

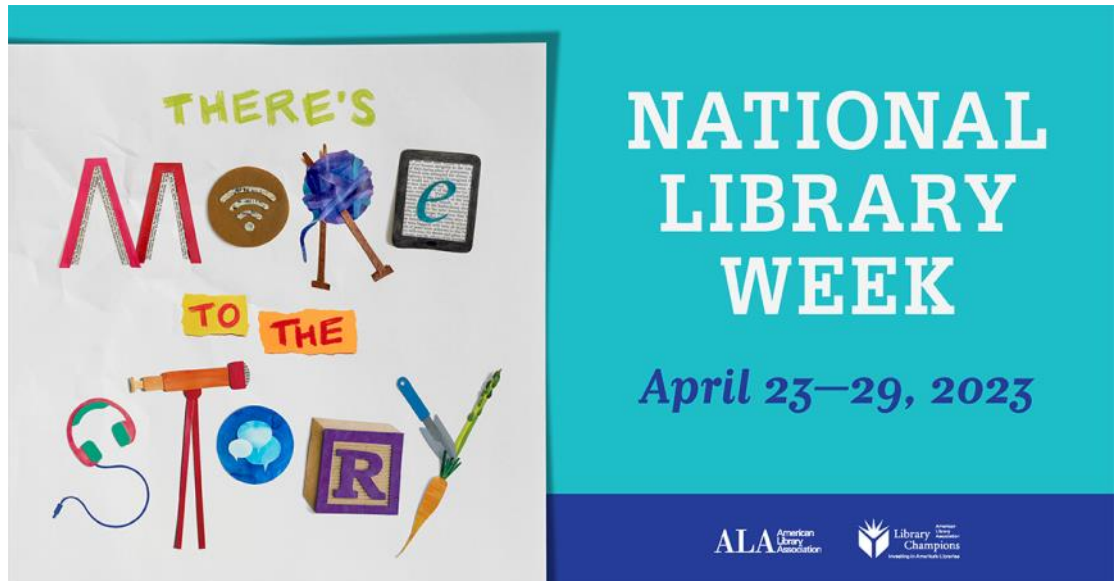
Library MUSINGS

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!



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK THEME DAYS

- Monday, April 24:** Solid Color Day (choose any color you want)
- Tuesday, April 25:** Outerspace Day (including Star Wars, Star Trek, or UFO hunter)
- Wednesday, April 26:** Hawaiian Shirt Day
- Thursday, April 27:** Neon Day: as blinding as possible
- Friday, April 28:** Pajama Day

TINY ART SHOW

April 1 – 29
Open Hours
Ages 12+

Pick up a tiny art kit starting April 1, while supplies last. Use the supplies provided plus any you have at home. Turn in your masterpiece before Saturday, April 22 to receive a candy bar. The tiny art show will be held during National Library Week, April 24-29.




Friends of the Lawton Public Library

FRIENDS OF THE LAWTON PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Thursday, March 30	4:00 pm	–	7:00 pm
Friday, March 31	8:00 am	–	6:00 pm
Saturday, April 1	8:00 am	–	6:00 pm
Sunday, April 2	12:00 noon	–	4:00 pm

East side of Lawton Central Plaza.
200 SW C Ave. Call 580-581-3450
for more details.



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



CHILDREN

EARLY READER'S ACADEMY

Age-based classes that promote school readiness skills for our youngest readers.

LITTLE EXPLORERS

Thursdays, April 6, 13, 20, 27
10:00 am – 10:30 am
Ages 0 – 6 & Caregivers



Exploration in early literacy for infants through school-age kids using stories, rhymes, fingerplays & songs that promote school readiness skills.

KIDS TIME @ CHICK-FIL-A

Monday, April 17
9:00 am – 10:00 am



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

MAKER STATION

All April
All Ages



Dream, craft, build, & create! See what's going on in our Maker Station! Rotating activities available each month.

April: Coding Treasure Hunt Activity

SIT, STAY, READ: LITERACY DOGS!

