



LACEY PARKS

CULTURE & RECREATION

PUT US ON YOUR **PLAYLIST!**

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Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

[Visit our Website](#)

2024 SPECIAL EVENTS ARE UNDERWAY!

Lacey Loves to Read 2024 Author: Donna Barba Higuera

Lacey Loves to Read is a community reading initiative designed to encourage our area students to become lifelong readers and learners. Activities include a district-wide bookmark creation contest, short story writing events, and more. A notable children's author visits each year to share insights on writing and reading and foster a culture of reading in our school community.



FREE COMMUNITY AUTHOR EVENT

Thursday, February 15, 6 - 8 pm at James Koval Center for the Performing Arts

[Learn More](#)

Applications are open for our 2024 Lacey Cultural Celebration and 2024 Lacey Spring Fun Fair!

LACEY CULTURAL CELEBRATION

Saturday March 9



Calling all Performers, Food, Commercial & Artisan Vendors representing cultures from around the world - we need you!

Savor the sights and sounds of the world without leaving Lacey! Share the heritage and cultures of our community at the Cultural Celebration. This year will be bigger than ever as we bring the world to you. Enjoy music and dance presentations by local and regional performing arts groups. Learn about various world traditions through demonstrations and displays. Sample the flavors and art of the world with our diverse food and craft vendors. Bring the kids for hands-on crafts! This is

LACEY SPRING FUN FAIR

Saturday May 18 & Sunday May 19



Do you or your business offer a unique product, good or service? How about selling fantastic food items? We are looking far and wide for groups to enhance our largest event of the year!

Since 1988, the Lacey Spring Fun Fair has provided FREE activities and entertainment for thousands. Join us at Saint Martin's University on May 18 from 10 am – 6 pm and May 19 from 11 am – 5 pm for tons of FREE fun! Enjoy rides, games, live entertainment, and Kids' World activities, plus plenty of food, artisan & commercial vendors, and more!

an event designed for the whole family.

[Learn More & Apply!](#)

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NEW YEAR - NEW PROGRAMS!



NEW

Sensory Friendly Creative Dance Class I (5 - 9 yrs)

This is a dance and movement opportunity for kids developmental age 5-9 who are neurodivergent and/or on the autism spectrum. In this class, local non-profit South Sound Dance Access and local business Sensory Tool House LLC are teaming up to offer an engaging, playful, and nurturing space for dance and movement. Creative Dance is a concept-based movement curriculum that uses developmental science to nurture foundational movement and motor skills and support mind-body connection, through games and creation opportunities. We will learn some basic dance steps across styles (Ballet, Modern, Jazz, and Hip-Hop), while also playing concept-based dance games and learning about time, space, place, direction, levels, and more.

When: Session I Jan. 23 - Mar. 12 | Tue., 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Where: The Olympia Center, 222 Columbia St NW, Olympia, WA 98501

Fee: \$80

[Register Here](#)

NEW

Lacey Teen Leadership Committee I (13 - 17 yrs)

What is Lacey TLC? The Lacey Teen Leadership Committee is an advisory group of middle and high school teens. As a member of Lacey TLC, you will learn valuable skills, make new friends, and have a lot of fun! Our purpose is to be a voice for teens and to promote a community where youth are valued and involved. Lacey TLC provides opportunities for middle and high school teens to develop leadership skills, plan teen events, community service projects, and serve as an advisory group. High school teens can earn a significant amount of volunteer hours for school requirements, college applications, and job experience. Volunteer opportunities this Spring will include middle school late nights, Arbor Day celebrations, and other special events. Applications are available at Lacey City Hall in the Parks & Recreation Department. The committee will meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at Lacey City Hall in the Community Room. For more information email Lauren at lyoung@ci.lacey.wa.us.

When: Wed. I Jan. 24 | 5:30 - 6:30 pm

& every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month following

Where: Lacey City Hall

Fee: Free to attend

[NEW Teen Opportunities](#)

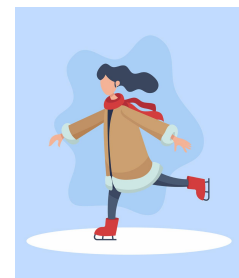
NEW

Sprinker Recreation Center Trip |(13 - 17 yrs)

This fun experience offers all the joys of winter bliss in the safety of an indoor ice arena. In this Tacoma-based recreation center, enjoy skating laps with the locals. Don't know how to skate? Don't worry, the staff provides skating aids upon request. This welcoming environment is perfect for a winter-themed adventure. Pack a water and a sack lunch.

When: Sat. I Jan. 20 | 11:30 am - 4:00 pm

Where: Lacey City Hall



[Register Here](#)



Lacey Teen Late Nights | 6th, 7th, & 8th Graders

Lacey Teen Late Nights provide 6th, 7th, and 8th graders in the North Thurston Public Schools District a fun-filled night of activities that just about every teen is bound to find something they enjoy. Activities include dancing, listening to music, contests, 3-on-3 basketball, video games, karaoke, snacks, inflatable interactive games and special guest performances.

The programs take place on Friday evenings once or twice per month, rotating among each of the

middle schools: Chinook, Komachin, Salish, and Nisqually. About 600 students attend this popular event and about 200 adult and 30 teen volunteers help out throughout the school year.

