

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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& SO MUCH MORE!

BOOKS & BREW LOCAL AUTHOR FESTIVAL

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



Stop by the Lawton Farmer's Market to meet local authors, purchase books & have them autographed. Purchase & enjoy coffee, locally-made pastries, & more made by Lawton Farmer's Market vendors.



AI FOR EVERYONE

Monday, October 14
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm



Join us for an engaging workshop designed to help you harness the power of AI to boost your productivity in everyday tasks. Discover practical tools & techniques that make AI accessible & beneficial for everyone, regardless of technical background. Presented by Sai Gullapally, Machine Learning Engineer.

SCHOOL'S OUT @ THE LIBRARY

DIY WEARABLE TECH

Tuesday, October 15
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Ages 10–16

Learn about basic circuits while making a piece of wearable, light-up circuitry.

MASK MAKING

Wednesday, October 16
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 5–12



Get creative & design your own costume mask. Using a variety of materials & paints, each mask will be a work of wearable art.

MIDDLE MAKERS

Thursday, October 17
2:00 pm – 3:00 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.

MOVIE MATINEE: INSIDE OUT 2

Friday, October 18
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
All Ages



Throw on some comfy clothes & join us for a showing of Inside Out 2! Feel free to bring a blanket & snacks. Rated PG; 96 min.

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, October 8
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *The Housemaid's Secret* by Freida McFadden. Next month's book is *The House in the Pines* by Ana Reyes. Utterly unique & captivating, *The House in the Pines* keeps you guessing whether we can ever fully confront the past & return home. Extra copies of this month's book are available at the Customer Service Desk at the Main Library.



COVER-TO-COVER BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, October 15
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *The Scent Keeper* by Erica Bauermeister. 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.



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, household 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



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.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY QUARTERLY MEETING: COMMON SCAMS FOR CYBER SECURITY

Monday, October 28
12:00 noon – 1:00 pm

Derek Blazek, Red River Science & Technology, LLC, will present Common Scams for Cyber Security Awareness month. This presentation is designed to educate & empower community members against common online threats. Optional light lunch. \$2/person.



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 October 2 @ 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 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.

EARLY LITERACY

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS STORYTIME

Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 29
10:00 am – 10:30 am
Wednesdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm (repeat of Tuesday)
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, October 21
9:00 am – 10:00 am



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

BOO-A-PALOOZA STORYTIME

Tuesday, October 22
10:00 am – 10:30 am
Ages 0 – 6 & Caregivers



A special storytime full of Halloween tales & a costume parade! Come in costume if you wish.

Boo-a-Palooza will not be repeated for Afternoon Storytime on Wednesday, October 23.

SIT, STAY, READ: LITERACY DOGS!

Thursday, October 24
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.

CARDBOARD CONTRAPTIONS

Monday, October 28
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 5–12



Cardboard in action! Learn to make amazing, simple automata from cardboard & other materials.

IN THE COMMUNITY

BOOOOO-K WALK @ OPEN STREETS

Saturday, October 19
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

This year's annual Booooo-k Walk will take place at Open Streets! Read *Halloween is Coming* & join us for a day of play & celebration. Costumes are encouraged.



PUMPKIN RUN @ THE OWENS CENTER

Friday, October 25
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Join us for some Halloween fun & fitness at the Owens Center! Participate in the run & a variety of other activities.



FALL FESTIVAL @ FORT SILL FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Saturday, October 26
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm



Stop by the Library's trunk at Fort Sill Federal Credit Union for trunk-or-treating at the Fall Festival.

HALLOWEEN BASH @ LAWTON CITY HALL

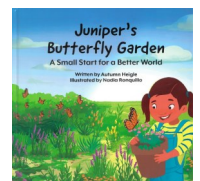
Thursday, October 31
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Come visit the Library's booth at the City Hall Halloween Bash! Enjoy treats & trick-or-treating at this fun-filled celebration.



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.



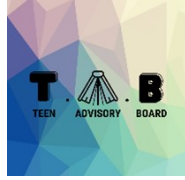
READ FOR A LIFETIME! LEVELS OF LITERACY AS YOU GROW

Register for ongoing reading challenges @
<https://lawtonok.beanstack.org>

TEENS

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, October 1
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: 3D GHOST PAINTINGS

Tuesday, October 1
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 12 –18
While supplies last



Paint a canvas & use air dry clay to make a spooky 3D ghost painting! Paint your canvas & create your ghost during class time. Pick up your completed masterpiece on Tuesday, October 8.

