

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!



A library card is elemental.

Get yours today!

September is **LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH**

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SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!

Friday, September 8 - Friday, September 15
Library hours @ the Main Library

Come visit the Scholastic Book Fair @ the Library. Great deals on books for kids, early holiday gifts, & fun stocking stuffers. Come see what the fair has for you!



LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH

All September

We are tickled PINK to tell you that it is Library Card Sign-Up Month. Come in during the month of September to help us celebrate. Pose as your favorite Barbie, Ken, or Allan doll. Get a special prize for signing up for your first library card or get a fun, new card.



CHILDREN'S BOOK SWAP

Saturday, September 16
10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Ages 0-18

Come & refresh your child's personal library! Bring in **new** or **gently used** books & swap for an equal amount of new-to-you books. Books should be for ages 0-18.



HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The library will be closed Saturday, September 2 & Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day. The library catalog & databases are available 24/7 online at lawtonok.gov/departments/library

Library programs are generously sponsored by the 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, September 7, 14, 21, 28
10:00 am – 10:30 am
Ages 0 – 6 & Caregivers

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



KIDS TIME @ CHICK-FIL-A

Monday, September 18
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 September
All Ages

Dream, craft, build, & create! See what's going on in our Maker Station! Rotating activities available each month. September: Crayon Scavenger Hunt



KIDS WRITING STATION

All September
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 Curious George.



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, 2024.



SIT, STAY, READ: LITERACY DOGS!

Thursday, September 28 (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.



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, September 6 @ 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.



Fire up your imagination
with a library card.

Get yours today!

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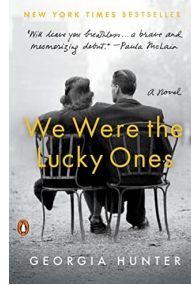


CLUBS & GROUPS

PAGE TURNERS FICTION BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, September 12
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *We Were the Lucky Ones* by Georgia Hunter. Next month's book is *The Paris Apartment* by Lucy Foley which follows a young woman who flees her life in England to stay with her brother in Paris who she discovers is missing. As she searches to find out what happened to her brother, she uncovers secrets of the apartment building & its residents. Extra copies of this month's book are available at the Customer Service Desk at the Main Library.



2023 BOOKS & BREW AUTHOR FEST APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE NOW!

Deadline for author application submissions is Friday, September 22. Applications are available at the library or can be downloaded from our website:
<https://www.lawtonok.gov/departments/library>

Or you can apply by scanning the QR code below:



SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (SWOGS)

Monday, September 18
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

The speaker is Margaret Williams on researching pioneer women. The next SWOGS meeting will be in March 2024.



COVER-TO-COVER BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, September 19
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. Extra copies of this month's book are available at the Customer Service Desk at the Main Library.



SEPTEMBER 19 IS NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY!

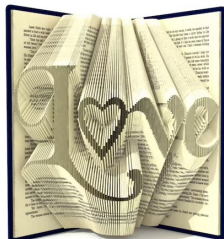
Register to vote or check your voter status at: <https://okvoterportal.okelections.us/>



BOOK-FOLDING TAKE HOME CRAFT

All September, while supplies last

Stop by the Main library during the month of September to pick up a Book-Folding Take Home Craft Kit. Each bag contains: instructions, six patterns, & four books. Please only take one or two bags.



NOTARY PUBLIC AVAILABLE

Call for details.

LAWTON PUBLIC LIBRARY IN THE COMMUNITY

Come see us at two great community events this month!

Saturday, September 9; 10:00 am – 2:00 pm:
Cops n' Kids Picnic @ Elmer Thomas Park

Friday, September 22 – Sunday, September 24:
International Festival @ Elmer Thomas Park



TEENS

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD



Tuesday, September 5
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Ages 12 – 18

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

TEEN ACTIVITY: SWEET POTATO FRIES WITH THE CHARLIE CART

Tuesday, September 5
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 12 – 18



Learn basic cooking skills while making a fun snack. We will be using our mobile Charlie Cart kitchen.

