

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!

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY! MEET THE POUT-POUT FISH

Saturday, February 3
10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Ages 0-10 & Caregivers

Pout-Pout Fish will be visiting the Main library.
Take a picture with the Pout-Pout Fish. Join us for stories, crafts & more.



HOW-TO FESTIVAL

Saturday, February 17
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Family Friendly

Ever wanted to learn how to braid hair? Make a Fire Starter? 3D Print? Join us at the Lawton Farmer's Market on Saturday, February 17 from 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm for a great (& FREE) educational experience. There will be several booths with community members ready to demonstrate "how-to." Space is still available for demonstrators.

SOULFUL STORY: DESCENDANTS OF THE BLACK 1000: FLIGHT FROM OKLAHOMA BLACK TOWNS TO CANADA PRESENTED BY GAY PASLEY

Thursday, February 22
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
All ages

Join us & learn about the events that led those seeking freedom to migrate from Oklahoma to Canada. Free admission, light refreshments to follow. Presentation will be at:

Albert Johnson Sr. Auditorium*
91 NE Maine Street
Lawton, OK 73507

*Parking available on east side of the building.



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.

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



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CHILDREN

EARLY READER'S ACADEMY

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

LITTLE EXPLORERS

Thursdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
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, February 19
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, February 22
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 February
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 Pout-Pout Fish.

LET THE ADVENTURE BEGIN!

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



MAKER STATION

February
All Ages

Dream, craft, build, & create! See what’s going on in our Maker Station! Rotating activities available each month. February: Valentine’s Cards for Veterans.



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, February 7 @ 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.

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.



TEENS

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, February 6
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: COOKIE DECORATING

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

Registration required, space is limited. Learn some simple cookie decorating skills for a sweet treat.



TEEN CRAFT: UPCYCLED CD PAINTING

Tuesday, February 27
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 12-18

Create a one of a kind piece of art by painting your own design on an old CD.



TEEN VOICES: QUESTION OF THE MONTH

All February

Teens can visit the Teen Area at the Main Library to participate in answering a thought-provoking question all month long.
February: What is your favorite thing about yourself?



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

SAVE THE DATE!

MARCH 9 – 10: MINI GOLF @ THE LIBRARY
MARCH 16: CHILDREN'S BOOK SWAP
MARCH 19 – 22: SCHOOL'S OUT @ THE LIBRARY

CLUBS & GROUPS

PAGE TURNERS FICTION BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, February 13
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *The School for Good Mothers* by Jessamine Chan. Next month's book is *Yellowface* by R. F. Kuang, a book filled with white lies, dark humor & deadly cover-up. 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, February 20
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *A House with Good Bones* by T Kingfisher. Next month's book title will be selected via popular vote on the Library's Facebook page. If you would like to know the title of the book, &/or wish to reserve a copy, please call 580-581-3450 option 2, or email libraryhelp@lawtonok.gov



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 to receive your Winter Reading activity code!



DATABASE OF THE MONTH: CONSUMER HEALTH COMPLETE

Consumer Health Complete contains convenient access to health care information: patient fact sheets, complete health reference books, health pamphlets, health magazines, & more!



EVENTS & CLASSES

LEGAL AID CLASS

Thursday, February 15
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 18+



Donna Ellsworth, Paralegal with Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma will present information about how & when to use Advance Directives, Powers of Attorney & other legal forms to ensure heirs/beneficiaries can get what is left for them without having the expenses that a probate would incur. Email libraryevents@lawtonok.gov to join on Zoom.

INSIDE THE LINES: COLORING DAY!

Monday, February 19
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
All Ages



Color me excited!
All ages are welcome to join us for come-&-go coloring. Coloring sheets & supplies will be provided.



ADULTISH GAME NIGHT: SCRABBLE

Wednesday, February 21
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Ages 16+

Love to play games but never have enough players? Want to learn a new game or share your favorite with others? Join us for an evening of casual game play with other adults. This month our featured game is Scrabble.



