

# Seattle and NW Washington

S P O T L I G H T S

## MOHAI: Maker Day on Coding

On the last Saturday of the month, come to Maker Day at MOHAI to tinker, experiment and create alongside some of Seattle's most innovative makers. Drop in any time between 11 am-2 pm; activities are designed for all ages and skill levels and no reservation is necessary!

On April 25: Create computer games and animation with Code Fellows.

Learn basic software programming concepts from Code Fellows instructors and alumni. We'll use Scratch to create our own interactive games, stories, and animation! Perfect for all ages and experience.

Cost is included with museum admission

Location Museum of History & Industry, 860 Terry Ave N. Contact MOHAI Programs, 206-324-1126 ex. 165.

## L&I Medical Benefits Increase for Victims of Domestic Violence and Other Crimes

State medical benefits for victims of domestic violence and other crimes are going up on July 1.

The Labor & Industries Crime Victims Compensation Program will increase available medical benefits from \$50,000 to \$150,000. The change means the total available for physical and mental health bills, burial reimbursement and time loss from work could be as much as \$190,000.

L&I is announcing the improved benefits in conjunction with National Crime Victims' Rights Week which runs April 19 through April 25. This year's theme is "Engaging Communities, Empowering Victims."

The compensation program pays medical bills, time loss and disability awards and reimburses burial expenses after all coverage has been exhausted. It also covers payment for sexual assault exams. There are eligibility requirements, including cooperating with the investigation.

Figures from the just completed fiscal year 2014 back up the observation. Assaults make up more than 60 percent of the 5,958 cases the program handled. Nearly two-thirds of the cases, 61.1 percent, are processed within 21 days. More than \$9 million is available in state and federal funds this year to assist victims.

To contact the program, call toll free 1-800-762-3716 or go online to [www.CrimeVictims.LNI.wa.gov](http://www.CrimeVictims.LNI.wa.gov).

## Library Accepting Applications for Student Assistant Program

Teens ages 16 and older are invited to learn about and apply to the Student Assistant Program at The Seattle Public Library. Eligible students have until 5 p.m., Thursday, April 30, 2015 to apply. For more details on how to apply, visit Library Job Listings.

The Student Assistant program gives young people valuable work experience at the Library. Applicants must be enrolled in school programs, but may not yet have completed bachelor's degrees. Students accepted into the program may participate for up to three years, or until they no longer

## World Rhythm Fest



People enjoyed the beat of the drums during the 22nd Annual World Rhythm Festival April 17 - 19 at Seattle Center. The event featured performances, and dance and music workshops.

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qualify as students.

To apply, a student must complete an Employment Application, a cover letter, proof of school enrollment and a reference from an educator/employer (form included in the application).

The Library will offer a workshop and computer lab time for students to learn more about how to apply to be a Student Assistant. Dates and times are as follows:

Student Assistant Open Lab - Students will have the opportunity to work on their online applications. Library staff will be available to answer questions about the application process as well as provide interviewing tips, Thursday, April 23, Wednesday, April 29 and Thursday, April 30 at the South Park Branch, 8604 Eighth Ave. S. at S. Cloverdale St., 206-615-1688.

For more information, call the Library at 206-386-4636 or [www.spl.org](http://www.spl.org).

## Free Child Car Seat Check-Up Events in King County

Child safety seats can save lives, but they need to be used properly to be effective. Parents and caregivers can get support in fitting their children securely in car seats at five free child car seat check-up events in upcoming months, beginning Friday, April 24, 2015. Public Health - Seattle & King County is hosting the events.

Friday, April 24, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Coal Creek Family YMCA located at 13750 Newcastle Golf Club Rd, Newcastle

Friday, May 8, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Renton Community Center located at 1715 SE Maple Valley Hwy, Renton

Parents and caregivers will have their child safety seat checked by a certified child safety seat technician for safe installation and educational materials will be on hand. Soon-to-be parents and caregivers are welcome as well.

These events are ones of many ongoing child safety seat check-up events in the Puget Sound area. Check the Washington Safety Restraint Coalition website for locations and schedules.

C O M M U N I T Y C A L E N D A R

## SEATTLE 2015

**THE SKANNER.com**

If you have an event you want to share with the community, email it two weeks in advance to *The Skanner* at [info@theskanner.com](mailto:info@theskanner.com)

### Saturday April 25

**FREE FINANCIAL FAMILY FUN FEST.** Join us for money smart activities, education and free snacks for the whole family. There will be crafts for kids, duct tape wallet making for teens and free financial one-on-one. Sign-ups for adults. This is an all-day event. Highpoint Library, 3411 S.W. Raymond St.

**FAMILY SCAVENGER HUNT.** A Team Event! Earn points for finding native plant species, making art, and completing challenges, taste some wild

edibles, fly a kite and much more. Team registration starts at 10 a.m. with a celebration and awards at noon. Pigeon Point Park, 1901 SW Gensee St.

**IT'S FULL STEAM AHEAD FOR SCIENCE, MATH AND RELATED TECHNOLOGIES FOR YOUTH AND PARENTS.** Youth will interact with professionals currently working in the respective fields and participate in hands-on learning a parallel in conjunction with the student activities. There is no cost to attend the SMART Camp. Breakfast and a box lunch will be served. Please register at <http://ascendsmartcamp.eventbrite.com> 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. University of Washington, PACCAR Hall. This is for students in the sixth to twelfth grades.

### Sunday April 26

**SPRING RESTORATION DAY 2015.** Come for part or all of the day, rain or shine, to continue our restoration efforts. We will be working in a large bed near the Highland St. entrance in the West side of the park. The Trust will provide doughnuts and coffee! 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Volunteer Park, 1247 15th Ave. E.

### Thursday April 30

**AFRICAN AMERICAN FILM SERIES AT THE SEATTLE PUBLIC LIBRARY.** The film series will run from April 25 through June 7, and will take place at multiple locations. "In the Heat of the Night." Unrated. 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave, Level 1. Library events and programs are free and open to the public.

### Saturday May 2

**WE NEED MORE DIVERSE BOOKS FAIR.** The We Need More Diverse Books Fair will highlight NW authors and illustrators whose books include characters of color. Come for short storytelling sessions from each author and a chance to preview and purchase their books. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Northwest African American Museum, 230 S. Massachusetts St.

### Sunday May 3

**ASIAN - PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION.** The festival promises non-stop entertainment for all ages. Guests can savor the return of the Annual Hum Bow eating contest and much more. Noon - 5 p.m. Seattle Center Armory, 305 Harrison St.