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TEEN CRAFT: 3D PAPER SPOOKY SCENE

Tuesday, September 26
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 12 – 18

Using paper, you can create a 3D scene to prepare for the spooky season.



TEEN AFTER-HOURS

Friday, September 29
7:00 pm – 11:45 pm
Ages 12 – 18
Snacks, games, movies & more. Doors are locked from 7:15 pm to 11:45 pm. Pickup by midnight.



TEEN VOICES: QUESTION OF THE MONTH

All September

Teens can visit the Teen Area at the Main Library to participate in answering a thought-provoking question all month long.
September: If I knew I couldn't fail, I would...



COMING SOON

Fall Break STEAM Camp: October 10 – 13
Solar Eclipse Viewing Party: Saturday, October 14
2023 Books & Brew Author Festival: Sunday, October 15
Boo-a-Palooza: Thursday, October 26
Booooo-k Walk: Monday, October 30



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INTERESTED IN ATTENDING OKLAHOMA TEEN BOOK CON?

The Oklahoma Teen Book Convention is dedicated to facilitating & celebrating the love of literature & lifelong learning by providing a multifaceted experience of diverse activities in an inclusive & accepting environment for Oklahoma youth ages 12 to 18. If your teen is interested in attending Oklahoma Teen Book Con in Tulsa on Saturday, October 28 with the Lawton Public Library, please voice your interest by calling 580-581-3450 option 4 or sending an email to libraryevents@lawtonok.gov



LEGAL AID: BEFORE DISASTER STRIKES

Monday, September 25
10:30 am – 11:30 am; 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
Ages 18+

Attorney Isaac Morris will be presenting information on Legal Tips To Help Your Disaster Recovery. Following this presentation, Morris will be presenting information on Understanding Landlord & Tenant Rights: Before & After Disaster. Presentations will be available to attend in-person or virtually. Email libraryevents@lawtonok.gov for the link to join online.



LEGAL AID: SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY BENEFITS

Thursday, September 14
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 18+

Attorney Tyler Johnson will speak about Social Security Disability Benefits: What You Need to Know. Attend in person or on Zoom. Email libraryevents@lawtonok.gov for the link to join online.

EVENTS & CLASSES

ADULTISH TRIVIA

Wednesday, September 13
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Ages 16+



General Trivia competition. You can come as a group or come alone.

ADULTISH CRAFTS: TWINE-WRAPPED VASES

Wednesday, September 27
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Ages 16+



Turn a plain mason jar or vase into something special using twine & ribbon.



@ PATTERSON CENTER

STAY ACTIVE & INDEPENDENT FOR LIFE (SAIL)

@ PATTERSON CENTER

Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays
September 11 – November 29
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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OTHER EVENTS

DATABASE OF THE MONTH: MEDLINEPLUS

MedlinePlus is an up-to-date source of reliable information on virtually any health topic written for the average person.



SEED GIVEAWAY – FRENCH HORTICULTURE GREEN BEANS

All September, while supplies last

Horticultural bean plants produce long, flat pods with large, plump seeds. They have a mild, nutty flavor & a beautiful color.



COMMUNITY HEALTH & RESOURCE INFORMATION

Friday, September 19
9:30 am – 1:30 pm



Comanche County
Health Department

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.

ADULT LITERACY & CITIZENSHIP HELP

The Adult Literacy Program provides adults (18+) with valuable instruction tailored to the individual to aid in the development of life, work, & literacy skills. Interested in volunteering? Contact us at (580) 581-3450

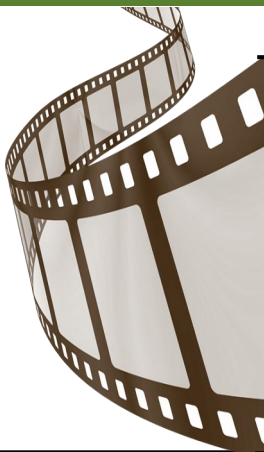


SEPTEMBER IS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

Resources are available at Helping Hands Table in the lobby. Effective July 2022, The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline can be reached by dialing 988.



