

## 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!

### MINI GOLF FUNDRAISER

Saturday, March 9 – Sunday, March 10  
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm;  
12:00 noon – 4:00 pm  
All Ages



Come play an 18-hole course in the Library! This is a fundraiser for Friends of the Lawton Public Library. Suggested donation is \$2/person or \$10/family unit. No registration is required, just come & play! Last group will be admitted at 9:15 pm on Saturday & 3:15 pm on Sunday.

### TINY ART SHOW

March 15 – April 5  
Ages 12+



Pick up a tiny art kit starting March 15, while supplies last. Paintings, sculptures, or other mixed media projects will be accepted this year. Use the supplies provided plus any that you have at home. Turn in your masterpiece before Tuesday, April 5 to be displayed during National Library Week, April 7 – 13.

### SCHOOL'S OUT @ THE LIBRARY

Tuesday, March 19 – Thursday, March 21  
2:00 – 3:00 pm  
Ages 6 – 12

#### Tuesday, March 19: Rock Painting

Help us paint rocks for a community rock garden at the Library! All ages are welcome.

#### Wednesday, March 20: STEAM Day

Learn the science behind making homemade ice cream. Ice cream will be served with nutritious banana boats. We will demonstrate how to make these treats with our mobile Charlie Cart kitchen.

#### Thursday, March 21: LEGO Day

Use your imagination to build an awesome LEGO creation. Let's get building!



Friends of the Lawton Public Library  
Annual Spring

## BOOK SALE

Thursday, April 11 –  
Sunday, April 14, 2024

Look for more details in  
our April newsletter!

THE CENTRAL  
Plaza

Friends of the Lawton Public Library

Lawton Public Library

### NASA AMBASSADOR: SOLAR ECLIPSE

Wednesday, March 27  
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
Family Friendly



Come learn about the science of solar eclipses & how to view them safely! Presentation will be given by NASA Solar System Ambassador, Doris Biegler.

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



Friends of the Lawton Public Library

# CHILDREN

## LITTLE EXPLORERS

Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28  
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, March 11  
9:00 am – 10:00 am



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

## CHILDREN'S BOOK SWAP

Saturday, March 16  
10:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Ages 0-18

Come & refresh your child's personal library! Bring in **new** or **gently used** books & swap them for an equal amount of new-to-you books. Books should be for children between ages of 0-18.



## SPRING BREAK MOVIE MATINEE: SCOOB!

Friday, March 22  
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
Family Friendly

Throw on some comfy clothes & join us for a showing of Scoob! Feel free to bring a blanket & snacks. Rated PG; 93 min.



## SIT, STAY, READ: LITERACY DOGS!

Thursday, March 28  
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 March  
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 The Bad Seed.



## MAKER STATION

All March  
All Ages

Dream, craft, build, & create! See what's going on in our Maker Station! Rotating activities available each month. March: Cup of Legos



## 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, March 6 @ 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.



CELEBRATE  
*Won't You Be My*  
**Neighbor DAY**  
MARCH 20, 2024

## TEENS

### TEEN ADVISORY BOARD



Tuesday, March 5  
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: GIANT GAMES

Tuesday, March 5  
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
Ages 12 –18



Join us for an evening of friendly competition playing giant games! A variety of games will be available.



### TEEN CRAFT: BEADED SUNCATCHERS

Tuesday, March 26  
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
Ages 12 –18

Create a beautiful, light-reflecting suncatcher with beads & a crystal centerpiece.

### TEEN AFTER HOURS

Tuesday, March 29  
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](mailto:libraryevents@lawtonok.gov) or call 580-581-3450 option 4.

### 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.

March: Where do you want to see yourself in three years?

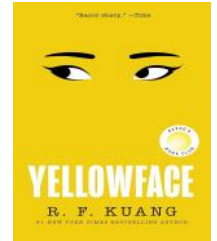


## CLUBS & GROUPS

### PAGE TURNERS FICTION BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, March 12  
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *Yellowface* by R.F. Kuang. Next month's book is *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano, a historical fiction novel teaming with family drama & love. 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)



### SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (SWOGS): WOMEN WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Monday, March 18  
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm  
Ages 16+

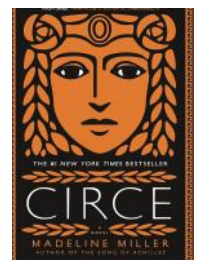
Brenda Dally of the Daughters of the American Revolution will tell the incredible stories of women who participated in the Revolutionary War. They were far more than "Molly Pitchers".



### COVER-TO-COVER BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, March 19  
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *Circe* by Madeline Miller. Next month's book will be *None of This Is True* by Lisa Jewell. If you would like to reserve a copy of next month's book, please call 580-581-3450 option 2, or email [libraryhelp@lawtonok.gov](mailto:libraryhelp@lawtonok.gov)



### TEEN VOLUNTEER APPLICATIONS COMING SOON!

2024 Teen Summer Volunteer Applications will be available on April 12 & are due by May 10. Teens ages 14 -18 & still in high school can apply.

ADVENTURE  
— BEGINS AT —  
YOUR LIBRARY.

