

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.



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LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

All September

Autobots, roll out with a library card! The first 100 people to make a library card will receive a small goodie bag filled with Transformers-themed treats. Take your photo with a Transformers background at our self-service photobooth or compete in our transform a book cover contest!



TRANSFORM A BOOK COVER

All September
All Ages

Select a favorite book or a book with a cover you just don't like & re-design the cover. All artwork should be family friendly for display. Prizes for the best transformations in each age group. Artwork can be in any media; acrylics, water color, crayon, colored pencil, etc. Paper size should be 8.5 x 11. Please include name, age, & contact information on the back.



POPCORN & PICKLES FRIENDS FUNDRAISER

Friday, September 13
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Enjoy an afternoon of popcorn, pickles, & fun! All proceeds will be donated to the Friends of the Lawton Public Library.
Suggested donation:
\$1.00/bag of popcorn
\$1.50/pickle



BANNED BOOKS WEEK

SEPT. 22-28, 2024



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

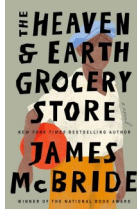

Friends of the Lawton Public Library

CLUBS & GROUPS

PAGE TURNERS FICTION BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, September 10
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. Next month's book is *The Housemaid's Secret* by Freida McFadden. The sequel to the bestselling thriller *The Housemaid*. *The Housemaid's Secret* is an unbelievably twisty read about the secrets kept at the dark heart of a family. Extra copies of this month's book are available at the Customer Service Desk at the Main Library.



COVER-TO-COVER BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, September 17
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *I Will Find You* by Harlan Coben. Next month's book is *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray; a novel about the extraordinary partnership between First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt & civil rights activist Mary McLeod Bethune. Copies of this month's book are available at the Customer Service Desk at the Main Library.



APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

BOOKS & BREW LOCAL AUTHOR FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 5
8:00 am – 1:00 pm
Family Friendly



Applications for the 3rd annual Books & Brew Local Author Festival at Lawton Farmer's Market Festival are available! Stop by the Main library, visit lawtonok.gov/departments/library/newsletters, or scan the QR code to apply to be a featured author.



SAVE THE DATE: LAWTON COMMUNITY CLEAN OUT

Join the City of Lawton on Saturday, November 9 from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon for a day of recycling, giving, & strengthening our community. Rid your home of bulk trash, hazardous waste, & donate your new or gently used belongings to a variety of local non-profits.



Non-profit organizations can receive an application to be a vendor by emailing libraryevents@lawtonok.gov

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 September 4 @ 4:00 pm. The public is invited to all meetings.

Chair	Patty Neuwirth
Vice Chair	Susan Kremmer
Member	Frantzie Couch
Member	Ellouise Love
Member	Michael Wilson

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library meet quarterly. The next meeting is Monday, October 28 @ 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.



CHILDREN

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS STORYTIME

Tuesdays, September 3, 10, 17, 24
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. Join us for skill-building fun in these age-based classes that promote early literacy & kindergarten readiness skills to our youngest readers.

KIDS TIME @ CHICK-FIL-A

Monday, September 16
9:00 am – 10:00 am



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

MAKING MOOO-LAH: KID'S FINANCIAL CLASS

Friday, September 20
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Ages 5 – 12 & Caregivers



Welcome to the farm! In this collaborative simulation, players work together to see if they can run a financially successful farm. Thinking Money for Kids, an initiative of the American Library Association & the FINRA Investor Education Foundation, strives to teach children & their parents, caregivers, & educators about financial topics – like saving, spending, sharing, & budgeting – in a way that is both meaningful & fun.

CHILDREN'S BOOK SWAP

Saturday, September 21
10:00 am – 1:00 pm



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.

NEW: Bring up to 20 gently used books per family to the Main library from Wednesday, September 18 – Friday, September 20 to claim a voucher that can be used at the book swap!

NEW! STEM STATION

All September

See what's happening at our STEM Station! A variety of engaging STEM activities are offered to strengthen science, math, & engineering concepts while encouraging play & problem-solving.



KIDS WRITING STATION

All September
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 **Paddington**.



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.



STEM EVENTS & CLASSES!

The Library is now hosting fun STEM classes for kids of all ages! Check out our line up of new, engaging classes designed for play & the exploration of STEM concepts!



See page 6 for more info!

