

Library MUSINGS

VISION STATEMENT:
All people in our community value & use the Lawton Public Library.

MISSION STATEMENT:
Provide opportunities to engage in life-long learning.



- E-Books
- E-Magazines
- E-Audio
- E-Videos
- Learn a Foreign Language
- Study for a career test
- Find research articles
- & So MUCH MORE!

ANNULAR SOLAR ECLIPSE PARTY

Saturday, October 14
9:00 am – 11:00 am
All Ages

Get ready for an unforgettable cosmic spectacle! Join us for our Solar Eclipse watch party & experience the magic as the moon passes in front of the sun, creating a stunning solar eclipse. Solar Eclipse Glasses, snacks, crafts, & games included.



FREE SOLAR ECLIPSE GLASSES

while supplies last

Practice safe viewing & pick up a free pair of solar eclipse glasses at the library starting on Monday, October 2. **Regular sunglasses are not safe for viewing the eclipse.**



BOOKS & BREW LOCAL AUTHOR FEST

Sunday, October 15
12:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Family Friendly

Stop by the Lawton Farmers Market & meet local authors. Purchase a book & have it autographed. While there, enjoy a cup of coffee or tea & local homemade pastries.



FALL BREAK STEAM CAMP: OUT OF THIS WORLD

October 10 – 13
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Ages 6 – 12

Explore space using science, technology, engineering, art, & math. Space is limited & registration is required. Call 580-581-3450 option 4 to register.



NATIONAL Friends OF Libraries WEEK

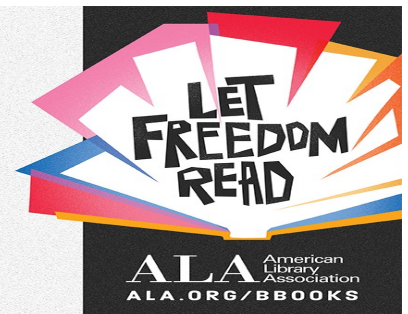
OCTOBER 15–21, 2023

AN INITIATIVE OF UNITED FOR LIBRARIES

THIS LIBRARY CELEBRATES

BANNED BOOKS WEEK

OCTOBER 1–7, 2023



Library programs are generously sponsored by the Friends of the Lawton Public Library.

Friends of the Lawton Public Library

CHILDREN

EARLY READER'S ACADEMY

Age-based classes that promote school readiness skills for our youngest readers.

LITTLE EXPLORERS

Thursdays, October 5, 12, 19,
10:00 am – 10:30 am
Ages 0 – 6 & Caregivers



Exploration in early literacy for infant through school-age kids using stories, rhymes, fingerplays & songs that promote school readiness skills.

KIDS TIME @ CHICK-FIL-A

Monday, October 16
9:00 am – 10:00 am



Join us for storytime, crafts, & a visit from the CFA cow! Free coffee available for guardians.

MAKER STATION

All October
All Ages



Dream, craft, build, & create! See what's going on in our Maker Station! Rotating activities available each month.
October: Magna-Tile Puzzles

SIT, STAY, READ: LITERACY DOGS!

Thursday, October 26 (4th Thursdays)
5:00 pm – 5:45 pm
Ages 5+

Read to a dog! 15-minute sessions will be available to each child to help boost their reading skills. Bring a book of your own or borrow one of ours. Co-sponsored with local Paws With Love volunteers.



BOOOO-K WALK @ SHEPLER PARK

Monday, October 30
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Family Friendly

Join us at Shepler Park for a spooky StoryWalk® evening full of Halloween stories, songs & treats! Costumes are encouraged!

- In the event of inclement weather, updates will be made on Facebook.
- Shepler Park is next to the Farmer's Market on 4th Street.

BOO-A-PALOOZA

Thursday, October 26
10:00 am – 10:30 am
Ages 0 – 6 & Caregivers

A special story time full of Halloween tales, treats, music & a costume parade. Come in costume if you wish.



KIDS WRITING STATION

All October
Ages 5+

Write to one of your favorite book characters! Give kids the "write stuff" to become better readers! Handwriting improves kids' reading & comprehension skills. This month is Dog-Man.



LOCATIONS & HOURS

lawtonok.gov/departments/library

Main Library

110 SW 4th Street
Lawton, OK 73501
580.581.3450

Mon – Wed	9:00 am – 8:00 pm
Thu – Sat	9:00 am – 6:00 pm
Sun	Closed

Kathleen Wyatt Nicholson

Branch Library

1304 NW Kingswood Road
Lawton, OK 73505
580.581.3457

Tue & Thu	12:00 noon – 5:00 pm
Sat	10:00 am – 3:00 pm

LIBRARY BOARD

The next library board meeting is Wednesday, October 4 @ 4:00 pm. The public is invited to all meetings.

