

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!

JOB SKILLS

FREE DIGITAL SKILLS TRAINING

Tuesday, August 20

Computer Basics @ 10:00 am – 11:00 am
 Internet Basics @ 11:00 am – 12:00 noon
 Email Basics @ 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
 Internet Safety @ 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
 Open Lab Workshops 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Wednesday, August 21

Mobile Device Basics @ 10:00 am – 11:00 am
 Video Conferencing @ 11:00 am – 12:00 noon
 Internet Safety @ 1:00 pm – 2:00pm
 Open Lab Workshops 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Hosted by Connected Nation & Friends of the Lawton Public Library. Register for class:
<https://surveys.connectednation.org/s3/FriendsLPL>
 or call the library at 580.581.3450.

Bilingual
Trainer



SAVE THE DATES

- Tuesday, September 24: Resume Writing & More, 10:00 am
- Monday, September 23: Expungement 101 w/Legal Aid, 5:00 pm
- Thursday, September 26: Community Hiring Event, 10:00 am

SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, August 20
 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

“Old Views of Southwest Oklahoma”, a photo presentation by Mike Dixon will be the featured program. Mike is the Southwestern Historical Society President & son of long time Constitution photographer, Jeff Dixon.



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


Friends of the Lawton Public Library

CHILDREN

KIDS TIME @ CHICK-FIL-A

Monday, August 19
9:00 am – 10:00 am



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

KIDS WRITING STATION

All August
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 **Ms. Frizzle!**



COMING THIS FALL

EARLY READER’S ACADEMY RETURNS IN SEPTEMBER!

Lawton Public Library is gearing up for another awesome year of Early Literacy classes for ages 0-6! These age-based classes promote early literacy & kindergarten readiness for our youngest readers.



BRIGHT BEGINNINGS

Explore literacy through stories, songs, rhymes, & fingerplays. Join us for a year of skill-building fun. Bright Beginnings Storytime will start on Tuesday, September 3 from 10:00 am – 10:30 am.

RETURNING IN OCTOBER!

SIT, STAY, READ: LITERACY DOGS!

Thursday, October 24
5:00 pm – 5:45 pm
Ages 5+



TEENS

TEEN EVENTS

TAB, Teen Craft, & all other teen activities will return in September! Get ready for a newly revised teen activity schedule.



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. **August:** What are you holding onto that’s holding you back?

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, August 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

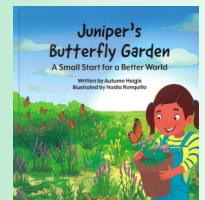
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library meet quarterly. The next meeting is Monday, October 21 @ 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.



AUGUST 2024

Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>4 SINGING</p> <p>Make music with things you have in the house like pots, pans, spoons, boxes, and cups.</p>	<p>5 COUNTING</p> <p>Talk about time. How long does it take to get to the park? How long does it take to get to the library?</p>	<p>6 READING</p> <p>Read a nonfiction book about birds. Talk about what you've learned. Say the rhyme "If I Were a Bird." <i>(Words are on the back. 🐦)</i></p>	<p>7 WRITING</p> <p>Label the things in your child's room. Bed, dresser, table, book, closet. Point to the words and discuss.</p>	<p>8 PLAYING</p> <p>Play with blocks. What can you make? Form the blocks into a letter shape.</p> 	<p>9 TALKING</p> <p>Take an alphabet walk outside. Talk about things that begin with different letter sounds.</p>	<p>10 SINGING</p> <p>Sing or say "The Itsy Bitsy Spider." <i>(Words are on the back. 🕷️)</i></p> 
<p>11 COUNTING</p> <p>Put the family's shoes in order from biggest to smallest.</p> 	<p>12 READING</p> <p>Go to the library and check out a new book.</p>	<p>13 WRITING</p> <p>Draw a picture for a grandparent or other important person. Be sure to "sign" it.</p>	<p>14 PLAYING</p> <p>Play "What Fits?" Will the car fit inside your shoe? Will your shoe fit inside the car?</p>	<p>15 TALKING</p> <p>Plan a visit to your local library. Talk with your child about everything the library offers (books, toys, games, programs, etc.).</p>	<p>16 SINGING</p> <p>Pick a new kind of music you haven't listened to before. Listen together. Discuss.</p>	<p>17 COUNTING</p> <p>Set the table for a meal. How many plates will you need? How many utensils? Napkins?</p>
<p>18 READING</p> <p>Have a family storytime. Each person picks a book.</p> 	<p>19 WRITING</p> <p>Use play dough to shape your child's first name.</p> 	<p>20 PLAYING</p> <p>Play the yes-no game about time. <i>Is it time for breakfast? Is it time to read? Is it time for kisses?</i></p>	<p>21 TALKING</p> <p>Before going to bed, talk about things you did this morning, this afternoon, and tonight. What will you do tomorrow?</p>	<p>22 SINGING</p> <p>Sing a "good morning" song to greet your child in the morning.</p>	<p>23 COUNTING</p> <p>Draw a picture of a cookie. Ask your child how many chocolate chips or sprinkles to add. Count out loud as you add them to the picture.</p>	<p>24 READING</p> <p>Relate the story in a book to your child's experiences. "Remember when you saw a big dog?"</p>
<p>25 WRITING</p> <p>Write your child's first name. Talk about the first letter of their name. Make the sound and say words that begin with the letter.</p>	<p>26 PLAYING</p> <p>Sing "Scarecrow, Scarecrow" and do all the movements. <i>(Words are on the back. 🐣)</i></p>	<p>27 TALKING</p> <p>Offer choices today. <i>Do you want this book or that one? Do you want water or milk? Would you like a banana or strawberries?</i></p>	<p>28 SINGING</p> <p>Take turns singing bits of favorite songs.</p>	<p>29 COUNTING</p> <p>Trace around your hand and around your child's hand. Talk about the difference in size.</p>	<p>30 READING</p> <p>Look at pictures in magazines or newspapers. Take turns telling stories about the pictures.</p>	<p>31 WRITING</p> <p>Write your child's name on paper and let them trace it using various materials like crayons, markers, or finger paint.</p>