COPS N KIDS PICNIC

Saturday, September 14
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Stop by our booth at the annual Cops n Kids picnic hosted by the Lawton Police Department in Elmer Thomas Park! Visit us for games, prizes, & information about the Library!

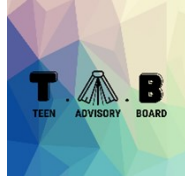
Receive a free children's book from the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa while supplies last.



TEENS

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, September 3
4:00 pm – 4:30 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 CRAFT NIGHT: PAINTED TOTE BAGS

Tuesday, September 3
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 12 –18



Use your creativity to paint a trendy tote bag. The sky is the limit when designing this cute & sustainable bag.

TEEN GAME NIGHT: UNO

Tuesday, September 24
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 12 –18



Join us for a night of friendly competition playing Uno!

COMPUTER TEARDOWN PROGRAM

Saturday, September 14
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Ages 12 –18



Take apart & learn about PCs!
Registration is required. Register by emailing libraryevents@lawtonok.gov or calling 580-581-3450 ext 4.

TEEN AFTER HOURS: REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Friday, September 27
7:00 pm – 11:45 pm
Ages 12 –18



Space is limited & registration is required. The Library is closed! Join us for snacks, games, virtual reality, & more! Pickup by midnight. To register, email libraryevents@lawtonok.gov or call 580-581-3450 ext 4.

TEEN VOICES: QUESTION OF THE MONTH

All September

Teens can visit the Teen Area at the Main Library to participate in answering a thought-provoking question all month long.



September: What worries you about the future?

THANK YOU, TEEN VOLUNTEERS!

The Main Library had 16 teen volunteers assisting with summer events & activities from June to July. Thank you to our teen volunteers for all you have done & the impact you have made on your local library!

2024 Summer Teen Volunteers:

- Annemie Sharp
- Alexander Walker
- Amariah Chambray
- Annabelle Golden
- Carly Gachot
- Codi Clinkenbeard
- Elaina Benke
- Elizabeth Collins
- Kameron Collins
- Emma White
- Ivy Butler
- Maribel Costilla
- Max Harmon
- Thessaly Smith
- Xandz Hoover
- Xavier Hoover



NEW! GAME TABLE

Teens can visit the Teen Area at the Main Library to play digital versions of iconic classics such as Monopoly, Scrabble, & more.



Stop by to play while you browse or for friendly competition with your friends during your study break! Provided by a generous grant.

EVENTS & CLASSES

MOBILE WELLNESS UNIT

Wednesday, September 4
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, September 4
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 with several community resources.

DIGITIZING PHOTOS

Tuesday, September 17
11:00 am – 12:00 noon
Ages 18+



Bring in up to 10 photos or family documents & have library staff help you digitize your precious memories. Participants receive a flash drive with the images. Bring the past into the present with our Digital Memory Center.

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

SEED GIVEAWAY: WILDFLOWERS

These wildflower seed packets include a beautiful selection of flowers. These wildflowers will attract bees & a variety of other pollinators to your garden.



CAREER READINESS

EXPUNGEMENT CLASS

Monday, September 23
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 18+



Join us for a presentation on how to expunge your criminal record. Attend online or in person. Email libraryhelp@lawtonok.gov for online access.



RESUME WRITING & MORE

Tuesday, September 24
10:00 am – 12:00 noon



Learn to write different styles of basic resumes, when to use the styles, & what not to put on them.

2024 COMMUNITY HIRING EVENT @ LAWTON FARMER'S MARKET

Thursday, September 26
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Opportunity awaits! Come ready for an interview & bring your resume. Employers will be on site at the event. Event is open for Veterans beginning at 9:30 am.



Lawton Farmer's Market: 77 SW 4th St

Proudly presented by Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, Oklahoma Rehabilitation Services, LATS, Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma, South Central Workforce Board, & Lawton Public Library.

ONE-ON-ONE COMPUTER HELP

Need help to learn about computers or electronic devices? Don't worry. We can help. Call 580.581.3450 to schedule an individualized appointment.

DATABASE OF THE MONTH: MEDLINE PLUS

Medline Plus is an up-to-date source of reliable information on virtually any health topic written for the average person.



CITIZENSHIP

VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

Tuesday, September 17
Ages 18+

Register to vote @ your library.
Celebrate your right to vote!



CONSTITUTION DAY & CITIZENSHIP DAY

Tuesday, September 17
All Day

Quiz yourself on 100 questions used
on the United States Citizenship Test!
Participate & receive a flag pin while
supplies last.



