

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!

OKLAHOMA LITERACY COALITION: CHARTING NEW TERRITORIES

Friday, May 3
10:00 am – 2:00 pm; Adults



OKLAHOMA
Literacy Coalition

Explore how new science & technology can support adult literacy. Registration required.
Go to: <https://okliteracy.org/2024-symposium/>

UNDERSTANDING ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA

Friday, May 17
11:00 am – 12:00 noon



Alzheimer's is not normal aging. It is a disease of the brain that causes problems with memory, thinking, & behavior. Learn about the impact of Alzheimer's; the difference between Alzheimer's & dementia; Alzheimer's stages & risk factors; current research & treatment options; & Alzheimer's Association resources.

HONEYBEES @ THE LIBRARY

Wednesday, May 22
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Family Friendly



Visit the Library for an introduction on all things bee! Blair Ramon from Gilbert Creek Gardens will speak about honeybees, native bees, & pollination. Join us for this free educational experience & make a bee craft!

Gilbert Creek
GARDENS

BICYCLE REPAIR CLASS @ H.C. KING

Friday, May 24
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.

STUFFED TOY SLEEPOVER

Friday, May 31
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm
Ages 3–10 & Caregivers



Make a craft & hear a bedtime story with your stuffed friend before tucking them in for the night. Receive photos of all the sleepover fun at pick up!

Pickup will be Saturday, June 1 from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon.

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



Friends of the Lawton Public Library

CHILDREN

LITTLE EXPLORERS

Thursdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
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

Cancelled for May. We'll see you again at Chick-fil-A in June!



SIT, STAY, READ: LITERACY DOGS!

Thursday, May 23
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 May
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 Pig the Pug.

MAKER STATION

All May
All Ages

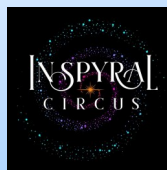


Dream, craft, build, & create! See what’s going on in our Maker Station! Rotating activities available each month. May: “Meet me” activity

INSPYRAL CIRCUS @ ARTS FOR ALL

Saturday, May 11
12:00 noon – 6:00 pm

Visit Arts For All to see a stilt walker & roaming performer from Inspyral Circus provided by the Lawton Public Library. There will be hula hoops, bubbles, & more!



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, May 1 @ 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, July 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:

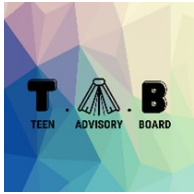


SCAN HERE

TEENS

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, May 7
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 GAME NIGHT: JEOPARDY

Tuesday, May 7
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 12 –18

Join us for an evening of friendly competition playing Jeopardy! Prizes await our winners.



TEEN CRAFT: PERSONALIZED KEYCHAINS

Tuesday, May 28
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 12 –18

Use a variety of beads to create your very own personalized keychain!



TEEN AFTER HOURS

Friday, May 31
7:00 pm – 11:45 pm
Ages 12 –18

Space is limited & registration is required. The Library is closed! Join us for snacks, games, movies, & more! Pickup by midnight. To register, email libraryevents@lawtonok.gov or call 580-581-3450 option 4.



TEEN VOICES: QUESTION OF THE MONTH

All May

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

May: What activity makes you lose track of time?

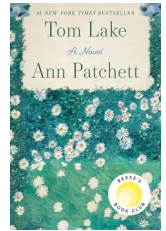


CLUBS & GROUPS

PAGE TURNERS FICTION BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, May 14
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

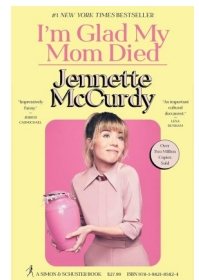
This month's book is *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett. Next month's book is *The Housemaid* by Freida McFadden, a twisted thriller which will have you hooked from the start. Extra copies are available at the Customer Service Desk at the Main library.



COVER-TO-COVER BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, May 21
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *I'm Glad My Mom Died* by Jennette McCurdy. Next month's book will be *All the Sinners Bleed* by SA Cosby, a gritty mystery novel centralizing around an active shooter incident in a small town, dredging up its murky past. Extra copies are available at the Customer Service Desk at the Main library.

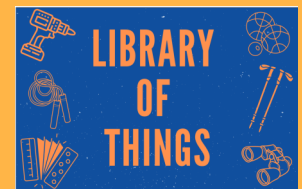


HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE LIBRARY OF THINGS?

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>



ADVENTURE
— BEGINS AT —
YOUR LIBRARY.

TEEN VOLUNTEER APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE!

