

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!

READ FOR A LIFETIME! LEVELS OF LITERACY AS YOU GROW

<https://lawtonok.beanstack.org>



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.

EVENTS & CLASSES

ADULTISH TRIVIA

Wednesday, August 9
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Ages 16+



General Trivia competition. You can come as a group or come alone.

ADULTISH CRAFTS: SAND ART

Wednesday, August 23
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Ages 16+



Using short quotes, single words, or simple pictures, craft a mini piece of inspirational art out of colorful sand.

MAIN LIBRARY IS NOW A MEDICAL EQUIPMENT DONATION SITE

Donate new or gently-used durable medical equipment (DME), & the Oklahoma ABLE Tech Device Reutilization Program staff will clean, refurbish (if necessary), & redistribute the DME to another Oklahoman in need.

Individuals can donate small items during library hours. Have a large items like hospital bed? Call 580-581-3450 or email libraryhelp@lawtonok.gov to make arrangements.

Needed items include: blood pressure monitors, shower chairs, four-wheeled walkers, bedside commodes, CPAPs, braces, nebulizers, pediatric devices. Have something else? Ask us if we'll take it!



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


Friends of the Lawton Public Library

COMING SOON: SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR!

Friday, September 8 - Friday, September 15
Library hours @ the Main Library

Shop our book fair in person or online. Watch for more information in the September newsletter.



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, August 2 @ 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, October 23 @ 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.

FALL CLASSES

SEE THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER FOR FALL CLASS SCHEDULES!

CHILDREN

KIDS TIME @ CHICK-FIL-A

Monday, August 21
9:00 am – 10:00 am



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

PIGGIE & ELEPHANT VS. PIGEON & DUCKLING

All of August



Which of Mo Willems' duos do you like the best?
Stop by Youth Services & vote for your favorite pair.

MAKER STATION

All August
All Ages



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

KIDS WRITING STATION

All August
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 Arthur.



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, 2024.



SIT, STAY, READ: LITERACY DOGS!

Thursday, August 24 (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.



TECHNOLOGY

FREE TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

HOSTED BY THE LAWTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



August 14
Computer Basics - 2pm
Internet Basics - 3:30pm



August 15
Walk-in 1:1 training 10am - 1pm
Email Basics - 2pm
Cybersecurity - 3:30pm



August 16
Walk-in 1:1 training 10am - 1pm
Video Conferencing - 2pm
Mobile Device Basics - 3:30pm



REGISTER

<https://surveys.connectednation.org/s3/LawtonPublicLibrary>

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

MORE INFO

110 SW 4th Street
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MYSTERY OF THE MONTH

All of August
Ages 12+



Take a guess at this month's theme based on the books displayed. Write your answer on a slip to be entered into a drawing at the end of the month. Online guesses can be sent to libraryevents@lawtonok.gov

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:



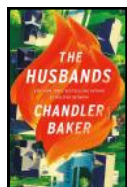
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CLUBS & GROUPS

PAGE TURNERS FICTION BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, August 8
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

This month's book is *The Husbands* by Chandler Baker. During this meeting, the group will host a potluck, discuss this title, and place suggestions for future book club books. If you have any questions regarding the book club or would like to suggest a title, please call 580-581-3450 option 2.



SEED GIVEAWAY - CORNFLOWER SEEDS

All August, while supplies last

Sun loving & drought tolerant, but thrives with frequent watering. Flowers are edible & can be used as a garnish.



COMMUNITY HEALTH & RESOURCE INFORMATION

Friday, August 18
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.



COVER-TO-COVER BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, August 15
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

This month's book is *A Hundred Suns* by Karin Tanabe. Next month's book is *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell, a historical fiction novel that tells the story of William Shakespeare and his wife, Agnes, as they deal with the death of their son, Hamnet. If you would like to reserve a copy of next month's book, call 580-581-3450 option 2.



DATABASE OF THE MONTH: EXPLORA

Explora Primary School for Grades K-8 is a great resource for children researching a topic or writing a report. It covers virtually every topic including biographies & current events.



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.