LAWTON ADULT LITERACY CENTER

The Lawton Adult Literacy
Center at the Main Library
offers ESL, Citizenship, and
adult learning classes.
Need help or want to
volunteer? Call 580-581-
3450 or email
lawtonliteracy@gmail.com for details.



COMING SOON

Saturday, October 5: Books & Brew Author Fest
Saturday, October 19: Boooo-k Walk @ Open Streets
Tuesday, October 22: Boo-a-Palooza
Thursday, October 24: Sit, Stay Read
Thursday, October 31: City Hall Halloween

STEM LITERACY

3D PRINTING: TINKERCAD BASICS

Thursday, September 5
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm
All Ages



Explore the world of 3D Design with Tinkercad!
Learners of all ages will have hands-on experience
exploring the basic functions of Tinkercad & the
process of bringing their own project to life.
**Registration is required. Register by emailing
libraryevents@lawtonok.gov or calling
580-581-3450 ext 4.**

MIDDLE MAKERS

Monday, September 9
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Ages 11 – 15



Explore a variety of STEM concepts in
this open play Makerspace! Middle schoolers can
explore, design, & learn at various hands-on stations
designed to spark creativity & innovation.

MAKING MUSIC: INSTRUMENT MAKING FOR YOUNG LEARNERS

Saturday, September 21
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Ages 4 – 7



Learn how to create musical instruments
using recyclable materials! Young
creators will be guided on how to make
a musical instrument & have the
opportunity to exercise their creativity &
engineering skills to create a unique
instrument of their own.

LEARNING WITH LEGO

Friday, September 27
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm
Ages 5 – 10



Let's get building! Kids will be given
several LEGO challenges to design, building their
imaginative abilities & problem-solving skills.

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Classes led by Brooke Rooney, STEAM Educator

MENTAL HEALTH

NAMI FAMILY-TO-FAMILY COURSE

Wednesdays, September 18 & 25
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

NAMI Southwest is offering an 8-week Family-to-Family course designed for family members, significant others, & close friends of individuals living with a mental health condition. This free course helps participants understand & support their loved ones while maintaining their own well-being. Classes are led by trained by volunteer family members who have personal experience. Sessions run Wednesdays from September 18 to November 6. Space is limited, so register by September 9.

To register, contact Devyn at 760-810-3359, Emma at 580-492-4606, or email namisouthwestok@gmail.com



SEPTEMBER IS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

Resources are available at Helping Hands Table in the lobby. Effective July 2022, The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline can be reached by dialing 988.



BOOK GUESSING CONTEST

All September
All Ages

Can you guess how many books the Main library has in its collection? Closest guess will win a basket of Pioneer Woman cookbooks.



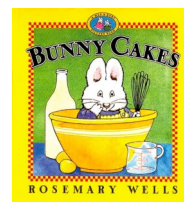
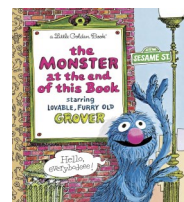
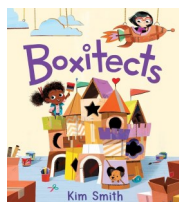
NOTARY PUBLIC AVAILABLE

Call for details.

CHECK OUT OUR STORYWALKS®

Keep your eyes out for these three new stories entering our StoryWalk® locations in September:

- Elmer Thomas Park, near Lake Helen: *Boxitects* by Kim Smith
- Elmer Thomas Park, near Ferris Ave: *Monster at the End of This Book* by Jon Stone
- Greer Park: *Bunny Cakes* by Rosemary Wells



TOP TEN MOST CHALLENGED BOOKS OF 2023



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 CLOSED	3 10:00 am Storytime 4:00 pm TAB 4:30 pm Teen Craft	4 10:00 am Mobile Wellness 12:00 noon Health Dept 4:00 pm Library Board	5 4:30 pm STEM: Tinkercad	6	7
8	9 6:00 pm Middle Makers	10 10:00 am Storytime 6:00 pm Page Turners	11	12	13 2:00 pm Popcorn & Pickles	14 10:00 am Cops n Kids 1:00 pm Computer Teardown
15	16 9:00 am Chick-fil-A	17 10:00 am Storytime 11:00 am Digitize Photos 6:00 pm Cover-to-Cover	18 6:00 pm NAMI	19	20 2:00 pm Kids Finance	21 10:00 am Book Swap 2:00 pm Making Music
22	23 5:00 pm Expungement	24 10:00 am Storytime 10:00 am Resume Writing 5:00 pm Teen Games	25 6:00 pm NAMI	26 10:00 am Community Hiring*	27 4:30 pm STEM: LEGOS 7:00 pm Teen After Hours	28
29	30	* at Lawton Farmer's Market: 77 SW 4th St				

