

## 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!

### WINTER @ THE LIBRARY: LET THE ADVENTURE BEGIN! READING CHALLENGE

January 1 – February 29

#### KIDS (BABIES – 6TH GRADE) & TEENS (7TH – 12TH GRADE)

Complete 5 books & receive 1 free book, a small prize, & 1 entry into a drawing (while supplies last). Feeling eager? Receive additional entries into the drawing for every 5 books you read (up to 25 books) & by completing activities.

#### ADULTS

Read books. Listen to audiobooks. Every book read is an entry into the drawing for a gift basket. Feeling eager? Complete activities & write reviews for additional entries into the drawing.

To participate & log your reading, sign up at: [lawtonok.beanstack.org](http://lawtonok.beanstack.org) or download the **Beanstack app**. Click on “find a site” & enter Lawton Public Library to sign up!



### PUZZLE RACE

Saturday, January 13  
10:00 am – 12:00 noon  
Ages 12+



Teams of 2–4 will race to see who can assemble the same 500 piece puzzle first! Limited to 10 teams. Registration will open on Wednesday, December 13. To register your team, email [libraryevents@lawtonok.gov](mailto:libraryevents@lawtonok.gov) or call 580-581-3450 option 4.

### DOLLY PARTON BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Friday, January 19  
10:00 am – 11:00 am  
Ages 0 – 6 & Caregivers



A special storytime honoring music legend & founder of Imagination Library, Dolly Parton! Join us for a party filled with stories, crafts, & birthday cake. Register children under the age of five for Imagination Library by visiting [imaginationlibrary.com](http://imaginationlibrary.com)

### HEALTHY COOKING DEMO: PANCAKES

Saturday, January 27  
10:00 am – 11:00 am  
All Ages



Join us at the Main library to learn how to make simple pancakes & berry sauce! We will use our mobile Charlie Cart Kitchen to demonstrate how to make this fun & nutritious breakfast.

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# CHILDREN

## EARLY READER'S ACADEMY

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

## LITTLE EXPLORERS

Thursdays, January 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.

## KIDS TIME @ CHICK-FIL-A

Monday, January 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, January 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 January  
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 Junie B. Jones.



## 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.



## MAKER STATION

All January  
All Ages

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



## 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, January 3 @ 4:00 pm. The public is invited to all meetings.

Chair	Patty Neuwirth
Vice Chair	Susan Kremmer
Member	Frantzie Couch
Member	Ellouise Love
Member	Fermin 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.

## LET THE ADVENTURE BEGIN!

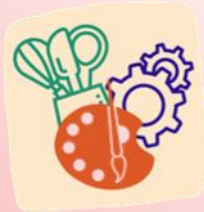
Register for Winter @ the Library & other ongoing reading challenges at <https://lawtonok.beanstack.org>



## HOW-TO FESTIVAL

Ever wanted to learn how to line dance? Train dogs? Budget? Join us at the Lawton Farmer's Market on Saturday, February 17 from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm for a great (& FREE) educational experience. There will be several booths with community members ready to demonstrate "how-to."

If you want to demonstrate your own skill, vendor applications are being accepted through January 26. Download an application at [lawtonok.gov/departments/library](http://lawtonok.gov/departments/library)



## 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:



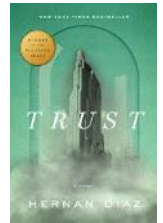
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## CLUBS & GROUPS

### PAGE TURNERS FICTION BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, January 9  
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *Trust* by Hernan Diaz. Next month's book is *The School for Good Mothers* by Jessamine Chan, a dystopian-fiction exploring a world where motherhood is controlled by the state. 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)



## TEENS

### TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, January 2  
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: HEDBANZ

Tuesday, January 2  
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
Ages 12-18

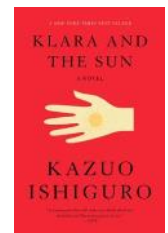
Join us for a night of friendly competition playing Hedbanz!



### COVER-TO-COVER BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, January 16  
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *Klara & the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro. Next month's book is *A House with Good Bones* by T. Kingfisher, a haunting Southern Gothic novel that explores the deeply twisted roots of a perfect home. 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)



### TEEN CRAFT: WATERCOLOR ART

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



Use different painting techniques to create a watercolor masterpiece.

### TEEN VOICES: QUESTION OF THE MONTH

All January

Teens can visit the Teen Area at the Main Library to participate in answering a thought-provoking question all month long.  
January: What makes a good friend?



### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY QUARTERLY MEETING

Monday, January 22  
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm



Kate Pewenofkit Briner, Executive Director of the Comanche Language & Cultural Preservation Committee, will talk initiatives to revitalize the language. A light lunch is \$2/person. All are welcome to attend.

### WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

December 1 – January 31  
Both locations



Now accepting new & gently used winter clothes for children & adults in all sizes. Coats, hats, gloves, scarves, pants, boots, & other winter wear can be donated.

## EVENTS & CLASSES

### INTRO TO CRICUT

Wednesday, January 10  
5:00 pm – 7:30 pm  
Ages 18+



Introduction to using the Cricut. Please create a DesignSpace account before the class. 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.