Chair	Patty Neuwirth
Vice Chair	Susan Kremmer
Member	Frantzie Couch
Member	Ellouise Love
Member	Fermín Viruet

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library meet quarterly. The next meeting is Monday, October 23 @ 12 noon.

Support your Friends of the Library. Become a member today! Annual membership is just \$10.00 per person or \$20.00 per family.

READ FOR A LIFETIME! LEVELS OF LITERACY AS YOU GROW

Register for ongoing reading challenges @
<https://lawtonok.beanstack.org>

FREE ZOO VOUCHERS

Check out the book *Juniper's Butterfly Garden* & receive one free voucher good for up to 4 people. The zoo voucher is good until June 30, 2023.



EVENTS & CLASSES

MEDICARE UPDATES: LUNCH & LEARN

Tuesday, October 3
12:00 noon – 3:00 pm
Ages 18+

Enjoy a light lunch as you learn about the 2024 Medicare updates. Presented by Ray Walker, Director, Medicare Assistance Program.



COMMUNITY HEALTH & RESOURCE INFORMATION

Friday, October 6
9:30 am – 1:30 pm



Comanche County Health Department will be available to assist those needing information & guidance. Visit with a community health worker & learn how to get connected with several community resources.

ADULTISH TRIVIA: GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Wednesday, October 11
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Ages 16+

Come test your knowledge of all things. Groups & individuals are welcome! Prizes await our winners.



NEA BIG READ BOOK DISCUSSION

Wednesday, October 18
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Ages 18+

The community is invited to come participate in the discussion of the NEA Big Read book, *Catalog of Unabashed Gratitude* by Ross Gay. Stop by the library to grab a FREE copy of the book.



ADULTISH CRAFTS: WITCH HAT DECORATING

Wednesday, October 25
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Ages 16+

Use a variety of fun materials to decorate your very own magical witch hat!



RAIN GARDEN WORKSHOP

Saturday, October 21
9:30 am – 11:30 am
Adults & Families

Come & learn about rain gardens & how they can help protect our stormwater while adding benefits to your home.



@ PATTERSON CENTER

STAY ACTIVE & INDEPENDENT FOR LIFE (SAIL)

@ PATTERSON CENTER

Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays
September 11 – November 3
11:00 am – 12:00 noon



SAIL is a fitness program for older adults, which can be done sitting or standing. Performing exercise that improves strength, balance & fitness is critical for staying active & reducing the risk of falls. The SAIL program was designed with these principals in mind. Each class includes warm-up, stretching, cardio, balance, & strengthening exercise, as well as a cool down.

TAI CHI FOR BETTER BALANCE

@ PATTERSON CENTER

Mondays & Wednesdays
September 11 – November 29
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm



The movements of the Chinese martial art Tai Chi can help seniors reduce the risk of falling, increase balance, & increase flexibility. This class teaches participants ways to improve their overall mind, body, & spirit through a series of slow continuous movements. It does not matter how strong, flexible, or active you are as Tai Chi is designed for people at all levels of health. The class is free, but registration is required & space is limited.

Classes will be held at the Patterson Center:
4 NE Arlington Drive, Lawton, OK.
To register, call 405-271-2290 or email tarin-clark@ouhsc.edu

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NOTARY PUBLIC AVAILABLE

Call for details.

TEENS

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, October 3
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Wanted: dedicated teens with innovative ideas to give input on programs & events at the library. It's your library...make a difference!



TEEN ACTIVITY: HARRY POTTER TRIVIA

Tuesday, October 3
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Are you a true fan of all things Harry Potter? Put your wizarding knowledge to the test & join us for a night of friendly competition. You can play as an individual or with a group.



TEEN CRAFT: FALL LUMINARIES

Tuesday, October 31
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Brighten up the dark nights & decoupage a cute tealight holder with autumn colored tissue paper.



TEEN VOICES: QUESTION OF THE MONTH

All October

Teens can visit the Teen Area at the Main Library to participate in answering a thought-provoking question all month long.



October: What can you do today that you were not able to do a year ago?

SEED GIVEAWAY - PARSLEY

All October, while supplies last

Spruce up your homemade soups & salads with some garden fresh parsley. Seeds take about 14 - 28 days to germinate.



CLUBS & GROUPS

PAGE TURNERS FICTION BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, October 10
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *The Paris Apartment* by Lucy Foley. Next month's book is *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick. What happens when everyone, everywhere, receives a mysterious box containing the exact numbers of years they will live? Don't miss out on this original story! If you would like to reserve a copy of next month's book, call 580-581-3450 option 2.



