

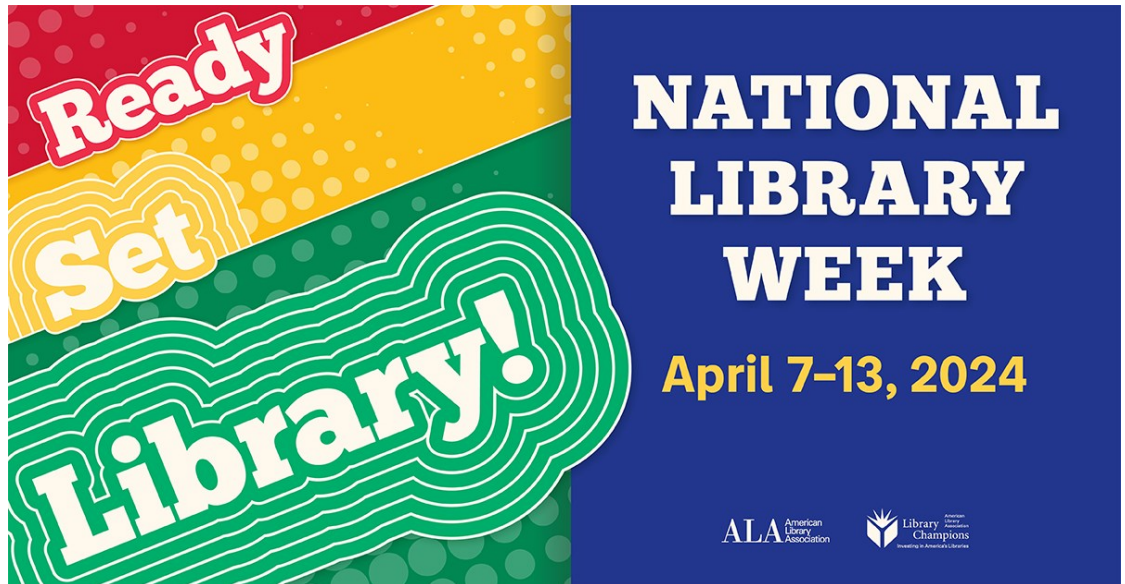
## Library MUSINGS

**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!



**Ready Set Library!**

**NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**

**April 7-13, 2024**

ALA American Library Association | Library Champions

**TEEN VOLUNTEER APPLICATIONS**  
2024 Teen Summer Volunteer Applications will be available online & at the library on April 15 & are due by May 10. Teens ages 14 -18 & still in high school can apply. Space is limited.

**ADVENTURE BEGINS AT YOUR LIBRARY™**

**TINY ART SHOW EXHIBIT**  
April 7 – April 13  
Stop by the main library to view this year’s entries in our Tiny Art Show.




*Friends of the Lawton Public Library*

**FRIENDS OF THE LAWTON PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL BOOK SALE**

Thursday, April 11	4:00 pm	– 7:00 pm
Friday, April 12	8:00 am	– 6:00 pm
Saturday, April 13	8:00 am	– 6:00 pm
Sunday, April 14	12:00 noon	– 4:00 pm

East side of Lawton Central Plaza.  
200 SW C Ave. Call 580-581-3450 for more details.



 **BOOK BUCKS FOR DIAPERS**  
April 1 – April 13  
Need some extra spending power at the Book Sale? Donate new diapers of any size or unopened baby wipes at the main library and receive some Book Bucks in exchange. Use the Book Bucks to purchase books at the Annual Book Sale.



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



# FINANCIAL LITERACY CLASSES

## LUNCH & LEARN:

### KEEPING YOUR INFORMATION SAFE IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Wednesday, April 17  
12:00 noon – 1:00 pm  
Ages 16+



Learn how to keep your digital information safe in today's world. Discover strategies to create secure passwords, avoid clickbait, recognize scams, & protect against malware. Safeguard your online presence with essential tips and techniques. Presented by Fort Sill Credit Union. Lunch will be provided. Register by April 12 to attend; email [libraryevents@lawtonok.gov](mailto:libraryevents@lawtonok.gov) or call 580-581-3450 ext. 4.

## DON'T DELAY, INVEST TODAY

Thursday, April 25  
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
Ages 16+



Are you making money or are you just sitting on your money? This seminar will cover the importance of putting your money to work in today's stock market.

