

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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2024 LAWTON COMMUNITY CLEAN OUT

Saturday, November 9
9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Join the City of Lawton 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 donations can be dropped off at the Main library. For more information, visit <https://www.lawtonok.gov/Home/Components/News/News/876/15> or scan the QR code.

FAMILY PHOTO DAY

Saturday, November 16
9:15 am – 1:15 pm

Visit the Main library for one free fall or holiday-themed family photo courtesy of Through Movement Photography. Photos will be delivered via email. Additional photos can be purchased at a discounted price upon delivery. To register, scan the QR code or call 580-581-3450 option 4. Registration opens Friday, November 1. Photos will be ready by December 1.



CRAFT SUPPLY SWAP

Wednesday, November 13
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Swap your new or gently used craft supplies for new-to-you supplies! Drop off supplies from Tuesday, November 5 – Tuesday, November 12 to receive a ticket to use at the swap. Didn't donate? Stop by between 7:00 pm – 7:45 pm to browse & go home with new-to-you craft supplies. Craft supplies can be donated without participation in the swap.



MINI MUSIC BOXES

Monday, November 18
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Assemble your very own tiny wooden music box with the Glowforge. Choose from a variety of tunes for an easy-to-assemble, no batteries required trinket. **Space is limited & registration is required. To register, email libraryevents@lawtonok.gov or call 580-581-3450 ext 4.**



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



CLUBS & GROUPS

PAGE TURNERS FICTION BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, November 12
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *The House in the Pines* by Ana Reyes. Next month's book is *The Banned Bookshop of Maggie Banks* by Shauna Robinson. A charming story about a woman who finds herself caught in a small-town literary feud, sparking a heartwarming celebration of books & their power to connect people. Extra copies of this month's book are available at the Customer Service Desk at the Main Library.



COVER-TO-COVER BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, November 19
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict & Victoria Christopher Murray. Next month's book is *Project Hail Mary* by Andy Weir; a thrilling, scientifically accurate space adventure that will keep you hooked. Copies of this month's book are available at the Customer Service Desk at the Main 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.

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 November 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, January 27 @ 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.

THE NEXT CHAPTER

OF YOUR CAREER >>>
STARTS AT THE LIBRARY



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EARLY LITERACY

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS STORYTIME

Tuesdays, November 5, 12, 19, 26
10:00 am – 10:30 am
Wednesdays, November 6, 13, 20, 27
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, November 18
9:00 am – 10:00 am



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

PET CENTS: KID'S FINANCIAL CLASS

Friday, November 8
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Pets are great, but it costs money to take care of them. Watch your available funds & buy things your pet needs & wants to keep it happy. 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.

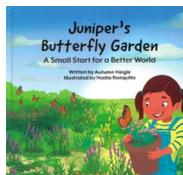


READ FOR A LIFETIME! LEVELS OF LITERACY AS YOU GROW

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

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.



DINOVEMBER

CELEBRATE DINOVEMBER @ THE LIBRARY!

DINOSAUR SCAVENGER HUNT

All November
Ages 2– 6

Search the Kid's Cove high & low for hidden dinos! Find all the dinosaurs & claim a small prize.



DINOSAUR BINGO

All November
Ages 6 – 14

Use library books, resources, or the Internet to discover dinosaur facts! Get a bingo & receive a small prize.



DINOSAUR CROSSWORD

All November
Ages 12– 18

Use clues to complete a dinosaur-themed crossword puzzles! Complete the puzzle & receive a small prize.



DISGUISE A DINOSAUR

All November
All Ages

Help our dinosaurs go undercover! Get creative & turn your dinosaur into a new character to help it stay hidden. Display your disguised dino at the Library!



MOVIE MATINEE: THE LAND BEFORE TIME

Monday, November 11
10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Family Friendly

Throw on some comfy clothes & join us for a showing of *The Land Before Time*! Feel free to bring a blanket & snacks. Rated G; 68 min.



NOTARY PUBLIC AVAILABLE
Call for details.

TEENS

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, November 5
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: CROSS STITCH BOOKMARK

Tuesday, November 5
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 12 –18
While supplies last



Hang out & learn how to make a cross stitch bookmark! Learn the basics of cross stitch embroidery by making a blueberry bookmark.

TEEN ACTIVITY: PERLER BEADS

Tuesday, November 19
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 12 –18



Make a perler, melty bead creation! Use your imagination to create something of your choosing or use a variety of templates to make your masterpiece.

