

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.

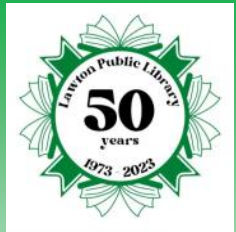


- E-Books
- E-Magazines
- E-Audio
- E-Videos
- Learn a Foreign Language
- Study for a career test
- Find research articles
- & SO MUCH MORE!

HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY TO THE LAWTON PUBLIC LIBRARY!

All November

Lawton Public Library opened its doors to the public 50 years ago! To celebrate this occasion, visit the StoryWalk® on the north side of Elmer Thomas Park (by Lake Helen) to read all about the history of the Library!



FAMILY PHOTO DAY

Saturday, November 4
10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Family Friendly



Say cheese! Stop by the Main library for a fall or holiday themed family photo courtesy of Through Movement Photography. 10-minute sessions will be available to those who register.

Scan the QR code or call 580-581-3450 option 4 to register or join the waitlist.



HUNGRY HEARTS FOOD & SUPPLIES DRIVE

All November

Donations for Hungry Hearts Feeding Ministry will be accepted at both library locations. Items needed include non-perishable food, compartment trays, plastic/paper products, aluminum pans/foil, cleaning products, coffee, sugar, & creamer.



HOMEMADE BUTTER @ LAWTON FARMER'S MARKET

Saturday, November 18
10:00 am – 11:00 am
All Ages
While supplies last

Visit us at the Lawton Farmer's Market during Young Entrepreneur Day to learn how to make homemade butter! We will use our mobile Charlie Cart Kitchen to demonstrate how to make butter using few ingredients.



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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, November 2, 9, 16, 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

Monday, November 20
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 November
All Ages



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

FALL BEAN ART ACTIVITY

Tuesday, November 21
10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Family Friendly
While supplies last



School is out! Join us for some fall drop-in crafting. Make fall-themed bean art with beans, cardboard, & glue.

SIT, STAY, READ: LITERACY DOGS!

Thursday, November 30
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 November
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 Very Hungry Caterpillar.



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, November 1 @ 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, January 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.

NOTARY PUBLIC AVAILABLE

Call for details.

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.



EVENTS & CLASSES

MEDICARE CLASS

Friday, November 3
10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Ages 18+



Visit the Main library to learn about the 2024 Medicare updates. Presented by Ray Walker, Director, Medicare Assistance Program. Email libraryevents@lawtonok.gov to join on Zoom.

COMMUNITY HEALTH & RESOURCE INFORMATION

Monday, November 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, November 8
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Ages 16+



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

LEGAL AID: LANDLORD & TENANT LAW

Thursday, November 9
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 18+



Attorney Michael Wilson with Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma will present information on Protecting Yourself From False Claims for Damages, Moving In & Out: What You Should Know, & Documenting Rental Payments. Email libraryevents@lawtonok.gov to join on Zoom.

RESUME & JOB SEARCHING CLASS

Monday, November 13
10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Ages 18+



Monica Butler, Program Manager with the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, will present information on creating a resume & job searching. Email libraryevents@lawtonok.gov to join on Zoom.

ADULTISH CRAFTS: PAPER STAR ORNAMENTS

Wednesday, November 29
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Ages 16+



Create a beautiful star ornament for the holidays using old book pages & paper folding techniques.

@ 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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TEENS

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, November 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: APPLES TO APPLES

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

Join us for a night of friendly competition playing Apples to Apples. Variety of board games available.



TEEN CRAFT: SCRABBLE ORNAMENTS

Tuesday, November 28
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 12-18
While supplies last

Create a keychain or Christmas ornament using Scrabble tiles & ribbon.



TEEN VOICES: QUESTION OF THE MONTH

All November

Teens can visit the Teen Area at the Main Library to participate in answering a thought-provoking question all month long. November: What is the wisest advice you've ever been given?