2024 Teen Summer Volunteer Applications are due by May 10. Teens ages 14 -18 & still in high school can apply.

EVENTS & CLASSES

COMMUNITY HEALTH & RESOURCE INFORMATION

Wednesday, May 1
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.



ADULTISH GAME NIGHT: CARD GAMES

Wednesday, May 15
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Ages 16+



Join us for an evening of old-fashioned fun. Bring your knowledge of cards or your own games to play. Regular card decks & a variety of card games will be available.

FINDING THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE: BEGINNING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

Saturday, May 18
9:30 am – 12:00 noon

Learn the basics of how to find your ancestors & discover what is available in the Family & Local History Room.

**Please be advised that some roads near the Library may be closed due to the Armed Forces Day Parade.*



HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Both Library locations will be closed Saturday, May 25 & Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day. The Library catalog & databases are available 24/7 online at lawtonok.gov/departments/library

DATABASE OF THE MONTH: BRAINFUSE JOBNOW

JobNow provides live interactive online help combined with online resources to guide you through the necessary tasks to get a job.

JobNow offers a variety of resources for building a resume, interview skills, job searching, & more!



2024 Lawton Chautauqua

Lift Every Voice: 60 Years Since the Civil Rights Act

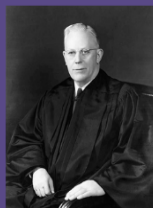
Workshops

Tuesday, June 18 - Saturday, June 22
10:00 am – 11:00 am
& 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Evening Performances

Tuesday, June 18 - Saturday, June 22
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

ALL Workshops & Evening Performances at:
Albert Johnson, Sr. Conference Center,
91 NE Maine Street
Lawton, OK 73507



Tuesday, June 18
CHIEF JUSTICE
EARL WARREN
by Doug Mishler



Wednesday, June 19
ROSA PARKS
by Vanessa Adams



Thursday, June 20
LADY BIRD
JOHNSON
by Leslie Goddard



Friday, June 21
JUSTICE THURGOOD MARSHALL
by Jim Armstead



Saturday, June 22
CORETTA SCOTT KING
by Rebecca Jimerson

For detailed workshop schedule, see Library website:
lawtonok.gov/departments/library/events-classes/chautauqua



CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

May 6-12, 2024
everychildareader.net



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ACTIVITIES

SEED GIVEAWAY - NASTURIUMS

All May, while supplies last

Nasturiums are easy to grow from seed & can bloom abundantly. They will flower from summer through autumn & will attract a variety of pollinators to your garden.



ROUTE 66 OKLAHOMA ODDITIES MATCHUP

All May

Match the oddity to the location & plan your next adventure down the Mother Road!



MOBILE WELLNESS UNIT

Wednesday, May 1
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.



COMING SOON

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READ FOR A LIFETIME! LEVELS OF LITERACY AS YOU GROW

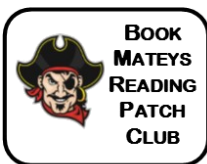
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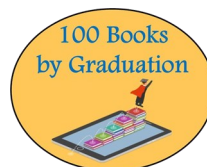
The goal is for you to read 1,000 BOOKS with your child from birth until kindergarten.



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.

MAY 2024

Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

5 COUNTING

Go for a walk and find three different-sized twigs. Talk about shorter and longer. Ask your child to hand you the longest, the shortest, etc.

12 READING

Draw the pictures to a story on 4-5 small pieces of paper. Help your child put the papers in proper sequence to tell the story.

19 WRITING

Draw pictures together. Label the things you draw.



26 PLAYING

Set up an obstacle course and give your child directions. Run to the paint bench. Jump over the stick. Touch the ground. Come back to me.

6 READING

Ask your child to "read" to you by telling you their own story based on pictures in a book.

13 WRITING

Draw a large alphabet. Have your child practice finger tracing while you say the letters out loud.

20 PLAYING

Go for a walk after dark. Pretend you are an explorer. Talk about what you see.



27 TALKING

When reading a book today stop before you get to the end and ask your child what they think will happen next.

7 WRITING

Make a Mother's Day card and have your child "sign" their name. Scribbles are ok!

14 PLAYING

Play a rhyming game. Choose a word and then come up with as many rhyming words as you can. Dog, frog, hog, leg, Tree, see, me, knee.

21 TALKING

Enunciate words today. Would you like a ba-ba-ba-nana? Banana begins with B! Can you close the da-d-d-door? Door begins with D!



8 PLAYING

Play a stacking game. Use blocks, rocks, boxes, anything you have. Talk about what might make your stack tumble.

