

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!

Friends of the Lawton Public Library
Annual Spring

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

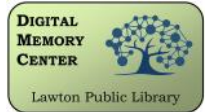
Sunday, April 2
12:00 noon – 4:00 pm

East Side of Lawton Central Plaza:
200 SW C Ave.

DIGITAL MEMORY 101

Thursday, March 9
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Ages 16+



Getting ready to start spring cleaning? Come see how to store those old memories in something else besides an old shoebox! We will show you how you can digitize your memories to consolidate space.

SPRING BREAK STEAM CAMP: SUPERHEROES!

March 14 – 17
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Ages 6 – 12



Do you have what it takes to be a super hero? Kids can join us for a week of engaging science, technology, engineering, art, & math activities. Space is limited & registration is required. Call 580-581-3450 option 4 to register.

MINI GOLF FUNDRAISER FOR FRIENDS OF THE LPL

Friday, March 3
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm
All Ages



Come play an 18-hole course in the library! This is a fundraiser for Friends of the Lawton Public Library. Suggested Donation is \$2/person or \$10/family unit. No registration is required, just come & play! Last group admitted at 9:15 pm.

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

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, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
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, March 13
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 March
All Ages



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

SIT, STAY, READ: LITERACY DOGS!

Thursday, March 23 (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

Kids who go to Kindergarten knowing the shapes & names of different letters have a much easier time learning to read. By the time your child begins Kindergarten, they should know most of their letters, especially ones in their name, & should be able to identify letters in any order, not just A, B, C... Sing the alphabet using different tunes & read alphabet & shape books with your child to get them ready for school!

KIDS WRITING STATION

All March
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, March 1 @ 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, 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

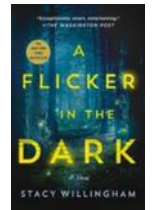
In an effort to expose young kids to books at a very early age, the Lawton Public Library offers outreach services to child care centers & preschools. We can visit your location to promote books & events that the library has to offer through a 30 minute fun-filled storytime.

CLUBS & GROUPS

PAGE TURNERS FICTION BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, March 14
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *A Flicker in the Dark* by Stacy Willingham. Next month's book is *Things We Do in The Dark* by Jennifer Hillier, where a woman is arrested covered in blood in her bathroom & her past may come back to haunt her. If you would like to reserve a copy of next month's book, call 580-581-3450 option 2.



SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (SWOGS)

Monday, March 20
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

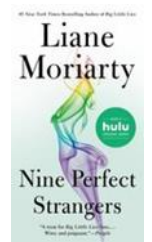
Is your research at a standstill? Perhaps you have stumbled into a common pitfall. Local & Family History Librarian Amber Follett will discuss some of the common research pitfalls & how to avoid them.



COVER-TO-COVER BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, March 21
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *Nine Perfect Strangers* by Liane Moriarty. Next month's book is *Finlay Donovan is Killing It* by Elle Cosimano, in which a struggling suspense novelist's pitch leads to her being hired as a contract killer. If you would like to reserve a copy of next month's book, call 580-581-3450 option 2.



MEDICARE/MEDICAID SIGN UP EVENT

Thursday, March 16
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Comanche County Health Department will be available to assist those needing insurance. Visit with a community health worker & learn how to get connected with several community resources.



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.



TEENS

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, March 7
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: PHASE 10

Tuesday, March 7
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 12 – 18

Join us for a night of friendly competition playing Phase 10!



TEEN CRAFT: SHARPIE TIE-DYE

Tuesday, March 28
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 12 – 18

Tie-dye a pillowcase using sharpies!



EVENTS & CLASSES

CHILDREN'S BOOK SWAP

Saturday, March 4
10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Ages 0 – 18



Come & refresh your child's personal library! Bring in **new** or **gently used** books & swap for an equal amount of new-to-you books. Books should be for ages 0-18.

ADULTISH TRIVIA

Wednesday, March 8
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Ages 16+



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

BOOKMARK OF THE MONTH: PAPERCRAFT BOOKMARKS

Wednesday, March 15
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Ages 16+



Please join us as we explore a new skill each month & create a new bookmark. This month, make a papercraft bookmark with yarn poms & tassels.

FIRST AID & CPR TRAINING

Saturday, March 18
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 March 18th class is currently full, but there are some spots still available in future classes. Call 580-581-3450 to register.

ADULTISH CRAFTS: CLAY TRINKET DISH

Wednesday, March 22
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Ages 16+



Using air dry clay & pottery tools, make a cute trinket dish to hold your keys, coins, or jewelry. No Registration. No Fees. No Kids.

LEGAL AID: RECORD EXPUNGEMENT

Wednesday, March 29
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 18+



Learn the steps & see if you qualify for expungement. Attorney Michael Wilson with Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma will present information on how to expunge criminal records. Attend in person or on Zoom. Email libraryhelp@lawtonok.gov for the link to join online.

A New Tomorrow Starts Today!



ADULT ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA PROGRAM

The Lawton Public Library is facilitating a self-paced, online, accredited high school diploma program.

- Space is limited.
- Free to eligible adults, aged 24+.
- Must have some high school credits already.
- Once accepted into the program, one must complete within 24 months.
- 24/7, unlimited one-on-one tutoring sessions & support.

To apply, go to:

<https://www.lawtonok.gov/index.php/services/adult-online-high-school-diploma>

For any questions, email libraryhelp@lawtonok.gov

The Adult Online High School Grant program is administered by the Oklahoma Department of Libraries and is supported by their partner, the Oklahoma Office of Workforce Development through the U.S. Department of Labor under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

TAI CHI FOR BETTER BALANCE

Mondays & Wednesdays, March 6 – April 10
10:30 am – 11:00 am; 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 classes are 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.



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 from February 1 – 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.

DATABASE OF THE MONTH: Mometrix eLibrary

Never wait to access online practice tests, ebooks, & study materials for ACT, ASVAB, EMT, GED, GRE, HiSET, insurance, LSAT, nursing, real estate, teaching, & TOEFL. Must be accessed by logging into the library catalog with your library card number & last name.

LOCAL CONNECTIONS OF FAME BROCHURE

Now available at both library locations.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

SEED GIVEAWAY

All March, while supplies last

Pick up a packet of Marigold seeds & start planting! Great for keeping pests away.



LUCKY LEPRECHAUN LOOKABOUT

All March; All Ages

Participate in the library scavenger hunt to help Lucky find all the treasure he has lost & win some gold of your own.



LIMERICK WRITING CONTEST

All March; All Ages

Write a limerick & enter it in a contest to win a standing desk! 5-line slips will be provided. The winner will be chosen by library staff. Please keep entries family friendly.



MARCH 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SAVE THE DATE			1 4:00 pm Library Board	2 10:00 am Little Explorers	3 7:00 pm Mini Golf	4 10:00 Kids Book Swap
CHAUTAQUA 2023: AMERICAN AVIATION: BARNSTORMING TO MACH 1 JUNE 20 – 24, 2023						
5	6 10:30 am Tai Chi 11:00 am Tai Chi	7 4:00 pm TAB 5:00 pm Teen Games	8 10:30 am Tai Chi 11:00 am Tai Chi 6:00 pm Adultish Trivia	9 10:00 am Little Explorers 1:00 pm Digital Memory 101	10	11
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