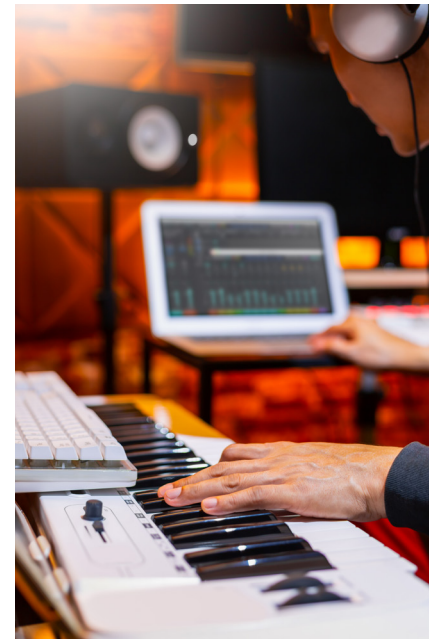
Find out how AI has transformed the music production and songwriting process. Some experience with a Digital Audio Workstation is recommended.

Digital Media Lab Basics

ADULTS & TEENS

Tuesday, May 26 at 6 p.m.

Learn what's available for voiceover, music recording, podcasting, and audio production.



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