Presented by the Million Dollar Dames, an Oklahoma Chapter of Better Investing.



## LUNCH & LEARN: BUDGETING

Friday, April 26  
12:00 noon – 1:00 pm  
Ages 16+



Discover budgeting essentials for financial success! Get practical tips on budget creation & money management to take control of your finances and future. Presented by Fort Sill Credit Union. Lunch will be provided. Register by April 22 to attend; email [libraryevents@lawtonok.gov](mailto:libraryevents@lawtonok.gov) or call 580-581-3450 ext. 4.

## SOLAR ECLIPSE GLASSES

A limited supply of solar eclipse glasses will be available at the Library beginning Monday, April 1. Due to limited quantities, glasses will be distributed one pair per family.



## FREE TAX FILING SPONSORED BY AARP TAX-AIDE

Tax-Aide volunteers will be providing free tax preparation & e-filing of tax returns again this year.

Service is by appointment ONLY. To schedule, call 580-581-3450. The last day for appointments will be Monday, April 15.

## LOCATIONS & HOURS

[lawtonok.gov/departments/library](http://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, April 3 @ 4:00 pm. The public is invited to all meetings.

Chair	Patty Neuwirth
Vice Chair	Susan Kremmer
Member	Frantzie Couch
Member	Fermin Viruet
Member	Michael Wilson

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library meet quarterly. The next meeting is Monday, April 22 @ 12:00 noon.

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

## GET THE NEWSLETTER ONLINE

To receive the library's monthly newsletter in your email, visit our Facebook page @lawtonpublib & click "sign up", or scan the QR code:



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## CHILDREN

### LITTLE EXPLORERS

Thursdays, April 4, 11, 18, 25  
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. This month's theme is all about bunnies!

### KIDS TIME @ CHICK-FIL-A

Monday, April 15  
9:00 am – 10:00 am



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

### SIT, STAY, READ: LITERACY DOGS!

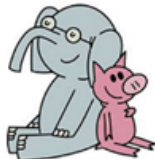
Thursday, April 25  
5:00 pm – 5:45 pm  
Ages 5+



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.

### KIDS WRITING STATION

All April  
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.  
April: Elephant & Piggie.

### MAKER STATION

All April  
All Ages



Dream, craft, build, & create! See what's going on in our Maker Station! Rotating activities available each month.  
April: Seed packets

## ACTIVITIES

### POEM IN YOUR POCKET DAY

April 18  
All Ages




Celebrate National Poetry Month: Take a poem for yourself or leave a poem for someone else. Poems should be family friendly.

### WORLD BOOK DAY

April 23  
Family Friendly



Visit the Main Library, H.C. King Center, Patterson Center, or Owens Center during open hours to receive a free children's book. Available to the first 50 families with children at each location, while supplies last.

 Reading books is crucial for children's development. It is also a habit that can have a huge impact on anyone, regardless of their age. Reading regularly for pleasure has many benefits:

- it stimulates our minds and increases our vocabulary
- it teaches us new things and improves our focus
- it can help us relax and reduce stress
- it also develops our thinking skills and opens up our eyes to different perspectives.

For children, it stimulates their imagination, teaches them empathy, and encourages them to interact with and discover the outside world. According to the World Book Day website, reading for pleasure has a bigger positive impact on a child's future than any other factors of their upbringing, such as income or parents' educational background.

### SEED GIVEAWAY - SUNFLOWERS

All April, while supplies last



Sunflowers are low-maintenance and drought-tolerant flowers that grow in most soil conditions. They require 6 to 8 hours of sunlight each day. Plant after the last frost.

**READ FOR A LIFETIME! LEVELS OF LITERACY AS YOU GROW**

<https://lawtonok.beanstack.org>

## TEENS



### TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

No TAB in April.

### TEEN MOVIE NIGHT: TEENAGE KRAKEN

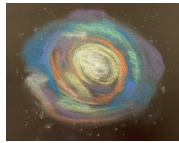
Tuesday, April 2  
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
Ages 12 –18



Join us for a showing of Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken. Rated PG; 91 min.

### TEEN CRAFT: PASTEL GALAXIES

Tuesday, April 30  
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
Ages 12 –18



An out of this world art project!  
Create your very own galaxy using black paper and chalk pastels. While supplies last.

