

## 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!

### WINTER @ THE LIBRARY: YETI OR NOT...IT'S 2023! READING CHALLENGE

January 1 – February 28



#### KIDS (BABIES – 6TH GRADE) & TEENS (7TH – 12TH GRADE)

Complete 5 books & receive 1 free book, a small prize, & 1 entry into a drawing (while supplies last). Feeling eager? Receive additional entries into the drawing for every 5 books you read (up to 25 books) & by completing activities.

#### ADULTS

Read books. Listen to audiobooks. Every book read is an entry into the drawing for a gift basket. Feeling eager? Complete activities & write reviews for additional entries into the drawing.

To participate & log your reading, sign up at: [lawtonok.beanstack.org](http://lawtonok.beanstack.org) or download the **Beanstack app**. Click on “find a site” & enter Lawton Public Library to sign up!



### DIGITAL LITERACY LEARNING WORKSHOPS

Tuesday, January 17 – Thursday, January 19

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Ages 18+



Learn how to navigate computers, email, internet, & so much more!

January 17: 2:00 pm Computer Basics; 3:30 pm Internet Basics

January 18: 2:00 pm Email Basics; 3:30 pm Cyber Security

January 19: 2:00 pm Web Conferencing; 3:30 pm Mobile Device Basics

Registration is required. Register at: <https://surveys.connectednation.org/s3/LawtonPL>

### COMMUNITY PUZZLE ART

All January

Pick up a large puzzle piece to decorate (in a family friendly manner!) Create your design with whatever materials you have available, & incorporate ideas on what makes this a great community. Return to the main library by Feb 1st & we will display the finished puzzle. **Pieces available while supplies last.**



### FINANCIAL SCAMS LUNCH & LEARN

Thursday, January 26

11:00 am – 12:00 noon

Ages 18+

At this lunch & learn event, Fort Sill Credit Union will be covering how to avoid financial scams. Lunch provided, registration is required. Call 580-581-3450 to register.



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



*Friends of the Lawton Public Library*

# CHILDREN

## EARLY READER'S ACADEMY

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

## BIG ADVENTURERS

Tuesdays, Jan 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
10:00 am – 10:30 am  
Ages 3 – 6 & Caregivers

Adventures in early literacy through fingerplays, rhymes, stories, songs & music. Thirty minutes of singing, talking, reading, & moving.



## LITTLE EXPLORERS

Thursdays, Jan 5, 12, 19, 26  
10:00 am – 10:30 am  
Ages 0 – 3 & Caregivers

Lap-time fun exploration for infants & toddlers using rhymes, bounces, fingerplays, & songs that promote school readiness skills.



## KIDS TIME @ CHICK-FIL-A

Monday, January 16



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

## MAKER STATION

All January  
All Ages



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

January: Magnetic Tile Snowflakes

## SIT, STAY, READ: LITERACY DOGS!

Thursday, January 26 (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.



## MONTHLY CONCEPT

Play is the most age-appropriate way for young children to learn. Playing with words is a great way for your child to hear different sounds & parts of words that make up their language. Help your child recognize that some words rhyme, some begin with the same sound, etc. help kids develop *phonological awareness*, which makes learning to read easier. Sing songs & rhyme with your child every day.

## KIDS WRITING STATION

All January  
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](http://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, January 4 @ 4:00 pm. The public is invited to all meetings.

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

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library meet quarterly. The next meeting is Monday, January 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.



## READ FOR A LIFETIME! LEVELS OF LITERACY AS YOU GROW

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

## CLUBS & GROUPS

### PAGE TURNERS FICTION BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, January 10  
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *The Gifted School* by Bruce Holsinger. Next month's book is *The Maid* by Nita Prose, in which a hotel maid enters a world of suspicion & deception when she finds a wealthy & infamous guest dead. If you would like to reserve a copy of next month's book, call 580-581-3450 option 2.



### BETWEEN THE LINES BOOK CLUB @ VIRIDIAN COFFEE SHOP

Thursday, January 12  
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
Ages 18 – 35

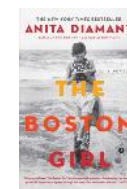
This month's book is *Portrait of a Thief* by Grace D. Li, which is about a seemingly perfect Harvard student recruited to steal five Chinese sculptures back from Western museums. If you are interested in joining the discussion but did not reserve a copy of the book, you can borrow the ebook or audiobook on Overdrive.



