

## 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!

### SUMMER @ YOUR LIBRARY

June 1 – July 31

Reading challenges & activities for all ages!  
Sign up at <https://lawtonok.beanstack.org>

Fun & free events are being offered at the Library all summer long! Subscribe to our monthly newsletter & follow us on social media to stay up-to-date with what's happening at your local library.

Supported by the Institute of Museum & Library Services (IMLS) through the library Services & Technology Grant, & the Oklahoma Department of Libraries.



### STORYWALK® @ TOMATO FESTIVAL

Saturday, July 13  
8:00 am – 12:00 noon

Join us for Let's Get Moving Lawton at the Lawton Farmer's Market's 13th annual Tomato Festival. Walk around Shepler Park as you read *Just Try One Bite*. Enjoy tomato & salsa contests, fun run, & all things tomato!



### 360 PHOTO BOOTH WITH THROUGH MOVEMENT PHOTOGRAPHY

Thursday, July 18  
10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Create a fun 360 video at the Main library using the 360 photo booth provided by Through Movement Photography. Step onto the podium & create a piece of 360 video magic.



### FAMILY FUN RIDE & MOONLIGHT MOVIE IN THE PARK

Saturday, July 20  
5:00 pm – 10:00 pm  
Family Friendly

Bring your family, friends, bikes, snacks, blankets & chairs for a great night of bike riding & free outdoor fun! Learn about bike safety, participate in a slow-paced bike ride, then kick back & relax with a family-friendly movie in the park. *Luca*; PG, 101 min. Movie will begin after sunset. Check our Facebook for more detailed schedule before the event.



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*Friends of the Lawton Public Library*

## HEALTH LITERACY

### MOBILE WELLNESS UNIT

Wednesday, July 3  
10:00 am – 3:00 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.



### COMMUNITY HEALTH & RESOURCE INFORMATION

Wednesday, July 3  
12:00 noon – 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.



## EVENTS & CLASSES

### ADULTISH CRAFT: FAIRY WAND GARDEN STAKES

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

Add a little magic to your garden or houseplant with this sparkly beaded garden stake. Can be used for decoration or as a plant support. **Space will be limited.**



### TRI-WIZARD TRIVIA TOURNAMENT

Friday, July 19  
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm  
Ages 16+



Test your knowledge of all things Harry Potter in an epic after-hours tournament! Come alone or play as a team.

## GIVEAWAY

### SEED GIVEAWAY - BRUSSEL SPROUTS

All July, while supplies last

Brussel sprouts are a cool-season vegetable that can be planted in early spring or mid-to-late summer. If you plant in mid-to-late summer, you can plant for a fall harvest.



## 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, August 7 @ 4:00 pm. The public is invited to all meetings.

Chair	Patty Neuwirth
Vice Chair	Susan Kremmer
Member	Frantzie Couch
Member	Fermín 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.

## 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, 2025.



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## TUESDAY STORYTIME @ THE PARK

Tuesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23  
10:00 am – 10:30 am  
Ages 0 – 10 & Caregivers



Join us @ the Patriot Pavilion @ Elmer Thomas Park for a fun filled storytime. July 9: Special guest Andy Armadillo from Texas Roadhouse.

## WEDNESDAY CRAFTS @ THE LIBRARY

Wednesdays, July 3 & 17  
10:00 am – 10:45 am  
Ages 4 – 18 & Caregivers



July 3 – DIY Lanterns  
July 17 – Recycled Bugs

## WEDNESDAY MOVIES @ THE LIBRARY

Wednesdays, July 3 & 17  
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm  
Ages 3 – 18 & Caregivers



July 3 – Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken (PG; 91 minutes)  
July 17 – The Super Mario Bros Movie (PG; 92 minutes)

## WEDNESDAY PERFORMERS @ THE LAWTON FARMER'S MARKET: PAWSITIVELY WILD

Wednesday, July 10  
All Ages  
10:00 am – 10:45 am  
12:00 noon – 12:45 pm  
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm  
4:00 pm – 4:45 pm  
6:00 pm – 6:45 pm



Let's get WILD! PAWSitively Wild will showcase a variety of exotic animals. Visit us for an hour of up-close, sensory learning experience.

## FOAM PARTY – TICKET REQUIRED

Wednesday, July 24

Summer is coming to an end! Have one last hoorah before school begins with an awesome foam party. Tickets for the Foam Party can be obtained by completing the Summer Reading Challenge.



# CHILDREN

## KIDS TIME @ CHICK-FIL-A

Monday, July 22  
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, July 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 July  
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 **Little Critter**.

## MAKER STATION

All July  
All Ages



Dream, craft, build, & create! See what's going on in our Maker Station! Rotating activities available each month. **July:** Bucket List Activity

## SCAVENGER HUNT

All July  
All Ages

Search the Kid's Cove for adventure-themed items & reveal a secret message!