DIGITAL MEMORY CENTER



Do you have precious treasures buried in boxes?
Are you worried about how to preserve family mementos?

Bring the Past into the Present

ITEMS THAT CAN BE DIGITIZED:

- Family Papers including records, awards, notes, handwritten recipes
- Family Albums
- Photographs up to 11 x 17
- VHS tapes including S-VHS & VHS-C
- Audio Cassettes
- LP Vinyl
- 35 mm films & slides
- 126 films & slides
- 110 films & slides
- Super 8 film movies & still frames 8mm film negatives & movies
- 3.5" Floppies

READ FOR A LIFETIME! LEVELS OF LITERACY AS YOU GROW

<https://lawtonok.beanstack.org>

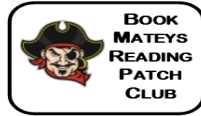
The goal is for you to read 1,000 BOOKS with your child from birth until kindergarten.



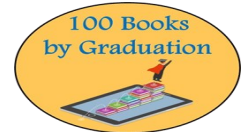
Self-paced reading program for kids each school year in grades 4-8. The goal is 100 books total.



Self-paced reading program for kids from ages 0-12 years. Earn patches for reading!



Self-paced reading program for kids each school year in grades 9-12. The goal is 100 books total.



The goal is for your child to read or be read to for 500 minutes a month each school year from K-3rd grade.



Adult Literacy Resources are available for readers over 18.



ADULT ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA PROGRAM

Looking to earn your high school diploma? The Lawton Public Library recently received a grant for placements into a program to help individuals achieve this goal.



This program is for people aged 24 & older who have completed the 10th Grade. The online course must be completed within 2 years of acceptance in the program.

Interested? Just create a login & answer some simple questions. Once that is completed, you will then need to pass a test & take part in an interview before being accepted in the program.

<https://www.lawtonok.gov/services/adult-online-high-school-diploma>

The Adult Online High School Grant program is administered by the Oklahoma Department of Libraries & is supported by their partner, the Oklahoma Office of Workforce Development through the U.S. Department of Labor under the Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act.

SPONSOR A TALKING POINT ALONG THE LAWTON, OK TALKING TRAIL

Become a Sponsor: Be recognized for your commitment to your community by sponsoring a Talking Point that shares the rich history, culture, & heritage of Lawton, OK.

Sponsoring a Talking Point costs \$750.00 & the sponsorships last the life of the sign (8-10 years). Contact the Library to be a sponsor today!

Check out some examples of other Talking Trails at www.talkingtrail.com/sample



MAIN LIBRARY IS NOW A MEDICAL EQUIPMENT DONATION SITE

Donate new or gently-used durable medical equipment (DME), & the Oklahoma ABLE Tech Device Reutilization Program staff will clean, refurbish (if necessary), & redistribute the DME to another Oklahoman in need.



Individuals can donate small items during library hours. Have a large items like hospital bed? Call 580-581-3450 or email libraryhelp@lawtonok.gov to make arrangements.

Needed items include: blood pressure monitors, shower chairs, four-wheeled walkers, bedside commodes, CPAPs, braces, nebulizers, pediatric devices. Have something else? Ask us if we'll take it!

SEPTEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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17	18 9:00 am Kid Time @ Chick-Fil-A 11:00 am SAIL* 3:00 pm Tai Chi*	19 9:30 am Health Dept 6:00 pm Cover-to-Cover	20 11:00 am SAIL* 3:00 pm Tai Chi*	21 10:00 am Little Explorers	22 11:00 am SAIL*	23 <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Visit the library booth at International Festival</div>
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