CRICUT BASICS

Saturday, February 24
10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Ages 16+

Learn some basic designs & machine use. 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 or call 580-581-3450 ext 4.

COMMUNITY HEALTH & RESOURCE INFORMATION

Monday, February 26
10:00 am – 1:00 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 to several community resources.

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 or download the **Beanstack app**. Click on “find a site” & enter Lawton Public Library to sign up!



DID YOU KNOW?

On the first Saturday in February, thousands of libraries across the world celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day by offering free, fun, & fabulous activities for families. Your local library is an ideal place for children to play, discover, make friends, & have fun. Take Your Child to the Library Day is the perfect time to discover some library magic.



Celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day with us on Saturday, February 3 for stories, crafts, & Meet the Pout-Pout Fish! Visit two of our StoryWalk® locations for more Pout-Pout Fish fun!

At Greer Park, 541-573 NW 38th St, Lawton, OK:
The Pout-Pout Fish.

At Elmer Thomas Park (near Lake Helen): *The Pout-Pout Fish & the Bully-Bully Shark.*

@ PATTERSON CENTER

TAI CHI FOR BETTER BALANCE

Tuesdays & Thursdays, February 1 – 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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MOBILE WELLNESS UNIT

Wednesday, February 7
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.



CIRCLE OF SECURITY PARENTING CLASSES

Tuesdays, February 6 - March 26
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm
For Parents or Caregivers

Class is limited to 8 participants. To register or learn more about the class, contact Tonya Boots or Aleisha Thorne at 580-585-6610.



ACTIVITIES

LIBRARY BOOK SELFIE CONTEST

February 1- 29
All Ages



Earn a chance to win a standing desk! Take a selfie with a library book at home, around town, or using the Selfie Station at the library. Get creative! Email your photo to libraryevents@lawtonok.gov

SEED GIVEAWAY - BUTTERCRUNCH LETTUCE

All February, while supplies last

A Bibb type lettuce with a delicate texture & sweet flavor. Buttercrunch is fast growing, low maintenance & frost tolerant.



DIABETES & BEYOND

Tuesdays & Thursdays, February 6, 8, 13, 15
11:45 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 Lawton Public Library:
110 SW 4th St, Lawton, OK.

To register, call 405-271-8558 ext 51224 or email tarin-clark@ouhsc.edu

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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 or call 580-581-3450 option 4.

FEBRUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:00 am Little Explorers	2	3 10:00 am Pout-Pout Fish
4	5	6 10:30 am Tai Chi* 11:45 pm Diabetes Class 4:00 pm TAB 5:00 pm Teen Activity 5:30 pm Parenting Class	7 4:00 pm Library Board 1:00 pm Mobile Wellness	8 10:00 am Little Explorers 10:30 am Tai Chi* 11:45 pm Diabetes Class	9	10
11	12	13 10:30 am Tai Chi* 11:45 pm Diabetes Class 6:00 pm Page Turners 5:30 pm Parenting Class	14	15 10:00 am Little Explorers 11:45 pm Diabetes Class 10:30 am Tai Chi* 5:00 pm Legal Aid	16	17 2:00 pm How To Fest**
18	19 9:00 am Chick-fil-A 1:00 pm Coloring Day	20 10:30 am Tai Chi* 6:00 pm Cover to Cover 5:30 pm Parenting Class	21 6:00 pm Adultish Games	22 10:00 am Little Explorers 10:30 am Tai Chi* 5:00 pm Sit, Stay, Read 6:00 pm Soulful Story***	23	24 10:00 am Cricut Class
25	26 10:00 am Health Dept.	27 10:30 am Tai Chi* 5:00 pm Teen Craft 5:30 pm Parenting Class	28	29 10:00 am Little Explorers	*At Patterson Center: 4 NE Arlington Drive, Lawton, OK ** At Farmer's Market *** At Albert Johnson Sr. Auditorium	