### COVER-TO-COVER BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, January 17  
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *The Boston Girl* by Anita Diamant. Next month's book is *Never Saw Me Coming* by Vera Kurlan, which is about a college student who just happens to be a psychopath. While participating in a clinical study of psychopaths, one of the students is found murdered. If you would like to reserve a copy of next month's book, call 580-581-3450 option 2.



### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY QUARTERLY MEETING

Monday, January 23  
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Benita Taylor, CEO of MIGHT will come to discuss the housing of those in the community experiencing homelessness. A light lunch is \$2/person. All are welcome to attend.

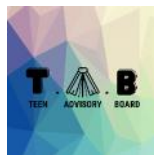


## TEENS

### TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, January 3  
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 GAME NIGHT: MONOPOLY

Tuesday, January 3  
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
Ages 12 – 18

Join us for a night of friendly competition playing Monopoly!



### TEEN CRAFT: DANISH HEART BASKETS

Tuesday, January 31  
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
Ages 12 – 18

Make a Danish Heart from felt & fill it with candy. A perfect gift for the one you love, including yourself!



# WE ARE FRIEND-RAISING!

Would you consider a financial gift to support your library? Your gift positively impacts our community. Please consider giving today. All donations are tax deductible.

The Friends financially support library classes, events, workshops, reading programs, and so much more! Your library is busy. Checkouts were up over 38% over the year before. With a digital memory center, a laser engraver, library of things, and so much more, there is something for everyone!

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,

*Jenny Breeden*

Jenny Breeden, Friends of the Library  
President



### Bicycle Repair Stations

The library installed 3 bicycle repair stations around town thanks to a Health Literacy grant from the Oklahoma Department of Libraries and the Institute of Museum and Library Services!



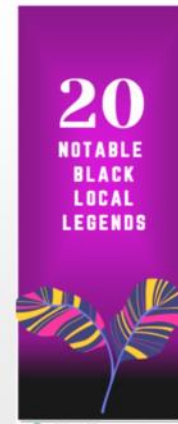
### Adult Literacy

The Lawton Adult Literacy Center continues to grow! There were 25 students last year.



### Local History

The library is compiling local resources like the 20 Notable Black Local Legends brochure to help spark interest in local history.



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

Choose your Participation Level:  \$30  \$50  \$100  \$250  \$500  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to:  
Friends of the Lawton Public Library.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card:  Visa  Mastercard  Discover Card

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ 3-Digit CVC \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Donation Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

If you do NOT wish to be publicly acknowledged, please check here:



# LAWTON PUBLIC LIBRARY IN ACTION THROUGH PICTURES!



Contests throughout the year!



Our volunteers helped tag over 100,000 books!

The annual book sale is always popular!



National Library Week Theme Days!



Save to Invest Class



Pete the Cat stopped by for Take Your Child to the Library Day!



Christmas ornaments



STEAM Camp: Alien Invasion

The mural makes for fun photo backdrops!



Summer Activities



Air conditioning parts arrived!



Your library on the go!



Extreme Animals!



Literacy Dogs!

Adultish Crafts



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

## EVENTS & CLASSES

### TECH SETUP WEEK

Tuesday, January 3 – Friday, January 6  
9:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Ages 16+

Received new tech for Christmas & not quite sure how to set it up? Bring your device, instructions, & passwords & we will help get you up & running!



### ADULTISH TRIVIA: GENERAL TRIVIA

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

Test your knowledge of general trivia & win fun prizes. Both teams & individuals are invited to play.



### FAMILY GAME DAY

Monday, January 16  
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
Family Friendly

Join us for an afternoon of friendly competition! Variety of board games available.



### BOOKMARK OF THE MONTH: NEEDLEPOINT ON PLASTIC CANVAS

Wednesday, January 18  
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm  
Ages 16+

Please join us as we start off our monthly bookmark making series. This month we will be creating a unique bookmark while learning to do needlepoint on a plastic canvas base.



