

DECEMBER 2024

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!

PAJAMA "DRIVE-IN" MOVIE

Friday, December 6 9:30 am - 12:00 noon Ages 3 - 6 & Caregivers

Let's get cozy! Kids can wear their pajamas & decorate their own box "car" to sit in to watch The Grinch (2018); Rated PG; 90 min. Registration is required. To register, email libraryevents@lawtonok.gov or call 580-581-3450 ext 4.

LUNCH & LEARN: FREE DIGITAL SKILLS TRAINING

Enjoy a complimentary light lunch & learn a variety of digital skills. Registration is highly encouraged. Email libraryevents@lawtonok.gov or call 580-581-3450 ext 4.

Wednesday, December 18 Computer Basics @ 11:00 am -12:00 noon Internet Basics @ 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm Email Basics @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Thursday, December 19 Mobile Device Basics @ 11:00 am -12:00 noon Video Conferencing @ 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm Internet Safety @ 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm



Hosted by Connected Nation, AT&T, & Friends of the Lawton Public Library.

CONNECTED AT&T NATION

NOON YEAR'S EVE

Tuesday, December 31 11:00 am - 12:00 noon Ages 0 – 10 & Caregivers

Ring in the "NOON" year with stories, a craft, & a countdown to noon. Each family will leave with a free winter themed book provided by United Way Success By 6 while supplies last.



HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Both library locations will be closed Tuesday, December 24 & Wednesday, December 25 in observance of Christmas. The Main library will close at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, December 31 & both library locations will be closed on Wednesday, January 1 in observance of New Year's Day. The library catalog & databases are available 24/7 online at lawtonok.gov/ departments/library

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



CLUBS & GROUPS

PAGE TURNERS FICTION BOOK CLUB Tuesday, December 10 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

This month's book is The Banned Bookshop of Maggie Banks by Shauna Robinson. Next month's book is Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus. Lessons in Chemistry follows Elizabeth Zott as she navigates a treacherous & misogynistic 1950s society & workplace. Explore the

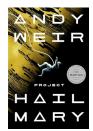


explosive chemistry of love & loss in this engrossing romance title! Extra copies of this month's book are available at the Customer Service Desk at the Main Library.

COVER-TO-COVER BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, December 17 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

This month's book is Project Hail Mary by Andy Weir. Next month's book is Clytemnestra by Costanza Casati. A retelling of the story of Helen of Troy's twin sister, Clytemnestra — a strong warrior, mother, & gueen with a knack for survival as she naviaates the maledominated world of Ancient Greece. A must read for



fans of historical fiction. 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 Thu – Sat Sun Closed

9:00 am - 8:00 pm 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

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 January 8 @ 4:00 pm. The public is invited to all meetings.

Chair Vice Chair Member Member Member

Patty Neuwirth Susan Kremmer Frantzie Couch Fermin Viruet **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.

RSVP NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS MEETING

Wednesday, December 11 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Ages 55+



The AmeriCorps Seniors Lawton RSVP office is hosting their first RSVP Neighborhood Connection Meeting. RSVP Volunteers will share about their volunteering activities. This is a great opportunity to meet other RSVP Volunteers, learn about community programs, & volunteer opportunities. For more information, please contact the RSVP Office at (580) 581-3408 Ext. 1839 or via email tara.johnson@lawtonok.gov

EARLY LITERACY

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS STORYTIME

Tuesdays, December 3, 10, 17, 31 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, December 16

9:00 am - 10:00 am



Butterfly Garden

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

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.



Join us February 2025 for Potty Training Storytime! Storytime will feature fun books, songs, & activities that will make potty time less daunting for little ones learning the ropes! For caregivers, we're offering potty training classes after



storytime where you can learn tips & strategies to make the process smoother for your family.

PENNY PINCHER'S PARTY: KID'S FINANCIAL CLASS

Friday, December 20 10:00 am – 11:00 am; 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm (repeat) Ages 5 – 12

Kids will become party planners in this awesome game. Create a planning board for your clients while staying on



budget. 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.