### TEEN VOICES: QUESTION OF THE MONTH

All March

Teens can visit the Teen Area at the Main Library to participate in answering a thought-provoking question all month long.  
April: What is a life lesson that you have learned the hard way?



### MENSTRUATION UNRAVELED: PERIOD HEALTH EDUCATION

Monday, April 29  
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
Ages 12 –18



Comanche County  
Health Department

Need to have the female body talk, but don't know where to start? Let us help unravel one of puberty's most notable milestones. Included will be a discussion of the female anatomical body parts involved in menstruation, the stages of the menstruation cycle & what it is as well as the symptoms that are associated with the cycle. Construction of a Period Supply Kit included.

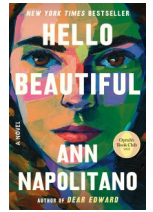


Registration required. Please call Samantha Phillips at 580-585-6719 to register or scan the QR code.

## CLUBS & GROUPS

### PAGE TURNERS FICTION BOOK CLUB

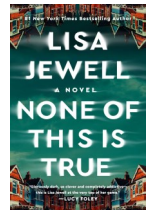
Tuesday, April 9  
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm



This month's book is *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano. Next month's book is *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett which explores themes of youthful love, married love, and the lives parents lead before their children are born. It also explores what it means to be happy when the world is falling apart. Extra copies of this month's book are available at the Customer Service Desk at the Main Library. If you would like to reserve a copy of next month's book, call 580-581-3450 option 2, or email [libraryhelp@lawtonok.gov](mailto:libraryhelp@lawtonok.gov)

### COVER-TO-COVER BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, April 16  
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm



This month's book is *None of This is True* by Lisa Jewell. Next month's book is *I'm Glad My Mom Died* by Jennette McCurdy, a heartbreaking and hilarious memoir by the iCarly and Sam & Cat star. Extra copies of this month's book are available at the Customer Service Desk at the Main Library. If you would like to reserve a copy of next month's book, call 580-581-3450 option 2, or email [libraryhelp@lawtonok.gov](mailto:libraryhelp@lawtonok.gov)

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY QUARTERLY MEETING

Monday, April 22  
12:00 noon – 1:00 pm

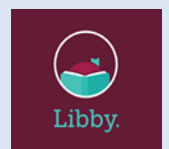
Onreka Johnson, Executive Director of Next Step TLP, Inc., will talk about Next Step's transitional living program designed to meet the needs of homeless youth ages 18 to 21. A light lunch is \$2/person. All are welcome to attend.



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### DATABASE OF THE MONTH: LIBBY

Access the library's digital collection of eBooks, downloadable audiobooks, & magazines through Libby.