SEPTEMBER 2024

Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 WRITING Draw the letters of the alphabet with your child. Practice tracing the letters with fingers while making the sound of the letters.	2 PLAYING Blow bubbles today. This strengthens muscles needed for speech.	3 TALKING Discuss opposites. Show examples of big and small, night and day, light and dark.	4 SINGING Clap your hands to the beat of a favorite song. 	5 COUNTING Lace Cheerios-type cereal onto a piece of yarn. Count them as you go. 	6 READING Read a book about insects that are active in late summer, like crickets or cicadas. Talk about how you can hear them at night.	7 WRITING Write your to-do list together. Have your child check off each task as it is completed. 
8 PLAYING Set up a tinkering station with materials like craft supplies, cardboard, and tape. Children can use their imaginations to create their own inventions.	9 TALKING Ask your child "What is your favorite game to play?" Talk about why and play it if you can.	10 SINGING Sing a favorite song in parts. You sing, then your child, then you, and so on.	11 COUNTING Count aloud as your child puts pebbles in a container one at a time, up to ten.	12 READING Have a family book club. Each person brings a book for a story time. 	13 WRITING Pop bubble wrap or play with squirt toys to develop muscles needed for writing.	14 PLAYING Tape a sheet of contact paper to the wall, sticky side out. See which toys stick and which do not.
15 TALKING Make silly sounds today. Encourage your child to also make silly sounds.	16 SINGING Play talent show. Each person sings a song or plays an instrument. (Instruments can be any noise-making items around the house.)	17 COUNTING Look for shapes around the house or outdoors. Encourage children to identify and name shapes they see.	18 READING Pick a favorite book. Ask your child to tell you what happens before you start reading.	19 WRITING Use your fingers to draw shapes in the air. Take turns guessing what each person drew.	20 PLAYING Go on a scavenger hunt. Look for things that begin with the "p" sound, like a plate, a pan, a pen.	21 TALKING Take turns telling each other simple stories. 
22 SINGING Sing or say "If You're Happy and You Know It." <i>(Words are on the back. ➡)</i>	23 COUNTING Use toy blocks to measure how long something is. How many blocks long is your arm, your foot, etc.?	24 READING Hang up a piece of paper with the words to "Are You Sleeping?" and sing it every morning and night. <i>(Words are on the back. ➡)</i>	25 WRITING 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.	26 PLAYING Play "Hot and Cold." <i>(Instructions are on the back. ➡)</i> 	27 TALKING Use family photos to tell different stories. Encourage your child to tell a story.	28 SINGING Have a family sing-along. Each person gets to pick a favorite song.
29 COUNTING Count the number of people in your family. How many kids? How many grownups? How many pets?	30 READING Ask your child questions as you read to them today. <i>What do you think will happen next? Where did the little dog go?</i>					

Playing to Learn New Words

Play and have fun with words:

- Read a book with lots of made-up words like "How Do You Wokka-Wokka?" by Elizabeth Bluemle. Try making up more words to go with the story.
- Silly poems are fun and can teach new vocabulary.
- Kids love riddles and jokes, which often use a "play on words." Laugh along as you talk about the answer to the riddle or joke.
- Having fun with words helps your child become more conscious of words and happy to keep learning.

IF YOU'RE HAPPY AND YOU KNOW IT

If you're happy and you know it clap your hands.

(clap, clap)

If you're happy and you know it clap your hands.

(clap, clap)

If you're happy and you know and you really want to show it, if you're happy and you know it clap your hands.

(clap, clap)

OTHER VERSES: STOMP YOUR FEET! TURN AROUND! SHOUT HOORAY! DO ALL FOUR!

ARE YOU SLEEPING?

Are you sleeping, are you sleeping?

Brother John, Brother John?

Morning bells are ringing, morning bells are ringing,

Ding ding dong, ding ding dong.



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

Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?

by *Bill Martin Jr.*

Jump!

by *Tatsuhide Matsuoka*



FOR READERS AGES 3+

Lola Goes to School

by *Anna McQuinn*

Be a Tree!

by *Maria Gianferrari*