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## TEENS

### TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, July 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

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



Join us for an evening of friendly competition. A variety of card & board games will be available.

### TEEN MOVIE NIGHT: FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S

Tuesday, July 16  
5:00 pm – 6:45 pm  
Ages 12 –18



Join us for a showing of Five Nights at Freddy's. Rated PG-13; 109 minutes.

### TEEN AFTER HOURS: TICKET REQUIRED

Friday, July 26  
7:00 pm – 11:45 pm  
Ages 12 –18



The Library is closed! Join us for messy games & more. Tickets can be obtained by completing the Summer Reading Challenge.

### TEEN CRAFT: PAINTED PLANT POTS

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

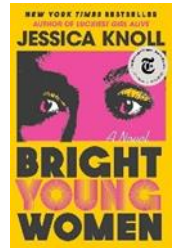


Paint a 3 inch terracotta plant pot! These pots are great for small house plants. While supplies last.

## CLUBS & GROUPS

### PAGE TURNERS FICTION BOOK CLUB

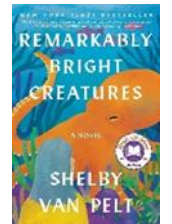
Tuesday, July 9  
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm



This month's book is *Bright Young Women* by Jessica Knoll. Next month's book is *All the Dangerous Things* by Stacy Willingham. "Slow-burning yet simmering with tension & suspense, *All the Dangerous Things* is hypnotic, immersive, & emotionally-impactful—the kind of mystery you'll sink into, not coming up for air until you've turned the final page." –Crime by the Book. Extra copies of next month's book are available at the Customer Service Desk at the Main Library.

### COVER-TO-COVER BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, July 16  
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm



This month's book is *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. Next month's book is *Pineapple Street* by Jenny Jackson. A deliciously funny, sharply observed debut of family, love, & class, this zeitgeisty novel follows three women in one wealthy Brooklyn clan. Copies of next month's book are available at the Customer Service Desk at the Main Library.

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY QUARTERLY MEETING

Monday, July 22  
12:00 noon – 1:00 pm

Heather Carothers, Primary Heart Coordinator at Comanche County Memorial Hospital, will talk about CCMH programs to promote community awareness for early heart attack care & healthy heart living through community education, events, & screenings. A light lunch is \$2/person. All are welcome to attend.



### TEEN VOICES: QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Teens can visit the Teen Area at the Main Library to participate in answering a thought-provoking question all month long. **July:** What is your dream adventure destination?



# JULY 2024

Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>7 WRITING</b> Write a short message and tuck it in your child's shoe. Read it together when your child finds it.	<b>1 WRITING</b> Plan a picnic. Together, write a list of things you will need to bring. Check off the list as you locate the items.	<b>2 PLAYING</b> Play store. Set up a store with your child's toys. Take turns being the check-out clerk and the shopper.	<b>3 TALKING</b> Talk about time. Draw a sun and underneath, write down things that happen during the day. Draw a moon and list things that happen at night.	<b>4 SINGING</b> Sing a song with movement, like "BINGO." <i>(Words are on the back.)</i>	<b>5 COUNTING</b> Talk about sizes. Draw small boxes and large boxes. Ask your child to circle the small boxes.	<b>6 READING</b> Look at the cover of a book before reading it. Point out the book's title and say "The name of this book is..."
<b>14 PLAYING</b> Use a flashlight to create shadows on a wall and let children create characters or animals to tell a story.	<b>8 PLAYING</b> Play "Follow the Leader" outside. Take turns being the leader. 	<b>9 TALKING</b> Use a fruit or vegetable your child loves. Talk about how it looks, tastes, smells, feels. Where does it grow? Where do you purchase it?	<b>10 SINGING</b> Play music with a fast tempo as you pick up and put away toys. Who can pick up the most toys?	<b>11 COUNTING</b> Compare amounts. <i>You have more crackers than I do. I have more blueberries than you do.</i>	<b>12 READING</b> Vary your voice as you read. Use different expressions to help your child learn about feelings.	<b>13 WRITING</b> Draw the outline of your child's hand on a piece of paper. Write the date and have your child "sign" the drawing. Save it.
<b>21 TALKING</b> At bedtime talk about where various animals sleep at night. 	<b>15 TALKING</b> Take a walk outside. Talk about all you see. Talk about the weather and how it is different than in winter.	<b>16 SINGING</b> Sing or recite "Mary Had a Little Lamb." <i>(Words are on the back.)</i> 	<b>17 COUNTING</b> Count how many birds you see today. Keep a list. Note location, color, sounds. At the end of the day look at your list and discuss.	<b>18 READING</b> After reading a book together have a conversation. Talk about your favorite parts. 	<b>19 WRITING</b> Help your child draw a picture of a summer activity. Have your child "sign" the picture. 	<b>20 PLAYING</b> Encourage children to engage in imaginative play where they create stories and scenarios using dolls, action figures, or other toys.
<b>28 SINGING</b> Play "Echo Me." Clap, stomp, or beat a drum and have your child repeat the noise.	<b>22 SINGING</b> Play "Freeze" while dancing to music. When the music stops, everyone has to freeze.	<b>23 COUNTING</b> Use a piece of string to measure things. 	<b>24 READING</b> Read a book about summer.	<b>25 WRITING</b> Ask your child to dictate a letter to a special person. Show how to address an envelope and add a stamp. Then mail the letter together.	<b>26 PLAYING</b> Play "Riddle Me." <i>I'm bigger than your hand and I'm in the kitchen. What am I? Yes, A banana!</i>	<b>27 TALKING</b> Talk about things you do in the morning, things you do in the afternoon, and things you do at night.
<b>29 COUNTING</b> Create a grocery list with your child. Together, look at what you have and decide what you will need to purchase.	<b>30 READING</b> Point out words everywhere you go today.	<b>31 WRITING</b> Spend time drawing together.				