COVER-TO-COVER BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, October 17
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell. Next month's book is *My Sister the Serial Killer* by T. J. Newman. The story revolves around the complex relationship between Korede, a nurse, & her younger sister, Ayoola, who is known for killing her lovers. If you would like to reserve a copy of next month's book, call 580-581-3450 option 2.



HOMEOWNER GRANTS: FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY QUARTERLY MEETING

Monday, October 23
12:00 noon – 1:00 pm

Gary Brooks, Administrator for the City of Lawton Housing & Community Development division, will talk about homeowner grants available to our community. Optional light lunch. \$2/person.


Friends of the Lawton Public Library

THIS
BANNED
BOOKS
WEEK...

READ A
BANNED
BOOK

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ONE-ON-ONE COMPUTER HELP

Need help to learn about computers or electronic devices? Don't worry. We can help. Call 580.581.3450 to schedule an individualized appointment.

ACTIVITIES

PICTURE BOOK CONTEST

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October 2 – 27

Ages 6 – 12

Write & illustrate a Fall themed picture book. Submit book & entry form by Friday, October 27.

Winners will be contacted by Monday, October 30.

Book Details:

- Must be on 17" L x 11" H paper (landscape)
- Paper can be picked up at library or use your own
- Must be 15 pages including the cover
- Only use one side of the paper
- Please number pages

One winner will be selected from each category:

Ages 6 - 11

Ages 12 - 18

Winners will receive a prize & their book will be displayed for one month in a StoryWalk®.

Library of Things.

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE LIBRARY OF THINGS?

We have more than books available to check out at the Main library. Browse our collection of items & try before you buy. Borrow a light therapy lamp, sporting equipment, household tools, & more!

For a full list of items to check out:

<https://www.lawtonok.gov/departments/library/about-us/library-things>



DATABASE OF THE MONTH: SMALL BUSINESS REFERNECE CENTER

Small Business Reference Center is a comprehensive source of information on starting & running a small business. Content comes from NOLO books & articles.

FRANKEN-TOYS: TAKE & MAKE

All October

Ages 13+

Create your own one-of-a-kind figure out of spare parts to make Dr. Frankenstein proud!

Stop by the Main library & pick up your 3D starter part. Take it home & combine it with other broken toys you have around. Post your creation on social media & tag the library. The winner will receive a large 3D print of their choice.



BLACKOUT POETRY

All October

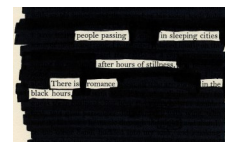
All Ages, Both Locations

Join in the NEA Big Read all month long at the library by participating in our interactive Blackout Poetry Station.

What is Blackout Poetry all about?

Blackout poetry is a mixture of poetry & art made by taking a page of printed text & blacking out the unwanted words to create a poem or statement. Keep it simple or add drawings & designs to fill the page.

We will provide book pages from discarded library books & an assortment of markers & pens for you to use. Take your completed poem home or add it to our display for others to admire.



SPOOKTOBER BINGO

All October

Ages 16+

Stop by the library & pick up a bingo card. Read some scary fun books during October & return it for a small prize. Players may only get one Bingo & one Blackout. Happy Reading!



LAWTON ADULT LITERACY CENTER

The Lawton Adult Literacy Center at the Main Library offers Monday evening Spanish to English classes, Saturday GED help, & more. Need help with ESL or adult literacy, or want to volunteer? Call 580-581-3450 or email lawtonliteracy@gmail.com for details.



OCTOBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 12:00 noon Medicare Class 4:00 pm TAB 5:00 pm Teen Activity	4 11:00 am SAIL* 3:00 pm Tai Chi* 4:00 pm Library Board	5 10:00 am Little Explorers	6 9:30 am Health Dept. 11:00 am SAIL*	7
8	9 11:00 am SAIL* 3:00 pm Tai Chi*	10 2:00 pm STEAM Camp 6:00 pm Page Turners	11 11:00 am SAIL* 3:00 pm Tai Chi* 2:00 pm STEAM Camp 6:00 pm Adultish Trivia	12 10:00 am Little Explorers 2:00 pm STEAM Camp	13 11:00 am SAIL* 2:00 pm STEAM Camp	14 9:00 am Solar Eclipse Party
15 12:00 noon Books & Brew**	16 9:00 am Chick-fil-A 11:00 am SAIL* 3:00 pm Tai Chi*	17 6:00 pm Cover-to-Cover	18 11:00 am SAIL* 3:00 pm Tai Chi* 6:00 pm NEA Big Read Book Discussion	19 10:00 am Little Explorers	20 11:00 am SAIL*	21 9:30 am Rain Garden
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