TEEN TRIVIA NIGHT

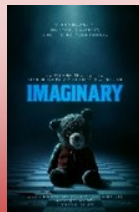
Tuesday, October 15
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 12 –18



Join us for a night of friendly competition playing general trivia! Play solo or as a team. Prizes await our winners.

TEEN MOVIE NIGHT: IMAGINARY

Tuesday, October 29
5:00 pm – 6:45 pm
Ages 12 –18



Join us for a spooky showing of Imaginary! Rated PG-13; 104 min.

TEEN VOICES: QUESTION OF THE MONTH

All October

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



October: If you could tell your younger self any one thing, what would it be?

EVENTS & CLASSES

DIGITIZING VHS TAPES

Tuesday, October 1
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 18+



Bring in a VHS tape & have library staff help you digitize your precious memories. Participants receive a flash drive with the video. Bring the past into the present with our Digital Memory Center.

ADULTISH CRAFTS: MISFIT CRAFTS

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



This month we will have a variety of leftover crafts, as well as a couple of new, simple ones. Craft choices are first come, first served.

BEADED SPIDER CRAFT

Thursday, October 24
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 16+



Join us in making a small wire & bead spider ornament. Spiders are popular at both Halloween & Christmas.

NEA BIG READ



Join us for a community read! Pick up a free copy of *The Best We Could Do* by Thi Bui at the Main library beginning Monday, October 15 while supplies last. Join in a variety of events & book discussions throughout October & November.

Brought to you by The City of Lawton Arts & Humanities & McMahon Auditorium Authority

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

PICTURE BOOK CONTEST

October 1 - 25

Write & illustrate a picture book inspired by the theme "Color Our World". Submit book & entry form by Friday, October 25.



Winners will be contacted by Monday, October 28.

Book Details:

- Must be on 17" L x 11" H paper (landscape)
- Paper can be picked up at library or use your own
- Must be 15 pages including the cover
- Only use one side of the paper
- Please number pages

One winner will be selected from each category:
Ages 6 - 11
Ages 12 - 18

Winners will receive a prize & their book will be displayed for one month in a StoryWalk®.

COMING SOON

Saturday, November 9: Lawton Community Cleanout
Wednesday, November 13: Craft Swap
Friday, November 15: Currency Conga
Saturday, November 16: Family Photo Day
Monday, November 25: Gift Wrapping Class

LAWTON ADULT LITERACY CENTER

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



DATABASE OF THE MONTH: TRANSPARENT LANGUAGE ONLINE

Learn over 100 languages (including English) through listening, speaking, reading, & writing activities! Access this database at lawtonok.gov/departments/library/e-resources. Create an account & then use it on the website, or download the mobile app for learning on the go!



TECHNOLOGY

3D PRINTING: TINKERCAD

Thursday, October 3
5:00 pm – 6:00 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.**

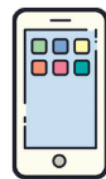
CRICUT BASICS

Monday, October 7
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 14+



Introduction to using the Cricut. 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**

CELL PHONE BASICS



Thursday, October 10
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Need help navigating your smartphone? Join this class for personalized guidance & one-on-one assistance on cell phone navigation.

Brought to you by Connected Nation & AT&T.

BASIC 3D PRINTER MAINTENANCE

Tuesday, October 22
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Learn about how to do basic maintenance on your 3D printer while our technology specialists demonstrate how our Create Space printers are maintained. Join in on discussion & ask questions on how to care for your own 3D printer.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

MOBILE WELLNESS UNIT

Tuesday, October 1
9:00 am – 12:00 noon



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

Tuesday, October 1
9:00 am – 11:00 am



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.

MEDICARE CLASS

Wednesday, October 9
10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Ages 18+



Visit the Main library to learn about the 2025 Medicare updates. Presented by Juli Cowden with the Medicare Assistance Program. Email libraryevents@lawtonok.gov to join on Zoom.

SEED GIVEAWAY: DIANTHUS



Dianthus are known for their longevity in the garden. Once established, dianthus are known to thrive with minimal maintenance. These plants are known for their pretty blooms & spicy scent.



October is
#FamilyHistoryMonth

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, FRIENDS OF THE LAWTON PUBLIC LIBRARY!

