

SUMMER READING

at Tacoma Public Library

Main Library

1102 Tacoma Ave. South

August Children and Family Events

Storytimes

Family Storytime | ALL AGES

Saturdays at 2 p.m.

August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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

Baby Storytime | BIRTH-18 MOS.

Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

August 7, 14, 21, 28

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

Games and Clubs

Brick by Brick LEGO Club

GRADES K-5 | Saturdays at 4 p.m.

August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Join us in the Cascade Room to free build to your heart's content!

Other In-Person Events

Family STEAM Night with Greentrike

GRADES K-8

Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 4 p.m.

Join us in the Olympic room to explore concepts of science, technology, engineering, art, and math, also known as STEAM. Presented by Greentrike, funded by the City of Tacoma/Tacoma Creates, and hosted by TPL.

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.

- August 12: Motion Commotion
- August 19: Geology with Geodes
- August 26: Camouflaged Critters Dioramas

Greenery Prints with Tacoma Tree

Foundation | ALL AGES

Wednesday, Aug. 12, 5:30 p.m.

Transform freshly gathered leaves and botanical specimens into permanent pressed prints. Every participant will leave with their own artwork and the opportunity for a deeper connection to our community forests. Guided by our partners at Tacoma Tree Foundation, learn about key Pacific Northwest species and discover historical stories rooted in our local landscape.

Online Events

Registration required.

Pajama Storytime | ALL AGES

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

August 4, 11, 18, 25

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

System-Wide Events

Scavenger Hunts

GRADES K-8 | All Locations

- Summer Reading: July 7-August 15
- Back to School: August 18-September 12

Craftopia Program Kits

AGES 3+ | All Locations

- Yarn Octopus: Pick up starting Friday, August 7
- Paper Popsicle Fan: Pick up starting Friday, August 14
- Felt Pocket Pillow: Pick up starting Friday, August 28



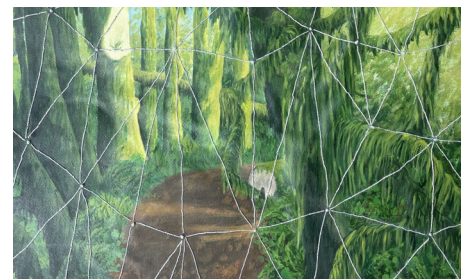
Around Town

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

Saturday, August 15 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.



Handforth Gallery Exhibit

Stephanie Meredith's "All My Mothers" will be on display through September. Free and open to the public during library hours.

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for Summer
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August Adult and Teen Events

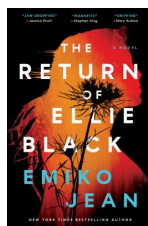
Book Clubs • • • • •

Main Book Club

ADULTS

Wednesday, Aug. 19
at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a discussion of "The Return of Ellie Black" by Emiko Jean.



Online Events • • • • •

Registration required.

Knitty Gritty Stitchers | ADULTS

online (Zoom)

Wednesday, August 12 at 6:30 p.m.

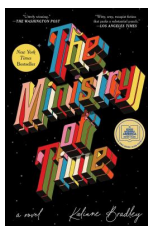
Work on your own project, share ideas, meet new people, and show-and-tell the things you have made.

Other Worlds: Online Speculative Fiction Book Club | ADULTS

online (Zoom)

Wednesday, August 26
at 6:30 p.m.

Join us online to discuss books from across genres. This month, we'll be discussing "The Ministry of Time" by Kaliane Bradley.



In-Person Events • • • • •

Drop-In Tech Help | ADULTS

Saturdays at 10 a.m.

August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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

Adult Story Time | ADULTS

Saturday, Aug. 1 at 12 p.m.

Join us in the Cascade Room to listen to "The Last Question" by Isaac Asimov.



The American Revolution's End and an Empire's Beginning with Lawrence Hatter | ADULTS

Saturday, Aug. 1 at 4 p.m.