# APRIL 2024

Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>7 WRITING</b> Create a piece of art. Look at the sky and draw the clouds. Be sure to sign your name! 	<b>1 WRITING</b> Talk a walk outside together. When you return home, work together to draw the story of your walk. What did you see?	<b>2 PLAYING</b> Take turns pretending to be a variety of animals. Bark and wag your tail like a dog. Wriggle like a snake. Be a bird flapping its wings.	<b>3 TALKING</b> Say a favorite nursery rhyme, but change an important word to something silly. <i>Hickory Dickory Dock, the mouse ran up the tree...</i>	<b>4 SINGING</b> Has it been raining a lot? Sing "Rain, Rain, Go Away." <i>(Words are on the back. 🐸)</i>	<b>5 COUNTING</b> Talk about big and little today. Find and talk about items that are different sizes throughout the day.	<b>6 READING</b> Visit the library (in person or online) and check out books about spring. 
<b>14 PLAYING</b> Cut out large shapes—a square, a triangle, a circle—and place them on the floor. Take turns telling which shapes to step on.	<b>8 PLAYING</b> Play follow the leader. One person (the leader) performs actions the others must follow. Take turns being the leader.	<b>9 TALKING</b> Use new describing words today. For example, say "enormous" instead of "big" and "wonderful" instead of "great."	<b>10 SINGING</b> Sing "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" during bath time. <i>(Words are on the back. 🐸)</i>	<b>11 COUNTING</b> Cut a piece of toast in half. Say "Now we have two pieces the same size." 	<b>12 READING</b> Help your child stack blocks as high as you can. Count each block as you add it. How many can you stack before it tumbles over?	<b>13 WRITING</b> Make a dot painting with cotton swabs and paint to help develop fine motor skills.
<b>21 TALKING</b> Choose a word of the day. Write the word down together. Use the word several times during the course of the day.	<b>15 TALKING</b> Talk about your day and their day. <i>I'm making breakfast. You're playing with blocks. We're getting ready to go out.</i>	<b>16 SINGING</b> Sing "I Hear Thunder." <i>(Words are on the back. 🐸)</i>	<b>17 COUNTING</b> Draw a chalk grid with numbers and have the child jump to the numbers you call out.	<b>18 READING</b> Teach letter sounds by playing "I Spy." <i>I spy with my little eye something that begins with S.            Yes! A spoon!</i>	<b>19 WRITING</b> Help your child experiment with a variety of writing tools. Use pencils, crayons, markers, and chalk on different types of paper.	<b>20 PLAYING</b> Go on a circle hunt! Make a list of all the circle-shaped items you find today. 
<b>28 SINGING</b> Take turns singing bits of favorite songs to each other. 	<b>22 SINGING</b> Make up a song about something that is familiar or interesting to your child.	<b>23 COUNTING</b> Count in nature. How many birds, rocks, flowers, trees do you see?	<b>24 READING</b> Place pieces of paper with big letters written on them around the room. Help your child find them. <i>Where's the letter A? On the chair!</i>	<b>25 WRITING</b> Write your child's first name in big block letters. Color and decorate it together. Talk about each letter.	<b>26 PLAYING</b> Make paper bag puppets and play with them. Introduce them to each other. <i>(Instructions are on the back. 🐸)</i>	<b>27 TALKING</b> Go on a listening walk. Listen for birds, the wind, traffic, and point them out. At the end of your walk talk about what you heard.
<b>29 COUNTING</b> Line up the family from shortest to tallest. From tallest to shortest. From oldest to youngest. From youngest to oldest.	<b>30 READING</b> Help your child notice words throughout the day. Point out street signs, words on food cartons, billboards, and more.	<b>29 COUNTING</b> Line up the family from shortest to tallest. From tallest to shortest. From oldest to youngest. From youngest to oldest.	<b>29 COUNTING</b> Line up the family from shortest to tallest. From tallest to shortest. From oldest to youngest. From youngest to oldest.	<b>29 COUNTING</b> Line up the family from shortest to tallest. From tallest to shortest. From oldest to youngest. From youngest to oldest.	<b>29 COUNTING</b> Line up the family from shortest to tallest. From tallest to shortest. From oldest to youngest. From youngest to oldest.	<b>29 COUNTING</b> Line up the family from shortest to tallest. From tallest to shortest. From oldest to youngest. From youngest to oldest.



## Talking is one of the best ways for children to learn new words.

Speak to your child often during the day and try to use many different words to express your ideas. Children love to imitate, and they will try to imitate your speech. Chances to chat include while you are getting dressed in the morning, eating breakfast, riding in the car, walking from the car to a store, playing together, doing chores, taking a bath, going to bed, and while saying goodnight. Ask lots of open-ended questions, those that require more than a yes or no answer.

### PAPER BAG PUPPETS

You will need:

- Crayons or Markers
- Small paper bags, like lunch bags
- Yarn or ribbon
- Glue stick

Directions:

1. Use your crayons and markers to create a face on the bottom of your paper bag.
2. Use glue and yarn or ribbon to make hair. You can also draw your puppet's hair.
3. Color in the bottom part of your puppet to make clothes.
4. Put your hand inside the bag and put on a puppet show.

### ROW ROW YOUR BOAT

Row, row, row your boat  
Gently down the stream  
Merrily merrily, merrily, merrily  
Life is but a dream

# Books to Read this Month

Check out these books at the library. If they are not available, ask the librarian for a recommendation.

## FOR READERS AGES 0-3

### Bedtime for Bo

by *Kjersti Annesdatter Skomsvold*

### Shhh! We Have a Plan

by *Chris Haughton*

## FOR READERS AGES 3+

### Telling Stories Wrong

by *Gianni Rodari*

### The Book of Mistakes

by *Corinna Luyken*



### RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY

Rain, Rain,

Go away;

Come again,

Another day;

Little [child's name]  
wants to play



## EVENTS & CLASSES

### SOLAR ECLIPSE PARTY

Monday, April 8  
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm  
All Ages



Come party with the library as we get together to celebrate the most epic event of the year!