The continued support of the Friends of the Lawton Public Library is vital to our growth & success. Your generosity helps us continue to offer programs, events, & more to our wonderful community. Thank you—without you, none of this would be possible!

We  the Friends
of the Library.

ACTIVITIES

MONSTER MASH

All October

Come by the Main Library & grab a bag of parts to create your own unique creature. Bring the creation back to collect a spooky prize.



SIX WORD EPITAPHS

All October

Challenge yourself to create the most clever or thoughtful headstone at the Main library using only six words!



VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE PUMPKIN!

Tuesday, October 1– Thursday, October 30

Cast your vote on your favorite pumpkin decorated by Library staff! Visit the Main library or vote on our Facebook page. Voting closes & winner will be announced on Thursday, October 31.



COMMUNITY OFRENDA

All October



Discover the history of Día de los Muertos & participate in a community ofrenda for the month of October. Bring a small photo of your departed loved one to be displayed & remembered throughout the month of October.

KIDS WRITING STATION

All October
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 *Bad Kitty*.

KIDS VOTING STATION

All October

What is your favorite day of the week? What favorite food will reign supreme? Kids can cast their votes on the ballots located in the Kid’s Cove at the Main library.



Want to
cast your vote
on November 5?

Register to vote by
Oct. 11, 2024
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THE NEXT CHAPTER

OF YOUR CAREER >>>
STARTS AT THE LIBRARY



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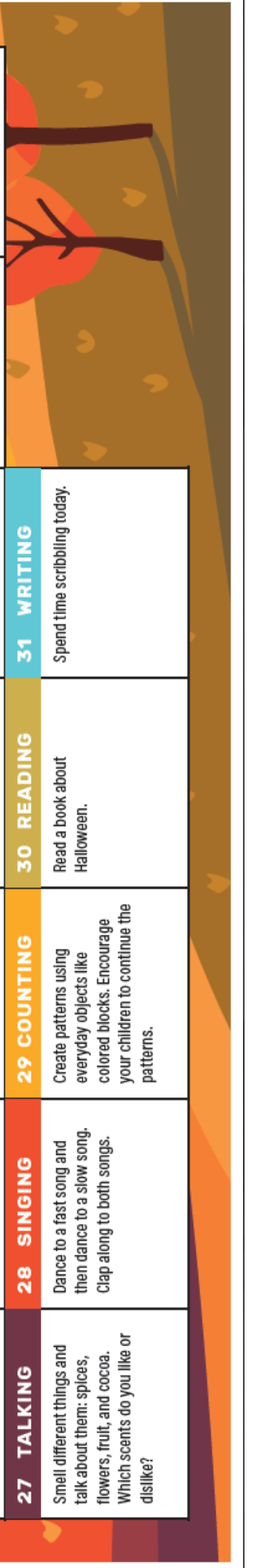
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00 am Health Dept 9:00 am Mobile Unit 10:00 am Storytime 4:00 pm TAB 4:30 pm Teen Craft 5:00 pm Digitize VHS	2 2:00 pm Storytime 4:00 pm Library Board	3 5:00 pm STEM: Tinkercad	4	5 8:00 am Books & Brew*
6	7 5:00 pm Cricut Basics	8 10:00 am Storytime 6:00 pm Page Turners	9 10:00 am Medicare Class 2:00 pm Storytime	10 10:00 am Cell Phone Basics	11	12
13	14 6:00 pm Intro to AI	15 10:00 am Storytime 2:00 pm Wearable Tech 5:00 pm Teen Trivia 6:00 pm Cover-to-Cover	16 2:00 pm Storytime 5:00 pm Mask Making 6:00 pm Adultish Crafts	17 2:00 pm Middle Makers	18 2:00 pm Movie Matinee	19 10:00 am Open Streets**
20	21 9:00 am Chick-fil-A	22 10:00 am Boo-a-Palooza 5:00 pm 3D Printer Maintenance	23 2:00 pm Storytime	24 5:00 pm Sit, Stay, Read 5:00 pm Beaded Spiders	25 4:30 pm Pumpkin Run***	26 2:00 pm Fall Festival****
27	28 12:00 noon Friends Mtg 5:00 pm Cardboard	29 10:00 am Storytime 5:00 pm Teen Movie	30 2:00 pm Storytime	31 3:00 pm Halloween Bash*****	* 77 SW 4th St ** C Avenue *** 1405 SW 1th St **** 1614 NW 67th St ***** 212 SW 9th St	