STORYTIME @ HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

Saturday, December 14 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Family Friendly

Pop in for a story at the Patriot Pavilion! Stop by for come-&-go storytime featuring your favorite holiday stories & sing-alongs to cheerful songs. Kids will receive a small gift, while supplies last.



WINTER READING CHALLENGE COMING SOON!

Winter Reading: Make it Pop! 2025 Reading Challenge will be open from Wednesday, January 1 – Friday, February 28. There's a challenge for all ages. Get ready to log your reading by creating an account at lawtonok.beanstack.org or on



the Beanstack app. Paper logs will be available on Wednesday, January 1.



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten A reading challenge supporting early

literacy and a lifelong love of reading.

Sign up for free at lawtonok.beanstack.org



TEENS

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, December 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: YARN ORNAMENTS

Tuesday, December 3 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm Ages 12 –18 While supplies last



Create a simple yarn ornament using thin cardboard, hot glue, & yarn!

TEEN ACTIVITY: CHRISTMAS PARTY

Tuesday, December 17 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm Ages 12 –18



Get in the Christmas spirit with snacks, Christmas Jeopardy, games, & more!

COMPUTER TEARDOWN PROGRAM

Monday, December 23 12:00 noon – 1:30 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.

FINANCIAL CLASSES

LUNCH & LEARN: SCAMS TARGETING SENIORS

Monday, December 9 11:00 am - 12:00 noon Ages 18+

Join us for a free seminar to learn how to protect yourself & your loved ones from common scams targeting seniors. Fort Sill Federal Credit Union associates will discuss the latest scam tactics, provide tips on how to identify & avoid them, & offer advice on what to do if you think you've been scammed.



LUNCH & LEARN: GETTING OUT OF DEBT

Friday, December 13 11:00 am – 12:00 noon Ages 18+

Feeling overwhelmed by debt? You're not alone. Millions of Americans have successfully conquered their financial challenges. Fort Sill Federal Credit Union will be hosting a seminar that will equip you with practical strategies to tackle debt head-on & pave the way for a brighter financial future. Learn how to create a personalized debt repayment plan, budget effectively, & make wise financial decisions to achieve long-term financial stability.

> NOTARY PUBLIC AVAILABLE Call for details.

TEEN VOICES: QUESTION OF THE MONTH All December

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



December: What recent memory makes you smile the most?

SEED GIVEAWAY: SPINACH

Spinach is amazing leafy green that you can sow all through winter & early spring. Winter spinach is typically ready to harvest between March & April.



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, December 3 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, December 3 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.

RETURNING SOON

TAI CHI FOR BETTER BALANCE @ PATTERSON

Mondays & Wednesdays, January 6 – February 17 11:00 am – 12:00 noon

The movements of the Chinese martial art Tai Chi can help seniors reduce the risk of falling, increase balance, & increase



flexibility. This class teaches participants ways to improve their overall mind, body, & spirit through a series of slow continuous movements. It does not matter how strong, flexible, or active you are as Tai Chi is designed for people at all levels of health. The class is free, but registration is required & space is limited. To register, email <u>libraryevents@lawtonok.gov</u> or call 580-581-3450 ext. 4.

Classes will be held at the Patterson Center: 4 NE Arlington Drive, Lawton, OK.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: TAX PREPARATION

Tax season will be here before you know it. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer tax preparer, email libraryhelp@lawtonok.gov



NEW DATABASES ARE HERE!

Lawton Public Library is launching two new, free-to-use databases for library card holders!

Bring learning home with ABCmouse! ABCmouse teaches numbers, addition, subtraction, shapes,

patterns, measurements, & more through fun games & creative activities.

scholastic Teachables

Scholastic Teachables is an online database of tens of thousands of searchable & printable educational materials. Created by teachers & precisely level ready-to-use resources support parents preparing kids for kindergarten readiness, homeschool teachers & learned from Pre-K to grade 6, & children who need extra skills practice.