Thursday, April 27 (4th Thursdays)
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.



READ FOR A LIFETIME! LEVELS OF LITERACY AS YOU GROW

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

MONTHLY CONCEPT

Children learn about language by listening to parents & caregivers talk & by joining in conversation. Talking with your baby or toddler every day helps them develop important language skills. Helping your child develop these skills when they are young will help them understand what they hear & later, what they read. Very young children can understand spoken words long before they can speak any of them - so talk with them throughout the day & you will be amazed by how your child responds!

KIDS WRITING STATION

All April
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.



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, April 5 @ 4:00 pm. The public is invited to all meetings.

Chair	Patty Neuwirth
Vice Chair	Susan Kremmer
Member	Frantzie Couch
Member	Ellouise Love
Member	Fermín Viruet

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library meet quarterly. The next meeting is Monday, April 24 @ 12 noon.

Support your Friends of the Library. Become a member today! Annual membership is just \$10.00 per person or \$20.00 per family.

OUTREACH SERVICES

In an effort to expose young kids to books at a very early age, the Lawton Public Library offers outreach services to child care centers & preschools. We can visit your location to promote books & events that the library has to offer through a 30 minute fun-filled storytime.

CLUBS & GROUPS

PAGE TURNERS FICTION BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, April 11
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *Things We Do in The Dark* by Jennifer Hillier. Next month's book is *Violeta* by Isabel Allende, the story of a woman who bore witness to the greatest upheavals in history. If you would like to reserve a copy of next month's book, call 580-581-3450 option 2.



COVER-TO-COVER BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, April 18
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *Finlay Donovan is Killing It* by Elle Cosimano. Next month's book is *The River* by Peter Heller, about a canoe trip gone wrong & a friendship tested by fire, whitewater, & violence. If you would like to reserve a copy of next month's book, call 580-581-3450 option 2.



SUICIDE PREVENTION: FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY QUARTERLY MEETING

Monday, April 24
12:00 noon – 1:00 pm



Hear from Eric Eimers-Mosier, BSN, RN, PMH-BC, who will speak on suicide prevention. An optional light lunch is \$2/person. All are welcome to attend.

DATABASE OF THE MONTH: CREATIVEBUG

Creativebug.com has thousands of award-winning art & craft video classes taught by recognized design experts & artists. New classes are added daily with downloadable patterns, templates, & recipes. Access Creativebug through the library catalog or e-resources page with our library card.

APP CHANGING

The OverDrive app is going away at the end of April. Use the new Libby app! Email libraryhelp@lawtonok.gov for more details!

EVENTS & CLASSES

ADULTISH TRIVIA

Wednesday, April 12
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Ages 16+



General Trivia! You can come as a group, or come alone. Prizes await our winners.

FIRST AID & CPR TRAINING

Saturday, April 15
10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Ages 13+



Thanks to funding from the Oklahoma Department of Libraries & the Institute of Museum & Library Services, we are able to offer this class & have had great interest from the community! The April 15th class is currently full, but there are some spots still available in future classes. Call 580-581-3450 to register.

CELL PHONE BASICS

Wednesday, April 19
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Ages 16+



Want some help learning how to use your cell phone? Tired of wondering which button to press to get where you want to go? We can help you solve that dilemma!

BOOKMARK OF THE MONTH: KNITTED BOOKMARKS

Wednesday, April 19
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Ages 16+



Please join us as we explore a new skill each month & create a new bookmark. Knit yourself a bookmark. We have needles to share or bring your own.

ADULTISH CRAFTS: FINE ARTS DEMOLIOTION

Wednesday, April 26
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Ages 16+



Destroy & Create! Redesign a work of art into your own creation, style, or theme.

NOTARY PUBLIC AVAILABLE

Call for details.

TEENS

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

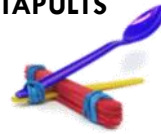
Tuesday, April 4
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Ages 12 – 18



Wanted: dedicated teens with innovative ideas to give input on programs & events at the library. It's your library...make a difference!