OCTOBER 2024

Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6 READING Go to the library and take out a new book. Talk about new words you come across while reading the new book.	7 WRITING Write a grocery list together. Walk around the kitchen checking what you might need and add it to the list.	8 PLAYING Take a walk outside. Collect colorful leaves. Try to find as many different types as possible.	9 TALKING Use interesting new words. For example, <i>delightful</i> in place of <i>good</i> ; <i>voracious</i> in place of <i>hungry</i> ; <i>scrumptious</i> in place of <i>delicious</i> .	10 SINGING Take turns singing bits of the alphabet song. 	11 COUNTING Trace the hand of each person in your family. Whose hand is bigger? Whose is smaller? 	12 READING Spot letters on license plates today. Call them out as you see them.
13 WRITING Write your child's name in big letters. Decorate the page and hang it where they can see it.	14 PLAYING Play "I Spy" with rhyming words. <i>I spy with my little eye something that rhymes with pie. What is it? Yes, Sky!</i>	15 TALKING Make flashcards with pictures of objects, animals, or actions. Ask your child to name what they see or describe what they see.	16 SINGING Sing "Five Little Speckled Frogs." <i>(Words are on the back.)</i>	17 COUNTING Pick a point in your house or on your block. Count the steps to get there. 	18 READING Hold a favorite book upside-down or start reading it backwards. Talk about what is "wrong" with the way you are reading the book.	19 WRITING Work together to plan a walk around your neighborhood. Draw a map before you go and use it while you are walking.
20 PLAYING Play "restaurant." Create a menu together. 	21 TALKING Use interesting expressions. <i>I'm all ears in place of I'm listening.</i>	22 SINGING Sing "Five Little Ducks." <i>(Words are on the back.)</i>	23 COUNTING Count the pumpkins you see today. Keep a tally.	24 READING Read a book about fall.	25 WRITING Write a list of words that rhyme with dog. 	26 PLAYING Play a rhyming riddle game. <i>What do you see that rhymes with bee? Yes, a tree!</i>
27 TALKING Smell different things and talk about them: spices, flowers, fruit, and cocoa. Which scents do you like or dislike?	28 SINGING Dance to a fast song and then dance to a slow song. Clap along to both songs.	29 COUNTING Create patterns using everyday objects like colored blocks. Encourage your children to continue the patterns.	30 READING Read a book about Halloween.	31 WRITING Spend time scribbling today.		



Parents are tremendous role models.

if your children see that you think reading is important and enjoy it, they will follow your lead. When you go to the library, check-out books for you and your children. Put your books somewhere at home where your child can see them. Let your children see you reading. Talk about what you've read, even if it is just to say, "That was a good book. I liked reading it."

FIVE LITTLE SPECKLED FROGS

Five little speckled frogs

(fold up five fingers)

Sat on a speckled log

Eating the most delicious bugs

YUM!

One jumped into the pool

(put down one finger)

Where it was nice and cool

Then there were four speckled frogs

(fold up four fingers)

START OVER FROM THE BEGINNING BUT WITH FOUR SPECKLED FROGS, THREE SPECKLED FROGS, TWO SPECKLED FROGS, ONE SPECKLED FROG. "THEN THERE WERE NO SPECKLED FROGS!"



FIVE LITTLE DUCKS

Five little ducks

Went out one day

Over the hill and far

away

Mother duck said

"Quack, quack,

quack, quack"

But only four little

ducks came back.

Four little ducks

Went out one day

Over the hill and far

away

Mother duck said

"Quack, quack,

quack, quack"

But only three little

ducks came back.

Three little ducks

Went out one day

Over the hill and far

away

Mother duck said

"Quack, quack,

quack, quack"

But only two little

ducks came back.

Two little ducks

Went out one day

Over the hill and far

away

Mother duck said

"Quack, quack,

quack, quack"

But only one little

duck came back.

One little duck

Went out one day

Over the hill and far

away

Mother duck said

"Quack, quack,

quack, quack"

But none of the five

little ducks came

back.

Sad mother duck

Went out one day

Over the hill and far

away

The sad mother

duck said

"Quack, quack,

quack, quack"

And all of the five

little ducks came

back.

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

Oh No, George!

by *Chris Haughton*

Trick or Treat, Pout Pout Fish

by *Deborah Diesen*

FOR READERS AGES 3+

A Big Mooncake for Little Star

by *Grace Lin*

The Magical Yet

by *Angela DiTerlizzi*