Children's reading success in kindergarten and beyond begins with positive language and literacy experiences from the time they are infants.

- Young children have shorter attention spans. You can do activities for short bits of time throughout the day or whenever you have the chance.
- You can help your children learn in ways and at times that are best for them.
- Children learn best by doing—and they love doing things with YOU!

THE ITSY BITSY SPIDER

The itsy bitsy spider went up the water spout.

(Move fingers up toward sky)

Down came the rain and washed the spider out.

(Bring fingers down and back)

Out came the sun and dried up all the rain

(Move arms up over head)

And the itsy bitsy spider climbed up the spout again.

(Move fingers up toward sky)

REPEAT WITH "GREAT BIG SPIDER" USING A GRUFF, DEEP VOICE.



IF I WERE A BIRD

If I were a bird, I'd sing a song

And fly about the whole day long.

And when the night comes, go to rest,

Up in my cozy little nest.

SCARECROW, SCARECROW

Sing to the tune of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star"

Scarecrow, scarecrow, turn around,

Scarecrow, scarecrow, touch the ground.

Stand up tall and blink your eyes.

Raise your hands up to the sky.

Scarecrow, scarecrow, touch your toes.

Scarecrow, scarecrow, tap your nose.

Swing your arms so very slow,

Now real fast to scare the crows.

Raise your head, jump up and down.

Now sit down without a sound.

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

My Heart Fills with Happiness

by *Monique Gray Smith*

Little You

by *Richard Van Camp*



FOR READERS AGES 3+

Still This Love

Goes On

by *Buffy Sainte-Marie and Julie Flett*

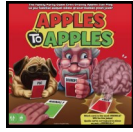
Count on Me

by *Miguel Tanco*

EVENTS & CLASSES

ADULTISH GAMES: APPLES TO APPLES

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

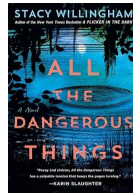


This month's feature is Apples to Apples, a fast moving & fun game filled with surprises. Other board games will also be available or you can bring your favorite from home.

CLUBS & GROUPS

PAGE TURNERS FICTION BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, August 13
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm



This month's book is *All the Dangerous Things* by Stacy Willingham Next month's book is *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride "A murder mystery locked inside a Great American Novel . . . Charming, smart, heart-blistering, & heart-healing."—Danez Smith, *The New York Times Book Review* Extra copies of this month's book are available at the Customer Service Desk at the Main Library.

COVER-TO-COVER BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, August 20
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm



This month's book is *Pineapple Street* by Jenny Jackson. Next month's book is *I Will Find You* by Harlan Coben. Five years ago, an innocent man began a life sentence for murdering his own son. Today he found out his son is still alive. Copies of this month's book are available at the Customer Service Desk at the Main Library.

NOTARY PUBLIC AVAILABLE

Call for details.

HEALTH LITERACY

MOBILE WELLNESS UNIT

Wednesday, August 7
10:00 am – 3:00 pm



OKLAHOMA
State Department of Health

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, August 7
12:00 noon – 3:00 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.

ACTIVITIES

BOOKS & BREW AUTHOR FEST APPLICATIONS

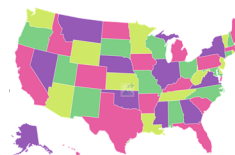
Applications will be available beginning August 5th.



