

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!

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!



2023 KID, TEEN, & ADULT SUMMER @ THE LIBRARY

Thru Monday, July 31



- Register at lawtonok.beanstack.org or download the Beanstack app in your iTunes or Google Play store.
- Be honest about the books you read.
- Books you read or books that are read to you count (including audiobooks).
- You can only complete one program, one time (kid, teen, or adult).

RECYCLE CITY CRAFT

Wednesday, July 5
10:00 am – 10:45 am
Ages 5 – 18 & caregivers



PAWS OF FURY MOVIE

Wednesday, July 5
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Ages 3 – 18 & caregivers
(PG; 97 minutes)



EXTREME ANIMALS

@ the Farmer's Market
Wednesday, July 12
10:00 am – 10:45 am
12:00 noon – 12:45 pm (repeat)
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm (repeat)
4:00 pm – 4:45 pm (repeat)
6:00 pm – 6:45 pm (repeat)
All Ages

SUNCATCHERS CRAFT

Wednesday, July 19
10:00 am – 10:45 am
Ages 5 – 18 & caregivers

ENCANTO MOVIE

Wednesday, July 19
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Ages 3 – 18 & caregivers
(PG; 102 minutes)

FOAM PARTY

@ the Farmer's Market
Wednesday, July 26
10:00 am only

TUESDAY STORYTIME @ THE PARK

Patriot Pavilion @ Elmer Thomas Park
10:00 am – 10:30 am
Ages 0 – 10 & caregivers
Thru July 25

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.

TUESDAY STORYTIME @ THE PARK

Patriot Pavilion @ Elmer Thomas
Tuesdays, July 11, 18, 25
10:00 am – 10:30 am
Ages 0 – 10 & Caregivers



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



MONTHLY CONCEPT

Literacy development is the foundation for doing well at school, socializing with others, problem-solving, making decisions, becoming independent, managing money & working. Everyday activities, like family meals, bath time or shopping, are all fun opportunities for literacy development. Five minutes a few times a day is often enough. The key is to use different times & opportunities to help your child learn. It can be as simple as writing a shopping list together, playing a rhyming game or reading a story before bed.

KIDS TIME @ CHICK-FIL-A

Monday, July 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 July
All Ages



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

KIDS WRITING STATION

All July
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.



SIT, STAY, READ: LITERACY DOGS!

Thursday, July 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.



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 3 @ 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, July 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.

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.

NOTARY PUBLIC AVAILABLE

Call for details.

TEENS

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, July 11
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: GAME NIGHT

Tuesday, July 11
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 12 – 18



Join us for a night of friendly competition. Variety of board games available.

TEEN MOVIE NIGHT

Tuesday, July 18
5:00 pm – 6:45 pm
Ages 12 – 18

Join us for a movie & snacks! Movie to be determined by a teen vote.



TEEN CRAFT: METAL WASHER JEWELRY

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



Use a variety of techniques to create some fun wearables.

TEEN AFTER HOURS: TICKET REQUIRED

Friday, July 28
7:00 pm – 11:45 pm
Ages 12 – 18



Teen Volunteers & those who completed the Summer @ the Library Teen Program can have some fun when the library is closed. Snacks, games, movies & more. Doors are locked from 7:15 to 11:45. Pickup by midnight.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

STORYWALK® @ TOMATO FESTIVAL

Saturday, July 8
8:00 am – 12:00 noon

Join us for Let's Get Lawton Moving at the Lawton Farmer's Market's 12th Annual Tomato Festival. Walk around Shepler Park as you read *I Will Never Not Ever Eat a Tomato*. Enjoy tomato & salsa contests, fun run, & all things tomato!



DAD JOKE CONTEST!

All of July
Give us your best side-splitting, groan-inducing, or pun-tastic Dad Joke. Staff members will judge the hilarity & bestow a fun prize.



SEED GIVEAWAY – FLORIDA BROADLEAF MUSTARD

All July, while supplies last

The Florida Broadleaf is a favorite mustard in the Southern states. This mustard is a fast growing green, making it great for spring & fall eating.



COMMUNITY HEALTH & RESOURCE INFORMATION

Monday, July 17
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.



Comanche County
Health Department

FIRST AID & CPR TRAINING

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



We are able to offer this class thanks to funding from the Oklahoma Department of Libraries & the Institute of Museum & Library Services. Call 580-581-3450 to register.