## You are your child's first teacher, and your home is where your child begins to learn.

Make your home a great place to learn. It doesn't take money to create special places where you and your child can talk, sing, read, write, play, and count. Here are a few ideas.

### PLACES TO READ

Create a special space for your children to look at books. Have a comfortable chair or pillows and a small shelf or basket for favorite books. Make sure there's room for you and your child to sit together and that your child can reach books without needing help.

### PLACES TO WRITE

Make it easy for your child to write throughout the day. Set up a space where your child can go on his or her own and use writing materials. Provide pencils, crayons, or markers of different sizes so your child can write with what is most comfortable. Use unlined paper.

### PLACES TO PLAY

Play requires a little space, simple props, and some imagination and encouragement. You don't need special toys or expensive electronics. Provide props like large boxes, old clothes or costumes for dress up, empty food containers, and empty paper towel rolls. Play comes naturally to young children and is one of the primary ways they learn. Provide plenty of opportunities for your child to play.

### B-I-N-G-O

There was a farmer who had a dog  
and Bingo was his name-oh.

B-I-N-G-O

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B-I-N-G-O

and Bingo was his name-oh.

There was a farmer who had a dog  
and Bingo was his name-oh.

(clap)-I-N-G-O

(clap)-I-N-G-O

(clap)-I-N-G-O

and Bingo was his name-oh.

CONTINUE UNTIL ALL THE LETTERS IN  
BINGO'S NAME ARE REPLACED WITH CLAPS.



# 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

**Hello World! Backyard Bugs**

by *Jill McDonald*

**Higher, Higher**

by *Leslie Patricelli*

**FOR  
READERS  
AGES 3+**

**The Backyard Bug  
Book  
for Kids**

by *Lauren Davidson*

**Amara  
and the Bats**

by *Emma Reynolds*



## BICYCLE REPAIR CLASS @ PATTERSON CENTER

Thursday, July 11  
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 kids bike! Presented by Dan Kite, Certified Mechanic.

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### HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Both Library locations will be closed Thursday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. The Library catalog & databases are available 24/7 online 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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### DATABASE OF THE MONTH: HOOPLA



Your public library at your fingertips. Instantly borrow free digital books, comics, movies, music, & more 24/7 with your library card. Hoopla syncs across all your devices, so you can stream titles immediately or whenever you're in the mood.



# JULY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 10:00 am Story @ Park* 4:00 pm TAB 5:00 pm Teen Games	<b>3</b> 10:00 am Craft 10:00 am Mobile Unit 12:00 noon Health Dept 2:00 pm Movie	<b>4</b> <b>LIBRARY CLOSED</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 10:00 am Story @ Park* 6:00 pm Page Turners	<b>10</b> 10:00 am Animals** 12:00 noon Animals** 2:00 pm Animals** 4:00 pm Animals** 6:00 pm Animals**	<b>11</b> 5:00 pm Bicycle Class***	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 8:00 am Tomato Fest**
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 10:00 am Story @ Park* 5:00 pm Teen Movie 6:00 pm Cover to Cover	<b>17</b> 10:00 am Craft 2:00 pm Movie 6:00 pm Adultish Crafts	<b>18</b> 10:00 am 360 Photobooth	<b>19</b> 6:00 pm Harry Potter Trivia	<b>20</b> 5:00 pm Bike Ride*
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:00 am Chick-fil-A 12:00 noon Friends	<b>23</b> 10:00 am Story @ Park*	<b>24</b> Foam Party** - TICKET REQUIRED	<b>25</b> 5:00 pm Sit Stay Read	<b>26</b> Teen After Hours - TICKET REQUIRED	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 5:00 pm Teen Craft	<b>31</b> <b>LAST DAY FOR PRIZES</b>	* at Elmer Thomas Park ** at the Lawton Farmer's Market *** at Patterson Center		