READ FOR A LIFETIME! LEVELS OF LITERACY AS YOU GROW

<https://lawtonok.beanstack.org>

## EVENTS & CLASSES

### SOLAR ECLIPSE PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS

Saturday, March 9  
10:00 am – 11:00 am  
Ages 16+



Learn from photographer, Santos Rubio, how to capture mesmerizing moments from this spectacular event. Rubio will discuss how to use your camera to get great shots, what equipment you will need, where to get the best shots of the eclipse, & how to protect your eyes & devices from damage.

### LEGAL AID CLASS: RECORD EXPUNGEMENT

Thursday, March 14  
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
Ages 18+



Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma Attorney Michael Wilson will present information on how to expunge criminal records. Email [libraryevents@lawtonok.gov](mailto:libraryevents@lawtonok.gov) to join on Zoom.

### COMMUNITY HEALTH & RESOURCE INFORMATION

Tuesday, March 19  
10:00 am – 1:00 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 TRIVIA

Wednesday, March 20  
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm  
Ages 16+



Test your knowledge of general trivia. Come as a group or on your own & see if you really know it all. Prizes will be given to the winner.



### CRICUT BASICS

Saturday, March 30  
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](mailto:libraryevents@lawtonok.gov) or call 580-581-3450 ext 4.

## @ HC KING CENTER

### HEALTHY BRAIN, HEALTHY MIND

Tuesdays & Thursdays, March 14 – March 26  
11:45 am – 12:45 pm

Healthy Brain, Healthy Mind helps older adults understand the many



ways they can maintain a healthy brain. Through more than a dozen methods – such as establishing good habits & routines, physical activity & nutrition – participants will learn how to improve their physical & mental health. This 60-minute class meets twice a week for four weeks. Program guidelines may limit class size to ensure optimal learning experience. Registration is required & includes a free book for lifestyle change & implementation.

Classes will be held at the HC King Center:  
1705 NW 20th St, Lawton, OK.  
To register, call 405-664-7146 or email [tarin-clark@ouhsc.edu](mailto:tarin-clark@ouhsc.edu)

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### DATABASE OF THE MONTH: NEWS FOR YOU

News for You offers easy-to-read news stories that can help you learn to read, write, speak, & understand the English language. All content is thoroughly reviewed by adult education professionals & editors to ensure accuracy, low-level readability, & appropriateness.



### MOBILE WELLNESS UNIT

Wednesday, March 6  
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.

## @ PATTERSON CENTER

### TAI CHI FOR BETTER BALANCE

Tuesdays & Thursdays, March 5 – 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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### DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Time will advance one hour to observe daylight saving time beginning at 2:00 am on Sunday, March 10.



### 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.

### 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.



## ACTIVITIES

### MARCH MADNESS

March 1– 31  
All Ages

During the month of March, vote each week to determine the best TIME's best book of 2023 & best children's book! Brackets will be updated weekly.



### SEED GIVEAWAY - COSMOS

All March, while supplies last

Cosmos are colorful, daisy-like annual flowers. Cosmos bloom from summer through fall. These colorful flowers will attract birds, bees, & butterflies to your garden.



### 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>

### 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

# MARCH 2024

| Sun  | Mon                          | Tue  | Wed   | Thu  | Fri                               | Sat   |
|--|------------------------------|--|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|
| *At Patterson Center: 4 NE Arlington Drive, Lawton, OK<br>** At H.C King Center: 1705 NW 20th St |                              |  |   |  | 1                                 | 2   |
| 3  | 4                            | 10:30 am<br>Tai Chi*<br>4:00 pm<br>TAB<br>5:00 pm<br>Teen Activity   | 4:00 pm<br>Library Board<br>1:00 pm<br>Mobile<br>Wellness | 7<br>10:00 am<br>Little Explorers<br>10:30 am<br>Tai Chi*  | 8                                 | 9<br>10:00 am<br>Eclipse<br>Photography<br>7:00 pm<br>Mini Golf |
| 10<br>12:00 noon<br>Mini Golf  | 11<br>9:00 am<br>Chick-fil-A | 12<br>10:30 am<br>Tai Chi*<br>6:00 pm<br>Page Turners  | 13  | 14<br>10:00 am<br>Little Explorers<br>10:30 am<br>Tai Chi*<br>11:45 am<br>Healthy Mind**<br>5:00 pm<br>Legal Aid | 15                                | 16<br>10:00 am<br>Book Swap                                     |
| 17   | 18<br>6:00 pm<br>SWOGS       | 19<br>10:00 am<br>Health Dept<br>10:30 am<br>Tai Chi*<br>11:45 am<br>Healthy Mind**<br>2:00 pm<br>Rock Painting<br>6:00 pm<br>Cover-to-Cover | 20<br>2:00 pm<br>STEAM<br>6:00 pm<br>Adultish Trivia      | 21<br>10:00 am<br>Little Explorers<br>10:30 am<br>Tai Chi*<br>11:45 am<br>Healthy Mind**<br>2:00 pm<br>LEGO Day  | 22<br>2:00 pm<br>Movie Matinee    | 23  |
| 24   | 25                           | 26<br>10:30 am<br>Tai Chi*<br>11:45 am<br>Healthy Mind**<br>5:00 pm<br>Teen Craft  | 27<br>6:00 pm<br>NASA                                     | 28<br>10:00 am<br>Little Explorers<br>10:30 am<br>Tai Chi*<br>5:00 pm<br>Sit, Stay, Read                         | 29<br>7:00 pm<br>Teen After Hours | 30<br>10:00 am<br>Cricut Basics                                 |