TEEN GAME NIGHT

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



Join us for a night of friendly competition playing a variety of games.

TEEN VOICES: QUESTION OF THE MONTH

All November

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



November: What would you do differently if you knew no one would judge you?

EVENTS & CLASSES

DIGITIZING VHS TAPES

Thursday, November 14
3:00 pm – 4:00 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 GAMES: CHARADES

Wednesday, November 20
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Ages 16+



Enjoy some good, old-fashioned fun playing Charades. Other board games will be available or you can bring your own from home.

GRINCH COME-AND-GO CRAFT

Tuesday, November 26
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Ages 12+



Get into the holiday spirit with this come-and-go craft! Make your own Grinch using a bottle, feathers, & o more!

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

NOTARY PUBLIC AVAILABLE

Call for details.

SEED GIVEAWAY: CILANTRO

Cilantro grows fast in the cool weather of spring & fall. Grow in an area with full sun & keep soil moist. Harvest cilantro leaves once they are large enough to eat.



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.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

MOBILE WELLNESS UNIT

Tuesday, November 5
9:00 am – 12:00 noon

The Oklahoma State Department of Health will be offering flu shots at the Main library! 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, November 5
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.



DATABASE OF THE MONTH: DRIVING-TESTS.ORG

Access the PDF handbooks or audiobooks for the Oklahoma Driver's, CDL, & motorcycle exams. Take a variety of FREE practice exams to prepare for your test & get you ready for the road. We have you covered with test questions almost identical to the real thing. Study anytime, anywhere.



STEM LITERACY

BLOCK CODING

Monday, November 4
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 6 – 18



Get ready for a fun-filled adventure where you'll bring robots & other gadgets to life using block coding! Explore the basics & apply your skills to projects like controlling robots & other technology.

PAPER CIRCUITRY

Thursday, November 7
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm
Ages 6 – 18



Brighten up the holidays with a creative twist! In this class, you'll design light-up cards & signs using paper circuitry, combining art & electronics to make your designs shine.

CRICUT BASICS: MUGS!

Tuesday, November 12
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Ages 14+



Learn the basics of using the Cricut to make a mug with a fun design. Please create a DesignSpace account before the class. **Space is limited. To register, email libraryevents@lawtonok.gov or call 580-581-3450 ext 4.**

LEARNING WITH LEGO

Thursday, November 21
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm



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

HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The Main library will close at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, November 27. The Main & Branch library locations will be closed on Thursday, November 28 & Friday, November 29 in observance of Thanksgiving. The library catalog & databases are available 24/7 at lawtonok.gov/departments/library

NEA BIG READ

SPRING ROLL COOKING DEMO @ LAWTON FARMER'S MARKET

Saturday, November 2
10:00 am – 11:00 am



Melissa Simms, Community Engagement & Health Planning Manager of the Comanche County Health Department will be demonstrating how to make easy & healthy spring rolls. This event is part of the NEA Big Read, a program designed to broaden our understanding of the world, our communities, & ourselves through the joy of sharing a good book.

NEA BIG READ DISCUSSION

Tuesday, November 5
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm



The community is invited to participate in the discussion of the NEA Big Read book *The Best We Could Do* by Thi Bui, a memoir in the form of a graphic novel that chronicles Bui & her family's journey from their war-torn home in Vietnam to their new lives as refugees in America. Stop by the Library to grab a FREE copy of the book.

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These events are part of the NEA Big Read, a program designed to broaden our understanding of the world, our communities, & ourselves through the joy of sharing a good book. Brought to you by the City of Lawton Arts & Humanities & McMahon Auditorium Authority.

ACTIVITIES

DRAW YOUR BEST HAND TURKEY

All November

Stop by the Main library to draw & decorate your best hand turkey! Hand turkeys will be displayed in the Library all month long.



KIDS WRITING STATION

All November
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 Maisy.**



COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR @ LIFE READY CENTER

Friday, November 15
4:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Stop by our booth at the Community Resource Fair. Helping kids by helping parents. This free event features a wide variety of vendors that assist with food, clothing, healthcare, mental health, utility assistance, & family resources.



READ FOR A LIFETIME! LEVELS OF LITERACY AS YOU GROW

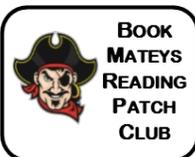
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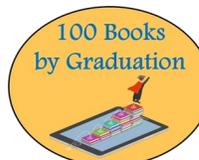
The goal is for you to read 1,000 BOOKS with your child from birth until kindergarten.