### COMMUNITY HEALTH & RESOURCE INFORMATION

Thursday, January 11  
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

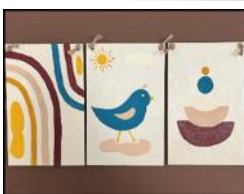


Comanche County Health Department will be available to assist those needing information & guidance. Visit with a community health worker & learn how to get connected to several community resources.

Comanche County  
Health Department

### ADULTISH CRAFTS: BOHO ART

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



Using warm, earthy colors, paint your own trio of mini-wall hangings in the boho style.

### TECH SETUP WEEK

Monday, January 22 – Thursday, January 25  
Library hours  
Ages 16+

Received new tech for Christmas & not quite sure how to set it up? Bring your device, instructions, & passwords & we will help get you up & running! Call 580-581-3450 option 2 for availability.



### WANT TO SPONSOR MINI GOLF @ THE LIBRARY?

Mini Golf @ the Library is returning in 2024 & we are searching for organizations to sponsor a hole! For questions & details, contact [libraryevents@lawtonok.gov](mailto:libraryevents@lawtonok.gov) or call 580-581-3450 option 4.



### 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. Appointments will be accepted beginning January 22, 2024.

@ YMCA

### SENIOR TIME: ZESTY TOMATO SOUP

Tuesday, January 23  
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm  
Ages 65+

Visit the YMCA during Senior Time to learn how to make an easy, zesty tomato soup & grilled cheese sticks! We will demonstrate how to make this delicious, simple soup with our mobile Charlie Cart kitchen.



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## ACTIVITIES

### READING RESOLUTIONS

All January  
All Ages

What is your reading goal for 2024? Whether you're looking to read the latest BookTok craze, tackle that 400+ page classic, or finally take on your TBR; share your resolution at the Main library to help you stay on track.



### SEED GIVEAWAY - ASSORTED SEEDS

All January, while supplies last

Pick seeds from a variety of options offered in previous seed giveaways.



## @ PATTERSON CENTER

### TAI CHI FOR BETTER BALANCE

Tuesdays & Thursdays, January 9 – March 28  
10:30 am – 11:30 am

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 405-664-7146 or email  
tarin-clark@ouhsc.edu

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## CONGRATULATIONS, DA'MONTÉ!

Congratulations to Da'Monté for reading 1,000 books before kindergarten!

We invite you to participate in this free reading challenge! The goal is to read 1,000 books with your child from birth to kindergarten. Visit [lawtonok.beanstack.org](http://lawtonok.beanstack.org) to register your child for 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten or choose from a variety of other reading challenges.



## SAVE THE DATE!

**FEBRUARY 3: TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY**  
**FEBRUARY 17: HOW-TO FESTIVAL**  
**FEBRUARY 22: SOULFUL STORY**  
**MARCH 9 – 10: MINI GOLF @ THE LIBRARY**  
**APRIL 26: CHILDREN'S HEALTH FAIR**

## @ HC KING CENTER

### DIABETES & BEYOND

Tuesdays & Thursdays, January 9 – January 25  
11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Based on the principles of empowerment & education, the Diabetes & Beyond Education Program was created to provide you with the tools you need to better manage diabetes. This class is open to individuals who are pre-diabetic, have been diagnosed with diabetes, or think they may have it. We strongly encourage family & caregivers to take the class as well. Pre-registration is required to guarantee your copy of presentation materials. Walk-in guests will be accepted as space allows.



Classes will be held at the HC King Center:  
1705 NW 20th St, Lawton, OK.  
To register, call 405-271-8558 ext 51224 or email  
tarin-clark@ouhsc.edu

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## DATABASE OF THE MONTH: POETRY & SHORT STORY REFERENCE CENTER

Poetry & Short Story Reference Center provides a rich collection of hundreds of thousands of classic & contemporary poems, as well as short stories, biographies, & authoritative essays on topics such as poetic forms, movements, & techniques.



## SELFIE STATION

Stop by the Main library & take an adventure-themed photo! Use our new self-service photo station & backdrops to take a few fun pictures while you're at the Library. Email your photo to [libraryevents@lawtonok.gov](mailto:libraryevents@lawtonok.gov) to receive your Winter Reading activity code!



# JANUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> <b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b>	<b>2</b> 4:00 pm TAB 5:00 pm Teen Games	<b>3</b> 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>	<b>9</b> 10:30 am Tai Chi* 11:30 am Diabetes** 6:00 pm Page Turners	<b>10</b> 5:00 pm Intro to Cricut	<b>11</b> 10:00 am Little Explorers 10:30 am Tai Chi* 11:30 am Diabetes**	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10:00 am Puzzle Race
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<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 12:00 noon Friends	<b>23</b> 10:30 am Tai Chi* 11:30 am Diabetes** 1:00 pm Senior Time***	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10:00 am Little Explorers 10:30 am Tai Chi* 11:30 am Diabetes** 5:00 pm Sit Stay Read	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 10:00 am Cooking Demo
<b>Tech Setup Week</b>						
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