Library Musings

COAT DRIVE

Monday, December 2 – Wednesday, December 13

Both library locations will serve as a donation site for the OU College of Nursing Student Association coat drive. Donate new or gently used coats, jackets, scarves, gloves, & hats. Donations will benefit the C. Carter Crane Center.



COMING SOON

Thursday, January 2: Movie Matinee Saturday, January 11: Puzzle Race Saturday, January 18: Young Adult Finance Classes Thursday, January 23: Sit, Stay, Read Saturday, February 1: Take Your Child to the Library Day

24/7 LOCKERS COMING SOON...

The Kathleen Wyatt Nicholson Branch Library will soon be introducing a 24/7 pick-up locker kiosk. It is a selfservice unit to conveniently receive your library holds anytime! Ask staff for more details!

ACTIVITIES

DECORATE AN UGLY SWEATER

All December, All Ages

Stop by the Main library to draw & decorate your best ugly sweater!



CANDY CANE HUNT

All December All Ages

Search the Main library for a candy cane bookmark & return to staff to receive a peppermint treat.

KIDS WRITING STATION

All December 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 Olivia**.

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

FREE GROW WITH GOOGLE CAREER TRAINING

The Grow with Google initiative is a partnership between Google & the State of Oklahoma that aims to provide training, tools, & expertise for greater employment opportunities in high-growth career fields. Through self-paced, online learning, participants skill up in their elected area of study & work towards certification. Below are the free, offered Google Program tracks:

- Al Essentials
- Cyber Security
- Data Analytics
- Digital Marketing & E-Commerce
- IT Support
- Project Management
- UX Design

Begin your Grow with Google certification by visiting <u>https://oklahoma.gov/libraries/digital-resources/grow-google</u>





EVENTS & CLASSES

ADULTISH CRAFT: PAINTED TOTE BAGS

Wednesday, December 11 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm Ages 16+



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

CRICUT BASICS: ORNAMENTS

Wednesday, December 18 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Ages 14+

Learn the basics of using the Cricuit to make a Christmas ornament 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.

DIGITIZING VHS TAPES

Monday, December 30 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.

@ Owens Center

HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS PARENT CAFE

Thursday, December 19 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm



Join us for an engaging Parent Cafe filled with great conversation on HOPE, delicious food, & valuable connections. Dinner & childcare will be provided. **Registration required!** To register, visit:

<u>https://forms.gle/UsLZHxaDvQVzFvV88</u>. This event is brought to you by United Way Success By 6, Comanche County Health Department, Lawton Public Library, & Marie Detty.

STEM LITERACY

MINI MAKERS: PAPER CHRISTMAS TREES

Saturday, December 7 10:00 am – 11:00 am Ages 4 – 8

Join us for Mini Makers! Kids will create their own standing, paper Christmas tree.





LIGHT-UP CARDS Thursday, December 12 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm Ages 6 – 14

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.

CHRISTMAS STEM CARS

Thursday, December 19 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm Ages 5 – 11

Create a wooden car or star in this hands-on class. **Registration is** required. To register, email libraryevents@lawtonok.gov or call 580-581-3450 ext 4.

LEARNING WITH LEGO

Saturday, December 28 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm



Let's get building! Kids will be given several LEGO challenges to design,

building their imaginative abilities & problem-solving skills.