Self-paced reading program for kids each school year in grades 4-8. The goal is 100 books total.



Self-paced reading program for kids from ages 0-12 years. Earn patches for reading!



Self-paced reading program for kids each school year in grades 9-12. The goal is 100 books total.



The goal is for your child to read or be read to for 500 minutes a month each school year from K-3rd grade.



Adult Literacy Resources are available for readers over 18.

DIGITAL SKILLS

LUNCH & LEARN: DIGITAL SKILLS TRAINING

Friday, November 22
11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Join us for a light lunch & learn a variety of digital skills with personalized guidance & one-on-one assistance.

Computer Basics @ 11:00 am – 12:00 noon
Cell Phone Basics @ 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm
Email Basics @ 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Brought to you by Connected Nation & AT&T.



HOLIDAY BOOK DRIVE

Friday, November 1 – Friday, November 15

“Today a reader, tomorrow a leader!” – Margaret Fuller. United Way of Southwest Oklahoma’s Success By 6 program is hosting a book drive to benefit families in our community! Clean out your child’s library or purchase your favorite book to donate & drop it off at the Main library from November 1 – November 15. Give the gift of reading this Christmas!



DID YOU KNOW...?

National STEM Day is Friday, November 8! Every month, we explore the world of science, technology, engineering, & math with exciting, hands-on classes for ALL ages. From curious kids to lifelong learners, we offer STEM class every month designed to spark curiosity for everyone.



Thank you to the Friends of the Lawton Public Library, Brooke Rooney, community volunteers, & library staff who help make these classes possible.

HOLIDAY CLASSES

CANVA BASICS: HOLIDAY CARDS

Monday, November 25
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Ages 16+



Learn how to design & personalize your own holiday cards using Canva! **Space is limited & registration is required. To register, email libraryevents@lawtonok.gov or call 580-581-3540 ext 4. Participants must create a Canva account before the class.**

CREATIVE GIFT WRAPPING

Monday, November 25
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 16+



Learn some creative ways to wrap gifts. Hang out with us & practice your wrapping techniques on empty boxes or bring your own gifts & paper to wrap.

PAPER CHAIN ADVENT CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 27
10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Family Friendly



Join us for a drop-in craft! Create a winter-themed paper chain advent calendar to get into the holiday spirit.

COMING SOON

Friday, December 6: Pajama Movie
Tuesday, December 17: Teen Christmas Party
Tuesday, December 31: Noon Year’s Eve Party
Thursday, January 1: Winter Break Movie Matinee
Saturday, February 1: Take Your Child to the Library Day

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Don’t forget to set your clocks back an hours on Sunday, November 3!



NOVEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
* at Life Ready Center: 702 NW Homestead Dr					1	2 10:00 am Cooking Demo*
3	4 5:00 pm Block Coding	5 9:00 am Health Dept. 9:00 am Mobile Wellness 10:00 am Storytime 4:00 pm TAB/Teen Craft 5:00 pm NEA Book Discussion	6 2:00 pm Storytime 4:00 pm Library Board	7 4:30 pm Paper Circuits	8 4:00 pm Pet Cents	9 9:00 am Community Cleanout
10	11 10:00 am Movie Matinee	12 10:00 am Storytime 5:00 pm Cricut 6:00 pm Page Turners	13 2:00 pm Storytime 5:00 pm Craft Swap	14 3:00 pm VHS Tapes	15 4:30 pm Community Resource Fair*	16 9:15 am Family Photo Day
17	18 9:00 am Chick-Fil-A 5:30 pm Mini Music Boxes	19 10:00 am Storytime 5:00 pm Teen Activity 6:00 pm Cover-to-Cover	20 2:00 pm Storytime 5:00 pm Adultish Games	21 4:30 pm Legos	22 11:00 am Digital Skills	23
24	25 4:00 pm Holiday Cards 5:00 pm Gift Wrapping	26 10:00 am Storytime 2:00 pm Grinch Craft 5:00 pm Teen Game Night	27 10:00 am Paper Advent 2:00 pm Storytime MAIN LIBRARY CLOSES 5:00 PM	28 CLOSED	29 CLOSED	30

NOVEMBER 2024

Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child.