DATABASE OF THE MONTH: DRIVING TESTS

Driving Tests includes practice test questions & driver's handbooks for cars, CDL, & motorcycles. Practice tests are available in English & Spanish.

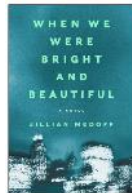


CLUBS & GROUPS

PAGE TURNERS FICTION BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, July 11
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *When We Were Bright & Beautiful* by Jillian Medoff. Next month's book is *The Husbands* by Chandler Baker, described as a domestic thriller, a young attorney discovers her new powerful, female clients demand equal partnership in marriage by any means necessary; *A Stepford Wives* gender swap. 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, July 18
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *The Whisper Network* by Chandler Baker. Next month's book is *A Hundred Suns* by Karin Tanabe, a historical novel set in 1930's Indochine, about the American wife of a Michelin heir who journeys to the French colony in the name of family fortune, & the glamorous, tumultuous world she finds herself in. If you would like to reserve a copy of next month's book, call 580-581-3450 option 2.



PARKS & REC ACTIVITIES: FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY QUARTERLY MEETING

Monday, July 24
12:00 noon – 1:00 pm

Hear from City of Lawton employee, Aaliyah Climes who is the Activities Coordinator at the Owens Recreational Center. An optional light lunch is \$2/person. All are welcome to attend.



TICKET TO RIDE... ACROSS OKLAHOMA!

Thru 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! Pick up your game cards & return them by July 31 to be entered in the grand prize drawing. Have fun while getting healthy!



EVENTS & CLASSES

ADULTISH TRIVIA

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



Are you a wizard at heart? Come test your Harry Potter knowledge. You can come as a group or come alone.

CRAFTY BOOKMARKS: CHENILLE STEM CREATIONS

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

Please join us as we explore a new craft each month while creating a unique bookmark. This month we make fun, summery chenille stem bookmarks!



ADULTISH CRAFTS: CHOCOLATE FROG COASTERS

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



Decoupage a wizard card onto a coaster & add a faux chocolate frog for decoration.

TAI CHI FOR BETTER BALANCE

Mondays & Wednesdays, Thru – July 19
11:00 am – 12:00 noon both days

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.

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

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.



Sponsor a Talking Point along the Lawton, OK Talking Trail



YOU

Experience Lawton's Story

Our goal is simple: strengthen connections to Lawton, OK and create a greater sense of place by bringing Lawton's history to life. We aim to get people curious about the city they live in, excited to travel here, and maybe even inspired to stay awhile.

Become a Sponsor:

Be recognized for your commitment to your community by sponsoring a Talking Point that shares the rich history, culture, and heritage of Lawton, OK.

Sponsoring a Talking Point costs \$750.00 and the sponsorships last the life of the sign (8-10 years).
Contact the Library to become a sponsor today!

Check out some examples of other Talking Trails at www.talkingtrail.com/sample

Launching Fall of 2023



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JULY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 11:00 am* Tai Chi	4 Library Closed	5 10:00 am Craft 11:00 am* Tai Chi 2:00 pm Movie	6	7	8 8:00 am** Tomato Fest
9	10 11:00 am* Tai Chi	11 10:00 am*** Story @ Park 5:00 pm Teen Movie 6:00 pm Page Turners	12 10:00 am** Extreme Animals 11:00 am* Tai Chi 12:00 noon** Extreme Animals 2:00 pm** Extreme Animals 4:00 pm** Extreme Animals 6:00 pm Adultish Trivia 6:00 pm** Extreme Animals	13	14	15 10:00 am CPR Class
16	17 9:00 am Chick-fil-A 9:30 am Health Dept 11:00 am* Tai Chi	18 10:00 am*** Story @ Park 6:00 pm Cover-to-Cover	19 10:00 am Craft 11:00 am* Tai Chi 2:00 pm Movie 6:00 pm Bookmarks	20	21	22
23	24 12:00 noon Friends	25 10:00 am*** Story @ Park 5:00 pm Teen Craft	26 10:00 am** Foam Party 6:00 pm Adultish Crafts	27 5:00 pm Sit Stay Read	28 7:00 pm Teen Event (ticket required)	29
30	31	<p>GET THE NEWSLETTER ONLINE</p> <p>To receive the library's monthly newsletter in your email, visit our Facebook page @lawtonpublib & click "sign up", or scan the QR code:</p>  <p>SCAN HERE</p>				