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that within the first three months of Lawton Public Library's opening in 1973, the Library had 34,192 visitors? This was nearly equal to half of Lawton's population at that time.



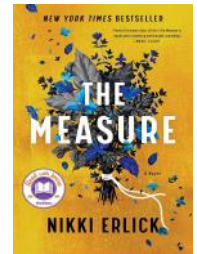
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CLUBS & GROUPS

PAGE TURNERS FICTION BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, November 14
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick. Next month's book is *If I Survive You* by Jonathan Escoffery, which is a collection of eight short stories that follow a Jamaican family as they flee to Miami in the 1970s to escape political violence in Kingston. If you would like to reserve a copy of next month's book, call 580-581-3450 option 2, or email libraryhelp@lawtonok.gov.



COVER-TO-COVER BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, November 21
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *My Sister the Serial Killer* by Oyinkan Braithwaite. Next month's book, *The Ghost Bride* by Yangsze Choo, is a hauntingly beautiful novel set in late 19th century Malaysia which combines romance, political intrigue, family drama, & murder. If you would like to reserve a copy of next month's book, call 580-581-3450 option 2 or email libraryhelp@lawtonok.gov.



THANK YOU, FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY!



Check out our new window mural in the Kid's Cove! This addition was generously paid for by the Friends of the Lawton Public Library.

HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The Main & Branch library locations will be closed for Thanksgiving:

- Thursday, November 23
- Friday, November 24

The library catalog & databases are available 24/7 online at lawtonok.gov/departments/library

ACTIVITIES

SEED GIVEAWAY - KALE

All November, while supplies last

Kale is a cool season vegetable that's high in nutrients, low in calories, & tolerant of frost. It's also a beautiful addition to your garden during winter months.



DRAW YOUR BEST HAND TURKEY

All November

Stop by the Main library to draw & decorate your best hand turkey! Hand turkeys will be displayed in the Library all month long.



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.



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:



DATABASE OF THE MONTH: EBSCO

EBSCO includes databases journals & newspapers on almost any topic. There are sub-databases focusing on health, business, & other topics. It's a great fit for high school or college students. Searches can be limited to peer-reviewed journals.

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>

READ FOR A LIFETIME! LEVELS OF LITERACY AS YOU GROW

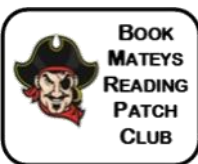
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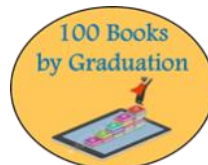
The goal is for you to read 1,000 BOOKS with your child from birth until kindergarten.



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.

NOVEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
* at the Patterson Center ** at the Farmer's Market			1 11:00 am SAIL* 3:00 pm Tai Chi*	2 10:00 am Little Explorers	3 10:00 am Medicare Class 11:00 am SAIL*	4 10:00 am Family Photo Day
5	6 9:30 am Health Dept 3:00 pm Tai Chi*	7 4:00 pm TAB 5:00 pm Teen Activity	8 3:00 pm Tai Chi* 6:00 pm Adultish Trivia	9 10:00 am Little Explorers 5:00 pm Legal Aid	10	11
12	13 10:00 am Resume Class 3:00 pm Tai Chi*	14 6:00 pm Page Turners	15 3:00 pm Tai Chi*	16 10:00 am Little Explorers	17	18 10:00 am Homemade Butter**
19	20 9:00 am Chick-fil-A 3:00 pm Tai Chi*	21 10:00 am Bean Art 6:00 pm Cover-to-Cover	22 3:00 pm Tai Chi*	23 LIBRARY CLOSED	24 LIBRARY CLOSED	25
26	27 3:00 pm Tai Chi*	28 5:00 pm Teen Craft	29 3:00 pm Tai Chi* 6:00 pm Adultish Crafts	30 10:00 am Little Explorers 5:00 pm Sit Stay Read		