15 TALKING

Look for signs of spring. Go for a walk and talk about what you see. Point out new grass, birds, first flowers, leaf buds.

22 SINGING

Involve your child in creating their own songs about their interests, favorite stories, or experiences.

29 COUNTING

Count the number of eggs in a carton. Explain that 12 items together is also called a dozen.

1 WRITING

Play with play dough—it strengthens muscles needed for writing.

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2 PLAYING

Go on an outside scavenger hunt. Make a list (tree, car, flower, bird, bus, etc.) and check off the items as you see them.

9 TALKING

Talk about feelings you felt today. What made you laugh?

16 SINGING

Sing a favorite song. Sing it fast. Sing it slow. Whisper it.

23 COUNTING

Draw numbers on the sidewalk with chalk. Say them as you step on them.

30 READING

Act something out from the story you are reading.

3 TALKING

Take turns saying as many words as you can that rhyme with May.



10 SINGING

Sing "The Farmer Plants the Seeds." (Words are on the back.)

17 COUNTING

Ask questions about what is heavier. Does an orange or a grape weigh more? Is Mom's shoe or your shoe heavier?

24 READING

Encourage your child to take the lead with reading. They can select the books and show you where to start.

31 WRITING

Make a list of things you liked best about this month.

4 SINGING

Play talent show. Take turns singing and/or dancing.

11 COUNTING

Sing "The Ants Go Marching." (Words are on the back.)



18 READING

Find out the details of your library's summer reading program.



25 WRITING

Help your child begin to recognize words for a few common objects by labeling them. Shoe, Table, Door, Floor.

31 WRITING

Make a list of things you liked best about this month.



Good readers have a large vocabulary.

Knowing lots of words helps children better understand what they read. You can help your children learn lots of words by:

- Having plenty of conversations. Take turns talking. It is important for you to ask questions and listen to what your children say in response.
- Read together! A lot!
- Make connections. Connect what you are reading in books to their lives. "Yes, Grandma has a black cat, too."
- Repetition. Children often love to read the same book over and over. This is a good thing as repeated readings help build vocabulary.



ANTS GO MARCHING

The ants go marching one by one, hurrah, hurrah.
The ants go marching one by one, hurrah, hurrah.
The ants go marching one by one,
The little one stops to eat a plum.
And they all go marching down,
To the ground, to get out of the rain.
BOOM BOOM BOOM

Two by two. Tie its shoe.
Three by three. Climb a tree.
Four by four. Shut the door.
Five by five. Take a dive.
Six by six. Pick up sticks.
Seven by seven. Tie a ribbon.
Eight by Eight. Close the gate.
Nine by Nine. Check the time.
Ten by Ten. Say THE END.



THE FARMER PLANTS THE SEEDS

Sing to the tune "The Farmer in the Dell"

The Farmer plants the seeds,

The Farmer plants the seeds, *(Pretend to plant seeds)*

Hi, ho, the dairy-o,

The farmer plants the seeds.

The sun comes out to shine... *(Make large circle with arms)*

The rain begins to fall...
(Hands flutter up and down)

The seeds begin to grow... *(Stand up tall)*

The farmer picks the crops... *(Pretend to pick crops)*

We all sit down to eat...
(Pretend to eat)

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

The Bunnies are Not in Their Beds
by *Marisabina Russo*

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus
by *Mo Willems*



FOR READERS AGES 3+

Night Lunch
by *Eric Fan*

The New Rooster
by *Rilla Alexander*

MAY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*at Arts For All in Shepler Park: 406 W Gore Blvd ** at H.C. King Center: 1705 NW 20th St			1 1:00 pm Mobile Health 1:00 pm Health Dept 4:00 pm Library Board	2 10:00 am Little Explorers	3 10:00 am Literary Symposium	4
5	6	7 4:00 pm TAB 5:00 pm Teen Games	8	9 10:00 am Little Explorers	10 Teen Volunteer Applications Due	11 12:00 noon Inspyral Circus @ Arts For All*
12	13	14 6:00 pm Page Turners	15 6:00 pm Adultish Games	16 10:00 am Little Explorers	17 11:00 am Alzheimer	18 9:30 am Family History
19	20	21 6:00 pm Cover-to-Cover	22 2:00 pm Honeybees	23 10:00 am Little Explorers 5:00 pm Sit Stay Read	24 5:00 pm Bike Repair**	25 CLOSED
26	27 CLOSED	28 5:00 pm Teen Craft	29	30 10:00 am Little Explorers	31 4:30 pm Sleepover 7:00 pm After Hours	OPEN STREETS RESCHEDULED FOR JUNE 8