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

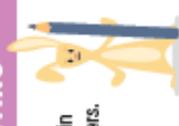
WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

	3 TALKING	4 SINGING	5 COUNTING	6 READING	7 WRITING	8 PLAYING	9 TALKING
	At the end of the day talk about everything that happened. What did you like best about today?	Have a family sing-along. Each person gets to pick a favorite song.	Draw numbers 1-10 in big puffy letters. Help your child color in each one as you say each one.	Read a book that won the Caldecott Medal. The library will help you find one based on what your child likes.	Draw a map of your neighborhood. Include landmarks your child knows. The park, the library, the red house on the corner.	Go on a walk and collect leaves. Ask questions. <i>What color is that leaf? Are those two leaves the same or different?</i>	Talk about your favorite books. Which do you like best and why?
	10 SINGING	11 COUNTING	12 READING	13 WRITING	14 PLAYING	15 TALKING	16 SINGING
	Recite "Rub a Dub Dub" <i>(Words are on the back.)</i>	Roll a small ball back and forth. Count to ten with each person saying a number each time they roll the ball.	Read fiction and nonfiction books about fall. Your library has lots to choose from!	Finish the drawing. Start a drawing and have your child finish it or add to it.	Make a blanket tent. Pretend you are sleeping there overnight. What will you bring? Read a book together in the cozy tent.	Wish upon a star tonight. Recite "Star Light, Star Bright." <i>(Words are on the back.)</i>	Sing a favorite rhyming song. Stop at the end of a line and have your child fill in the word. <i>(See "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" on the back.)</i>
	17 COUNTING	18 READING	19 WRITING	20 PLAYING	21 TALKING	22 SINGING	23 COUNTING
	Fill a jar with small objects and have your children estimate how many are in the jar. Then count together to see who was closest.	Snuggle together and read two favorite books and one new book you haven't read yet.	Draw your child's name in big puffy letters. Color them in together.	Take turns naming animals and making animal sounds.	Talk about opposites. Reach high to the sky and low to the ground. Take a big step and a little step.	Play favorite songs. Bounce, tap, clap to the rhythm.	See how many cotton balls you can fit into a variety of different-sized containers. <i>How many fit in this cup? How many can fit in your pocket?</i>
	24 READING	25 WRITING	26 PLAYING	27 TALKING	28 SINGING	29 COUNTING	30 READING
	Use your finger to follow along with the words in the book as you read to your child today	Make a book with your child. Draw letters and pictures to tell a story. Tape the pages together.	Go for a morning walk. Walk slow. Walk fast (toddler pace). Repeat.	Rhyming Day! Incorporate rhymes wherever you can. Look at the birds, they fly high in the sky.	March to a drum. Use any empty container to act as a drum.	Use rulers, measuring tape, or even footsteps to measure different objects around the house or outside.	Read a book about winter.



Listening to nursery rhymes and songs is an early literacy experience that helps children understand how language and stories work.

Recite rhymes and sing songs with children from the time they are infants. This helps them become aware of and then play with the sounds in the words. Many rhymes tell a story with a beginning, middle, and end. This shows children how stories work and that events happen in a sequence. Good readers understand that stories and books have a beginning, middle, and end. After reciting a rhyme or singing a song ask your child about the song. What happened at the beginning? What happened at the end?

RUB A DUB DUB

Rub a Dub Dub
Three Men in a Tub
And Who Do You Think They Be?
The Butcher, The Baker, The Candlestick Maker
And All of the them Out to Sea

MAKE A STORY BOX

1. Use a small box and decorate it together. Label it Story Box.
2. Find random pictures with no words to add to the story box. Use family snapshots, advertisements from magazines, and other pictures.
3. At story time each person takes a picture (without peeking) and tells a short story about the picture.

TWINKLE, TWINKLE, LITTLE STAR

Twinkle, twinkle, little star
How I wonder what you are
Up above the world so high
Like a diamond in the sky
Twinkle, twinkle little star
How I wonder what you are

STAR LIGHT, STAR BRIGHT

Star light, star bright,
The first star I see tonight;
I wish I may, I wish I might,
Have the wish I wish tonight.



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

Odd Beasts: Meet Nature's Weirdest Animals
by *Laura Gehl*

Hello World! Weather
by *Jill McDonald*



FOR READERS AGES 3+

Cece Loves Science
by *Kimberly Derting and Shell R. Johannes*

Hello, Puddle!
by *Anita Sanchez*