### ADULTISH CRAFTS: PAINTED ROCK PHOTO HOLDER

Wednesday, January 25  
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm  
Ages 16+

Turn an ordinary rock into a work of art & create your own painted photo/memo holder.  
No Registration. No Fees. No Kids.



## SAVE THE DATE

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1 – LEGAL AID CLASS: LANDLORD & TENANT LAW**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4 – TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 – HOW-TO FESTIVAL @ LAWTON FARMER'S MARKET**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8 – ADULTISH TRIVIA: ROMANTIC COMEDIES**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23 – SOULFUL STORY: A MUSICAL HISTORY OF ELLA FITZGERALD**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29 – LEGAL AID CLASS: RECORD EXPUNGEMENT**



## TAI CHI FOR BETTER BALANCE

Mondays & Wednesdays, January 9 – February 15  
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. Participants will be required to wear a mask.

Classes will be held at the Patterson Center: 4 NE Arlington Drive, Lawton, OK.  
To register, call 405-271-2290 or email [tarin-clark@ouhsc.edu](mailto:tarin-clark@ouhsc.edu)

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.



## HOW-TO FESTIVAL

Ever wanted to learn how to line dance? Train dogs? Budget? Join us at the Lawton Farmer's Market on February 5 from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm for a great (& FREE) educational experience. There will be several booths with community members ready to demonstrate "how-to."

If you want to demonstrate your own skill, vendor applications are being accepted through January 15. Download an application at [lawtonok.gov/departments/library](http://lawtonok.gov/departments/library)



## 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 for more details.

## 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 at two locations from February 1 – April 13.

Lawton Public Library: Monday evenings, Wednesday afternoons, & Thursday mornings.  
Center for Creative Living: Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday afternoons.

Service is by appointment ONLY. For LPL, call 580-448-0553. For CCL, call 580-609-0158. Appointments will be accepted beginning January 2, 2023.

## DATABASE OF THE MONTH: BRAINFUSE HELP NOW

Brainfuse HelpNow offers on-demand, anywhere online learning through live tutoring, homework help, & a suite of different study tools. Access this database for free at [lawtonok.gov/departments/library/e-resources](http://lawtonok.gov/departments/library/e-resources).



## WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Through January 31  
Both Locations



Donate your new & gently used winter coats, socks, gloves, hats, & scarves.


## READING RESOLUTIONS

All January  
Both Locations

Come by to make a reading resolution for the new year & pick up a 2023 reading challenge bookmark.



# JANUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> LIBRARY CLOSED	<b>2</b> LIBRARY CLOSED	<b>3</b> 10:00 am Big Adventurers 4:00 pm TAB 5:00 pm Teen Games	<b>4</b> 4:00 pm Library Board	<b>5</b> 10:00 am Little Explorers	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Tech Setup Week</b>						
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 11:00 am Tai Chi*	<b>10</b> 10:00 am Big Adventurers 6:00 pm Page Turners	<b>11</b> 11:00 am Tai Chi* 6:00 pm Adultish Trivia	<b>12</b> 10:00 am Little Explorers 6:00 pm Between the Lines	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 9:00 am Chick-fil-A 11:00 am Tai Chi* 2:00 pm Family Games	<b>17</b> 10:00 am Big Adventurers 2:00 Digital Literacy 6:00 pm Cover to Cover	<b>18</b> 11:00 am Tai Chi* 2:00 Digital Literacy 6:00 pm Bookmarks	<b>19</b> 10:00 am Little Explorers 2:00 Digital Literacy	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 11:00 am Tai Chi* 12:00 noon Friends Meeting	<b>24</b> 10:00 am Big Adventurers	<b>25</b> 11:00 am Tai Chi* 6:00 pm Adultish Crafts	<b>26</b> 10:00 am Little Explorers 11:00 am Financial Class 5:00 pm Sit Stay Read	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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			<p><b>GET THE NEWSLETTER ONLINE</b></p> <p>To receive the library's monthly newsletter in your email, visit our Facebook page @lawtonpublib &amp; click "sign up", or scan the QR code:</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  <p><b>SCAN HERE</b></p> </div>			