Classes led by Brooke Rooney, STEAM Educator



DECEMBER 2024										
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat				
1	2	3 9:00 am Health Dept 9:00 am Mobile Wellness 10:00 am Storytime 4:00 pm TAB 4:30 pm Teen Craft	4	5	6 9:30 am Pajama Drive-In	7 10:00 am Mini Makers				
8	9 11:00 am Lunch & Learn: Scams	10 10:00 am Storytime 6:00 pm Page Turners	11 1:30 pm RSVP Meeting 6:00 pm Adultish Crafts	12 4:30 pm Light-Up Cards	13 11:00 am Lunch & Learn: Debt	14 2:00 pm Storytime @ Park*				
15	16 9:00 am Chick-fil-A	17 10:00 am Storytime 4:00 pm Teen Activity 6:00 pm Cover-to-Cover	18 11:00 am Digital Skills 5:00 pm Cricut Basics	19 11:00 am Digital Skills 4:30 pm STEM Cars 4:30 pm Parent Café**	20 10:00 am Kid's Finance 4:00 pm Kid's Finance	21				
22	23 12:00 noon Computer Teardown	24 CLOSED	25 CLOSED	26	27	28 2:00 pm Legos				
29	30 3:00 pm Digitize VHS	31 10:00 am Storytime 11:00 am Noon Year's Eve CLOSE @ 5:00 PM	* at Patriot Pavilion, Elmer Thomas Park ** at Owens Multipurpose Center							

FRIENDRAISING Friends of the Lawton Public Library

Would you consider a financial gift to support your local library?

Your gift will positively impact your community and all donations are tax deductible. Please consider giving today.

The Friends of the Library financially support Library classes, events, workshops, reading programs, and so much more!

- The Library maintains two locations, both with curbside service.
- Some special services offered at the Library include 3D printing, lamination, printing, laser engraving, interlibrary loans, books for sale, digitization of family mementos, meeting room spaces, adult literacy and citizenship classes, and a telehealth booth.
- Too busy to stop by to get your library card? Library card applications are available online.
- The Lawton Adult Literacy Center, located in the Main Library, tutors adults in basic literacy, ESL, citizenship, and more. Volunteer tutors are always needed.

The Friends of the Lawton Public Library is a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity made up of individuals, families, students, organizations, and businesses who believe in the importance of libraries for people of all ages.

Sincerely, *Fermin Viruet* Fermin Viruet Friends of the Lawton Public Library President

Talking Trails

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The Library launched 30 Talking Trail locations. Share in the rich history, culture, and heritage of Lawton.

Download the Talking Trail app and come explore the Lawton, OK Talking Trail. Visit www.talkingtrail.com/lawtonok



Events

In FY24, the Library hosted 739 events & activities for all ages with an attendance of 22,860. These events, including Chautauqua & Summer Reading, could not have taken place without the backing of the Friends of the Library.

Create Space

Supported by the Friends, the Library's Create Space offers a place for ideas to become reality. 3D printers, Cricuts, a Glowforge, a sewing machine, a sublimation printer, and more produce a collaborative work space for making, learning, exploring, and sharing.

CALL US FOR MORE INFO

- 580-581-3450
- libraryhelp@lawtonok.gov
- https://www.lawtonok.gov/departments/library
- 110 SW 4th St. Lawton, OK 73501