**ALL students must show student ID card to enter.
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED NO EXCEPTIONS**

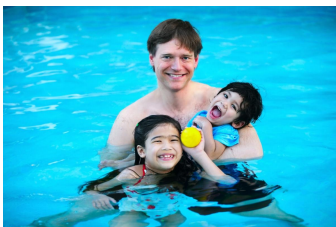
**Time: 7 - 10 pm
Fee: \$10 Admission**

Where:
Feb. 9 Chinook
Mar. 15 Salish
Apr. 12 Nisqually
May 10 Komachin

****Parent volunteers needed!***

[More Info](#)

[Inquire about Volunteering](#)



Family Open Swim

Family open swim is back! This is time for families to enjoy the pool in an open setting. Come practice swimming skills or just play. Parents are required to be in the water and within arm's reach with anyone under 12 years of age. 3 years and under free with adult. Pre-Registration required for all swimmers. Note: no lap lanes are available during this program.

When: Select Sundays | Jan. - Apr. | 2:00 - 3:30 pm
Where: North Thurston High School
Fee: \$7 per person

[Full Schedule Here](#)

Other Programs to Check Out!

These, and many others, can be found on our website! We hope to see you this winter!

Explorer Dance | 3 - 5 yrs
Acro | 6+ yrs
Epicenter Adventures | 13 - 17 yrs

[Browse Our Playbook!](#)

FACILITY UPDATES



RAC Parking Lot Improvements Underway

In early December, the gravel lot in the northwest corner (Marvin Rd SE and Steilacoom Rd SE, see photo on left) of the Regional Athletic Complex (RAC) closed for construction of a new asphalt parking lot and other site improvements. The lot will remain closed to the public until June 2024.

The project includes stormwater improvements, grading, paving, installing various site furnishings, and landscaping. When finished, the new parking lot will have more than 340 parking stalls including six electrical vehicle charging stations, eight accessible parking stalls (ADA), and eight bus stalls. In addition to the parking lot, Steilacoom Rd SE frontage improvements will include a sidewalk, bike lane, associated stormwater facilities, street lights, street trees, and other landscaping.

Learn more and sign up for project email updates below.

[Learn More](#)

MUSEUM ACTIVITIES

HISTORY TALKS!

Find Your Family History in the Washington State Archives

Thursday, February 15
6:30 p.m.
Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers
or Online



History Talks!

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Program Description

Ever wanted to learn more about your family history but had no idea how to get started or where to go for information? Join Dr. Jewell Lorenz Dunn as she shares the basics on what you need to begin your family tree research. Genealogy is much more than just online census records. Learn what the Washington State Archives has to help you in your search and where else you can find vital information.

Speaker Bio

Dr. Jewell Lorenz Dunn works in the Research department at the Washington State Archives, specializing in genealogy and property research. Jewell's first foray into genealogy was at age 15, when she was invited by her maternal aunt to help record oral histories with great uncles who were born in the late 1880's. She was immediately hooked and soon took over the mantle of family genealogist. In 1985, her job was transferred to Utah, where she solidified her love for genealogy and strengthened her research skills. Jewell has over 23 years of experience using the collections at the Washington State Archives, and has been helping researchers in Olympia since 2015.

When: Thursday, February 15, 6:30 pm Doors open at 6 pm

Where: Hybrid Format: Come in person to Lacey City Hall, Council Chambers or join online. Registration required for online attendance only.

[More Info](#)

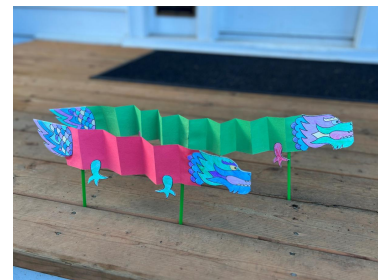
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CREATIVITY CORNER IS BACK!

Creativity Corner: Year of the Dragon

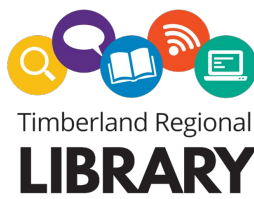
Creativity Corner is back during the month of February to celebrate the Lunar New Year. 2024 is the Year of the Dragon!

Join the Lacey Museum Thursday and Friday 11 am – 3 pm or Saturday 10 am – 4 pm to craft your own dragon. This activity is **FREE** and for all ages.



LACEY LIBRARY PROVIDES A MULTITUDE OF WINTER ACTIVITIES

THE LACEY LIBRARY - WE'RE MORE THAN JUST BOOKS!



So much more than "just" a place to pick up a good book, the Timberland Regional Library is a place to explore the region, create your own adventures, and learn to expand your horizons while you're visiting. Our seven Thurston County branches welcome everyone to a world of vibrant possibilities, connect people, places, and ideas, and is ever evolving to meet the needs of the communities within Thurston County.

Their NEW - Library of Things offers residents kits and resources to try a multitude of new activities so that they can test out a new hobby for free! Here are just a few of the cool items you can check out!

- A Washington Discover Pass!
- Stargazing Backpack
- Fishing Rods & Tackle Box
- iPads, Musical Instruments
- and SO Much More!

Here are some facts about Timberland that you may not know:

- If you have a library card from anywhere in the state of Washington, you can get a card at one of our libraries.
- We have a branch location conveniently located in Capital Mall and it's open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily!
- You can access 3D printing at our Tumwater branch.
- Our Tenino branch has Expanded Access Hours from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and can be accessed on holidays and weekends with a special EAH library Card. *Available June 15, 2023.
- You can check out super cool backpacks full of fun things like a free Discovery Pass and fishing gear!

[NEW - Library of Things!](#)

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