### COMMUNITY HEALTH & RESOURCE INFORMATION

Wednesday, April 3  
1:00 pm – 4:00 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 to several community resources.



Comanche County Health Department

### MOBILE WELLNESS UNIT

Wednesday, April 3  
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

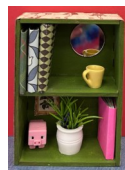
The Oklahoma State Department of Health will park their mobile wellness unit at the Main library. Visit for a same-day health checkup visit with no out-of-pocket cost. Walk-ins are welcome & appointments can be scheduled by calling 580-704-9372.



OKLAHOMA State Department of Health

### ADULTISH CRAFTS: MINI BOOKCASE

Wednesday, April 17  
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm  
Ages 16+



Create your dream bookshelf in miniature along with some mini books. Glowforge shelves, paint and fancy paper will bring your creation to life. Space is limited to 25 participants.

### CRICUT BASICS

Saturday, April 27  
10:00 am – 12:00 noon  
Ages 16+



Learn some basic designs & machine use. You may bring your own Cricut to use. Space is limited. To register, email [libraryevents@lawtonok.gov](mailto:libraryevents@lawtonok.gov) or call 580-581-3450 ext. 4

### LAWTON PUBLIC LIBRARY IN THE COMMUNITY

Come see us at two great community events this month!



Saturday, April 13; 10:00 am – 2:00 pm:  
Community Baby Shower @ Central Plaza



Saturday, April 20; 9:00 am – 2:00 pm:  
Open Streets @ C Avenue

### COMMUNITY HYGIENE DRIVE

All April, both library locations

Help our community by donating simple hygiene items to share with families, children & individuals in need.



Travel and full size items accepted.

#### Items needed:

Toothpaste & Toothbrushes (adult & child), Deodorant, Shampoo & Conditioner, Lotion, Menstrual Products, Hand Sanitizer, Body Wash, Wipes, Toilet Paper

### SAVE THE DATE: 2024 LAWTON CHAUTAUQUA LIFT EVERY VOICE: 60 YEARS SINCE THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT

- Tuesday, June 18: Earl Warren, by Doug Mishler
- Wednesday, June 19: Rosa Parks, by Vanessa Adams-Harris
- Thursday, June 20: Lady Bird Johnson, by Leslie Goddard
- Friday, June 21: Thurgood Marshall, by Jm Armstead
- Saturday, June 22: Coretta Scott King, by Rebecca Jimerson



@ OWENS CENTER



### BICYCLE REPAIR CLASS

Tuesday, April 23, 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm; All Ages

Learn basic skills for bicycle repair & maintenance. Bring your bike or just observe & ask questions. Enter to win an adult or a kid's bike. Presented by Dan Kite, Certified Mechanic.

Health literacy projects are supported by the Oklahoma Dept of Libraries with federal funds under the Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) & the Institute of Museum & Library Services.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
* Community events. Read description for location.	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 4:00 pm Teen Movie	<b>3</b> 1:00 pm Mobile Wellness  1:00 pm Health Dept  4:00 pm Library Board	<b>4</b> 10:00 am Little Explorers	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 1:00 pm Solar Eclipse	<b>9</b> 6:00 pm Page Turners	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10:00 am Little Explorers	<b>12</b>
National Library Week/Tiny Art Show						
				Book Sale		
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9:00 am Chick-fil-A*  Teen Volunteer Apps	<b>16</b> 6:00 pm Cover-to-Cover	<b>17</b> 12:00 noon Lunch & Learn  6:00 pm Adultish Crafts	<b>18</b> 10:00 am Little Explorers  All Day Pocket Poems	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9:00 am Open Streets*
Book Sale						
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 12:00 noon Friends Mtg	<b>23</b> All Day World Book Day*  5:00 pm Bike Repair*	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10:00 am Little Explorers  5:00 pm Sit Stay Read  6:00 pm Million \$ Dames	<b>26</b> 12:00 noon Lunch & Learn	<b>27</b> 10:00 am Cricut Class
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 5:00 pm Period Class	<b>30</b> 5:00 pm Teen Craft	<b>Dress up and show your library spirit:</b> April 8 - Neon Day April 9 - Outer Space Day April 10 - Hawaiian Shirt Day April 11 - Solid Color Day April 12 - Pajama Day			