SEED GIVEAWAY - RADISH SPROUTING SEEDS

All August, while supplies last

Easy to grow, tasty micro greens! Sprouts will be ready in 3-5 days. Continue to grow for larger radishes.



READ ACROSS AMERICA

All August

Ready to try a new reading challenge? Tired of every book being set in New York or California? Take an empty map, read a book set in a specific state & color in the map as you go. Maps available at both Library locations.

DATABASE OF THE MONTH: BRAINFUSE HELPNOW

An all-in-one suite of tutoring services. Tutors & students communicate in real time in our online classroom. Access the writing lab to improve writing skills, collaborate with others & more.



LAWTON PUBLIC LIBRARY AT A GLANCE FISCAL YEAR 2024



YOUR LIBRARY:

- 📖 Two locations with curbside service to assist you.
- 🖨️ 3D Printing
- 🖨️ Laser Engraving
- 📄 Digitization of Family Mementos
- 👥 Meeting Room Space
- 🏠 Telehealth Booth
- 👦 Activities for kids, teens, adults, and families
- 📚 And so much more!

Adventure begins
@ your library!

PARTNERS

The Lawton Adult Literacy Center is located in the main library. Volunteers tutor adults in basic literacy, ESL, citizenship, and more! Volunteer tutors are always needed!



The Friends of the Library helped sponsor events and activities throughout the year. Total attendance increased by 72%!



GET THE NEWSLETTER ONLINE

To receive the library's monthly newsletter in your email, visit our Facebook page @lawtonpublib and click "sign up", or scan the QR code:



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BOOKS & ITEMS USED	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24
Checkouts, Main Library	99,296	151,433	149,016	149,200
Checkouts, Branch Library	9,476	12,300	10,191	13,988
Electronic Items	51,742	56,032	62,858	71,031
Total Checkouts	158,724	219,765	222,065	234,219
Interlibrary Loan, Borrowed	554	618	733	670
Interlibrary Loan, Loaned	317	147	158	238
CUSTOMERS	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24
Main Library Customers	30,395	29,669	28,306	31,464
Branch Library Customers	994	1,008	1,004	1,144
Computer Only Users	8,250	8,685	9,002	9,397
Total Customers	39,639	39,362	38,312	42,005
BOOKS, CDs, DVDs, & MORE!	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24
Total Physical Items in Collection	139,635	133,203	130,456	128,188
E-Books, E-Audio, E-Video	1,002,330	1,269,513	1,485,394	1,907,600
PROGRAMS, EVENTS, ACTIVITIES!	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24
Programs & Activities	197	308	381	739
Total Attendance	6,766	6,801	13,310	22,860
COMPUTER USE	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24
Public computer use	21,314	21,014	25,012	16,833

TALKING TRAILS!
The library launched 30 talking trails:
www.talkingtrail.com/lawtonok



STEM LITERACY
The library continues to add stem activities and resources for all ages including ozobots & VR.



COMPUTER ACCESS
Wireless access & mobile printing are continuing to increase in demand. There were almost 100,000 wi-fi sessions in FY24.

KINDERGARTEN READINESS
The library led over 100 events with over 3,500 participants!

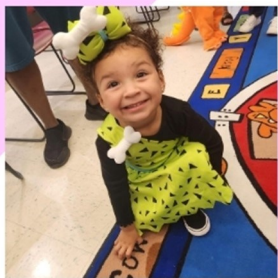
SECURITY GUARDS
The main library now has security guards now to monitor & promote a safe environment for all individuals.




HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES
7 more adults graduated with their high school diplomas!



YOUR LIBRARY IN ACTION!



AUGUST 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>GET THE NEWSLETTER ONLINE</p> <p>To receive the Library's monthly newsletter in your email, visit our Facebook page @lawtonpublib & click "sign up", or scan the QR code:</p>  <p>SCAN HERE</p>				1	2	3
4	5	6	<p>7</p> <p>10:00 am Mobile Unit</p> <p>12:00 noon Health Dept.</p> <p>4:00 pm Library Board</p>	8	9	10
11	12	<p>13</p> <p>6:00 pm Page Turners</p>	14	15	16	17
18	<p>19</p> <p>9:00 am Chick-fil-A</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:00 pm Cover-to-Cover</p> <p>7:00 pm SW OK Historical Society Meeting</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:00 pm Adultish Games</p>	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	<p>31</p> <p>CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY WEEKEND</p>

HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The library will be closed Saturday, August 31 & Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day. The library catalog & databases are available 24/7 online at lawtonok.gov/departments/library