TEEN ACTIVITY: MARSHMALLOW CATAPULTS

Tuesday, April 4
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 12 – 18



Come use your imagination to create your very own marshmallow catapult. See who can send their marshmallow the furthest!

TEEN CRAFT: SILLY PUTTY SLIME

Tuesday, April 25
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 12 – 18



Mix & make your own silly putty slime. Squeeze it, stretch it, & just have fun!

TEEN VOLUNTEER APPLICATIONS

2023 Teen Summer Volunteer applications will be available on April 14 & are due by Friday, May 12. Teens ages 14 – 18 & still in high school can apply. Applications can be picked up at both library locations & are available to print from either the library's website or Facebook page. **Space is limited & interviews will be held as applications are turned in.**

FINANCIAL LITERACY CLASSES



MONEY SMART WEEK

APRIL 15-21, 2023

LUNCH & LEARN: PERSONAL FINANCE!

Tuesday, April 18
12:00 noon – 1:00 pm
Ages 16+



EXTENSION

At this lunch & learn event, the Comanche County OSU Extension will be covering personal finance. Free lunch is available to the first 22 participants.

LUNCH & LEARN: BUDGETING!

Thursday, April 20
12:00 noon – 1:00 pm
Ages 16+



At this lunch & learn event, Fort Sill Credit Union will be covering how to budget. Free lunch is available to the first 22 participants.

FRIENDS INVESTING WITH FRIENDS: HOW TO START AN INVESTMENT CLUB

Thursday, April 27
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Ages 16+



This presentation is for anyone who wants to learn about investment clubs & how they provide the perfect environment for individuals to learn to invest successfully & profit in the stock market. Presented by the Million Dollar Dames, an Oklahoma Chapter of Better Investing.

FOLLOW UP CLASS

Saturday, May 6
10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Ages 16+

Attend this session for more hands on help with an investing club.

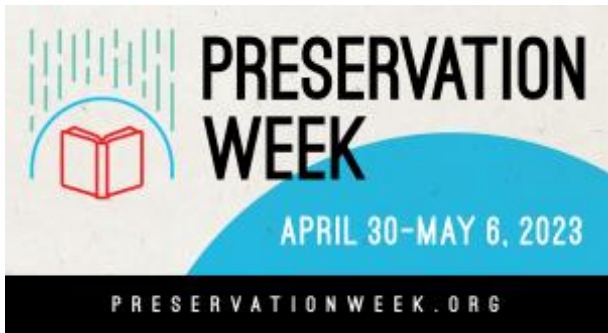


GET THE NEWSLETTER ONLINE

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



ALA PRESERVATION WEEK

April 30 – May 6



Our Digital Memory Center at the main library offers a variety of tools to update & convert important family documents & photos to better preserve them for future generations.

COMMUNITY HEALTH & RESOURCE INFORMATION

Wednesday, April 12
9:30 am – 1:30 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.

FREE TAX FILING SPONSORED BY AARP TAX-AIDE



Tax-Aide volunteers will be providing free tax preparation & e-filing of tax returns again this year. This free service will be provided through April 17. Federal tax forms can be picked up at the library.

Service is by appointment ONLY. Call 580-581-3450 option 2 to make your appointment.

LAWTON ADULT LITERACY CENTER

The Lawton Adult Literacy Center at the Main Library offers Monday evening Spanish to English classes, Saturday GED help, & more. Need help with ESL or adult literacy, or want to volunteer? Call 580-581-3450 or email lawtonliteracy@gmail.com for details.



TAI CHI FOR BETTER BALANCE

Mondays & Wednesdays, March 6 – April 12
10:30 am – 11:00 am; 11:00 am – 12:00 noon

Health literacy projects are supported by the Oklahoma Dept of Libraries with federal funds under the Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) & the Institute of Museum & Library Services.