LAWTON PUBLIC LIBRARY FISCAL YEAR 2023: AT A GLANCE



Your library:

- ◆ Two locations with curbside service to assist you.
- ◆ Special services offered including 3D Printing, Lamination, Printing, Laser Engraving, Interlibrary Loans, Books for Sale, Digitization of Family Mementos, Meeting Room Space, Adult Literacy and Citizenship Classes, a Telehealth Booth, and so much more! There is something for everyone!
- ◆ You can receive a library card without coming into the library by filling out the online application.
- ◆ The Lawton Adult Literacy Center is located in the main library. Volunteers tutor adults in basic literacy, ESL, citizenship, and more! Volunteer tutors are always needed!



OFFSITE ACTIVITIES

The library hosted 95 activities off site this last year thanks to partners including the Farmer's Market, Chick-Fil-A, and the Patterson Center!



HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS

The library has received a grant for 35 adult students to complete their high school diplomas online. There have been several graduates already.

NEWSPAPERS DIGITIZED

Thanks to an Oklahoma Heritage Preservation grant, almost 20 years of newspapers are now available on the Oklahoma Gateway.

VOLUNTEER TAX PREP SITE

Volunteers did almost 1,000 tax returns at the main library which generated almost \$1 million in refunds.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Both the main library and branch library got a variety of improvements this last year including new flooring in the computer lab, new pavement for the branch library entrance, landscaping rocks at the main library, and new checkout stations.



NEW EVENTS

The library launched new events last year including Books & Brews Local Author Fest, How To Festival, and The Little Indian Runner Story Walk & Fun Run.

3D PRINTS

The library helped people design and print over 300 3D prints last year.



	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
BOOKS & ITEMS USED				
Checkouts, Main Library	132,248	99,296	151,433	149,016
Checkouts, Branch Library	8,265	9,476	12,300	10,191
Electronic Items	46,436	51,742	56,032	62,858
Total Checkouts	186,949	158,724	219,765	222,065
Interlibrary Loan, Borrowed	593	554	618	733
Interlibrary Loan, Loaned	864	317	147	158
CUSTOMERS	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
Main Library Customers	28,460	30,395	29,669	28,306
Branch Library Customers	668	994	1,008	1,004
Computer Only Users	7,715	8,250	8,685	9,002
Total Customers	36,843	39,639	39,362	38,312
BOOKS, CDs, DVDs, & MORE!	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
Total Physical Items in Collection	126,898	139,635	133,203	130,456
E-Books, E-Audio, E-Video	860,570	1,002,330	1,269,513	1,485,394
PROGRAMS, EVENTS, ACTIVITIES!	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
Programs & Activities	216	197	308	381
Total Attendance	6,138	6,766	6,801	13,310
COMPUTER USE				
Public computer use	20,613	21,314	21,014	25,012

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LAWTON PUBLIC LIBRARY IN ACTION THROUGH PICTURES!



Become a library advocate by joining the Friends of the Lawton Public Library.



AUGUST 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 4:00 pm Library Board	3	4	5
6	7	8 6:00 pm Page Turners	9 6:00 pm Adultish Trivia	10	11	12
13	14 2:00 pm Computer Basics 3:30 pm Internet Basics	15 10:00 am Walk-in 1:1 2:00 pm Email Basics 3:30 pm Cybersecurity 6:00 pm Cover-to-Cover	16 10:00 am Walk-in 1:1 2:00 pm Video Conferencing 3:30 pm Mobile Basics	17	18 9:30 am Health Dept	19
20	21 9:00 am Chick-fil-A	22	23 6:00 pm Adultish Crafts	24 5:00 pm Sit Stay Read	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	NOTARY PUBLIC AVAILABLE Call for details.	



DIGITAL MEMORY CENTER



Do you have precious treasures buried in boxes?
Are you worried about how to preserve family mementos?

Bring the Past into the Present

ITEMS THAT CAN BE DIGITIZED:

- Family Papers including records, awards, notes, handwritten recipes
- Family Albums
- Photographs up to 11 x 17
- VHS tapes including S-VHS & VHS-C
- Audio Cassettes
- LP Vinyl
- 35 mm films & slides
- 126 films & slides
- 110 films & slides
- Super 8 film movies & still frames 8mm film negatives & movies
- 3.5" Floppies