Choose your participation level: O \$50 O \$100 O \$250 O \$500 O Other: _

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Public Library ASSOCIATION References WW.PLA.OR	SATURDAY	7 WRITING	Wrap and unwrap blocks with tin foil. This helps strengthen writing muscles and manual dexterity.	14 PLAYING	Trace a variety of different objects on a piece of paper.	21 TALKING	Encourage family members to share stories about their day during dinner or before bedtime.	28 SINGING	Sing nonsense words to a familiar tune. Sha la la. Doo bee doo bee doo wop bop, etc.			
•	FRIDAY	6 READING	Read books about different holidays and how people celebrate them.	13 WRITING	Use words or drawings to label objects and create signs for different areas of the house.	20 PLAYING	Use play dough to make a snowman.	27 TALKING	Talk about favorite things that happened in the past year.			
• *· ·	THURSDAY	5 COUNTING	Weigh your child and and write it here: Compare it to January and June.	12 READING	Read stories and then talk about them. Ask, 'What was your favorite part of the story?' or 'Which character did you like best?'	19 WRITING	Have each family member write one thing they liked about this week. Have your child decorate the paper.	26 PLAYING	Go for a short walk after dark. What do you see? What does it feel like outside?	*		
hid.	WEDNESDAY	4 SINGING	Change the way you sing a familiar song. Sing it faster or slower. Change up the words.	11 COUNTING	Measure your child's height and write it here: Compare it to January and June.	18 READING	Be a reading role model. Let your child see you reading a book, magazine, or newspaper.	25 WRITING	With your child, make a book of words and drawings of things they are interested in.	•		
DECEMBER 2024 Daily literacy-building activities to share with your child	TUESDAY	3 TALKING	Talk about family traditions. Look at photos from previous years and talk about things you will do again this year.	10 SINGING	Sing "The Frost Song." (Words are on the back. A)	17 COUNTING	Make a high tower with blocks. How many blocks did you use?	24 READING	Read a variety of books about winter.	31 WRITING	Write a list of things to do in 2024.	
EMBE building activities to	* MONDAY	2 PLAYING	Make an indoor tent with blankets and furniture. Cuddle together and read favorite books.	9 TALKING	Talk about your feelings. What made you happy today?	16 SINGING	Recite "Three Little Kittens." (Words are on the back →)	23 COUNTING	Name three things you have to wear in winter.	30 READING	Read a book of nursery rhymes. The library can help you find one.	
DECE Daily literacy-bui	SUNDAY	1 WRITING	Make a winter card to send to someone special. Who will you send it to? Use a stamp and post the card in a mailbox.	8 PLAYING	Pretend to be an animal that likes cold weather. Who will you be?	15 TALKING	At mealtimes, talk about the food that you are preparing, what tools you are using, how you are making it, and how it will taste.	22 SINGING	Sing "Cold and Snowy Morning" (Words are on the back. ♣)	29 COUNTING	Work together to put a stack of children's Obooks in order from largest to smallest.	
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Your library helps children get ready to read.

- The library has many materials and ideas you can use to talk, sing, read, write, play, and count with your child. It doesn't matter if your child is four days old or four years old, we have books, music, programs, and services to help your child develop language and prereading skills.
- We have books to read together, music to borrow, places where you can write, places to play and learn, and programs for all ages.

THE THREE LITTLE KITTENS

The three little kittens, they lost their mittens, And they began to cry, "Oh, mother dear, we sadly fear, That we have lost our mittens." "You lost your mittens? You poor little kittens. Well, let us have some pie." Let us have some pie."

THE FROST SONG Sing to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell"

The frost is in the air. The frost is in the air. It's wintertime, it's wintertime, The frost is in the air. The frost tells me it's cold. The frost tells me it's cold. It's wintertime, it's wintertime, The frost tells me it's cold.

SING OTHER VERSES IN WHICH THE FROST IS "ON THE ROOF," "ON THE WINDOWS," AND "ON THE GROUND"

COLD AND SNOWY MORNING Sing to the tune of "Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush"

This is the way we put on our This is the v mittens snow snow Put on our mittens Shovel the s Put on our mittens Shovel the sa This is the way we put on our This the war mittens snow

On a cold and snowy morning This the way we put on our coats

Put on our coats Put on our coats This is the way we put on our coats On a cold and snowy morning This is way we put on our hats Put on our hats Put on our hats On a cold and snowy morning

This is the way we put on our

out on our This is the way we shovel the snow Shovel the snow

Shovel the snow Shovel the snow This the way we shovel the snow

On a cold and snowy morning

This is the way we build a snowman Build a snowman Build a snowman This is the way we build a snowman On a cold and snowy morning.

Books to Read this Month

Check out these books at the Ilbrary. If they are not available, ask the Ilbrarian for a recommendation.

FOR READERS AGES 0-3

First Snow

by Bomi Park

Some of These Are Snails by Carter Higgins

FOR READERS AGES 3+

Winter Walk in the City by Cathy Goldberg Do I Have to Wear a Coat? ^{by Rachel Isadora}

Fishman