Lawton Family YMCA Healthy Kids Day

Saturday, April 29
9:00 am – 12:00 noon
Ages 16+



Visit the YMCA & stop by the library's booth to learn about all the fun things the library has to offer as well as many upcoming events for the whole family to enjoy.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

SEED GIVEAWAY

All April, while supplies last

Pick up a packet of Tendersweet Carrot seeds & start planting! The sweetest carrot anywhere!



POETRY CREATION STATION

All April; All Ages

April is National Poetry Month! Create your own poems with the provided words & we will display them all month long.



COMING SOON

TICKET TO RIDE... ACROSS OKLAHOMA!

May 1 - July 31

Make your way across Oklahoma with a game of Ticket to Ride. It's similar to the classic game, but with a twist!

Be on the lookout for this health related activity coming in May. Pick up your game cards on or after May 1 & return them by July 31 to be entered in the grand prize drawing. Have fun while getting healthy!

2023 CHAUTAUQUA

American Aviation: Barnstorming to Mach 1

June 20 - 24, 2023

Selene Phillips As Eula "Pearl" Carter Scott

Ilene Evans as Rose Cousins

Elsa Wolff as Amelia Earhart

Karen Vuranch as Jackie Cochran

Doug Mishler as Chuck Yeager



SUMMER @ THE LIBRARY

June 1 - July 31



Looking for something fun to do this summer? Enjoy a variety of free activities at the library for the whole family. Reading programs for all ages, movies, performers, live animals & more. Keep an eye out for our summer handouts listing all of the fun stuff you can do.

You can get a head start by setting up your account on Beanstack if you don't already have one. Make sure to add all family members who want to participate. *Daycares can also set up group accounts ahead of time.*

<https://lawtonok.beanstack.org>

SUMMER EVENTS

June 6 - July 25

More details in May newsletter

TUESDAY STORYTIME @ THE PARK

10:00 am – 10:30 am

WEDNESDAY PERFORMERS & CRAFTS

Performers & crafts alternate weeks

10:00 am – 10:45 am

WEDNESDAY PERFORMERS & MOVIES

Performers & movies alternate weeks

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm



READ FOR A LIFETIME! LEVELS OF LITERACY AS YOU GROW

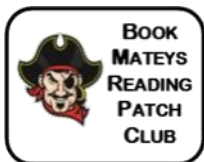
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The goal is for you to read 1,000 BOOKS with your child from birth until kindergarten.



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.



23 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT YOUR LIBRARY

1

3D Printing

Print dragons and more.

2

Library of Things

Borrow electronics and more.

3

Glowforge

Engrave and cut wood.

4

Adult Literacy

Tutoring for adults learning to read.

5

Citizenship Corner

Become a U.S. Citizen.

6

Craft Classes

For adults and kids.

7

Digital Memory Center

Digitize photos, videos, audio, and more.

8

StoryWalk®

Walk and read a story at Elmer Thomas and Greer Parks.

9

Wonder and Vox Books

Read and listen to children's books.

10

Bus Passes

Ride around town.

11

STEAM Camp

Learn and have fun.

12

Bike Repair Station

At the main library & Elmer Thomas and Greer Parks.

13

Branch Library

Visit us near and far.

14

Bike Desk

Read while you pedal.

15

Wide Format Printer

Print posters and banners.

16

Family History

Trace your ancestry.

17

Reading to Dogs

Dogs helping kids learn to read.

18

Book Clubs

Great books, lively discussion, new friends.

19

Brainfuse HelpNow

Live homework help and more.

20

Telehealth Booth

Virtual doctor's visits at your library.

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Financial Literacy

Rainy day ready.

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Book Store

Give a book a home.

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Language App

Learn over 100 languages.



APRIL 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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16	17 9:00 am Chick-fil-A	18 12:00 noon Money Smart 6:00 pm Cover-to-Cover	19 1:00 pm Cell Phone Class 6:00 pm Bookmarks	20 10:00 am Little Explorers 12:00 noon Money Smart	21	22
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