Meet the Revolutionary War generation who won huge victories for universal human rights, yet who conquered other humans for territory and treasure. As the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence approaches, how can we celebrate the Founders' achievements while reconciling with this dissonant past? Presented by Humanities WA.

Brotherhood Rise Center | ADULTS

Tuesdays at 1 p.m. | August 4, 18

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

Next Step: Job Support | ADULTS

Tuesdays at 3 p.m. | August 4, 18

Join us for help with the job search process.

Free Legal Aid Pop-Ups | ADULTS

Friday, Aug. 7, 2-4 p.m.

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

Housing Justice Project | ADULTS

Tuesdays, 12-4:30 p.m.

August 11, 25

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. | August 11, 25

Join us for casual crafting and socializing.

Genealogy Help Desk | ADULTS

Wednesday, Aug. 12, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

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

Master Gardeners: Growing Garlic 101

ADULTS | Saturday, Aug. 15 at 11 a.m.

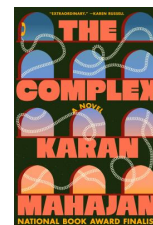
Whether you're planting in a garden bed or containers, you'll learn everything you need to know to successfully grow garlic from start to finish.

Around Town • • • • •

Books on Tap | 21+

Tuesday, August 25
at 7 p.m.

Narrows Brewing Co.
(9007 South 19th Street)
Join us at Books on Tap to discuss "The Complex" by Karan Mahajan.



Just for Teens • • • • •

Chosen Program with The RISE Center

Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m.

August 4, 11, 18, 25

This youth development program provides a safe, engaging, and supportive environment for youth to connect, learn, and grow.

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July: Maker Labs

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

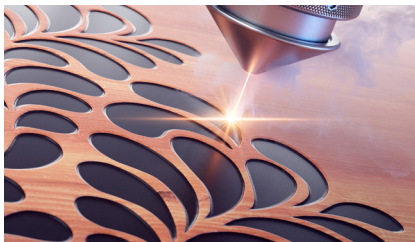
Equipment is first-come, first-served. Staff assistance is available.

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- 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

Rigamajig in the Wonder Lab

GRADES PRE-K–5

Saturday, Aug. 1 at 11:30 a.m.

We'll use our extra-large wooden pieces to build something amazing.

Wonder Lab Basics

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

- Embroidery Machine: Tuesday, Aug. 4 at 6 p.m.
- Sewing Machine: Wednesday, Aug. 12 at 1:30 p.m.
- Serger Machine: Saturday, Aug. 22 at 11:30 a.m.
- 3D Printer: Wednesday, Aug. 26 at 1:30 p.m.

Ozobots in the Wonder Lab

GRADES 8–12

Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 1:30 p.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.

Bubbles in the Wonder Lab

GRADES PRE-K–5

Saturday, Aug. 8 at 11:30 a.m.

We'll experiment with bubble recipes and use a variety of fun wands to make bubbles of all sizes.

Gadget Geeks | TEENS

Registration required.

Saturday, Aug. 15 at 11:30 a.m.

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

Conductive Makey Makey in the Wonder Lab | GRADES K–12

Tuesday, Aug. 18 at 6 p.m.

Join us as we experiment with different everyday objects and foods to create our own Makey Makey piano.

Karaoke in the Wonder Lab

ADULTS & TEENS

Wednesday, Aug. 19 at 1:30 p.m.

Invite your fans, friends, and family to cheer you on as you dazzle us with your razzle.

Shrinky Dinks in the Wonder Lab

GRADES K–12

Saturday, Aug. 29 at 11:30 a.m.

Join us to discover the wonder of Shrinky dinks. You'll use permanent markers and rubbing alcohol to make your own 'tie-dye' keychain.



Digital Media Lab

Podcast Café | ADULTS & TEENS

Tuesday, Aug. 11 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 Basics

ADULTS & TEENS

Tuesday, Aug. 25 at 6 p.m.

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



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