

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!

UNITED WAY "SUCCESS BY 6" FAMILY EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

Thursdays, May 4, 11, 18, 25
4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Families with children ages 0 – 5 are invited to attend educational sessions taught by Tanya Organ, Community Engagement Librarian, to empower parents & caregivers to prepare their children for school & life readiness by age 6.

May 4: Comanche Academy, 1701 NW Taft Ave. Lions Club will be on site giving free eye exams to children.

May 11: The Zoe Christian Center, 1108 SW Tennessee Ave.

May 18: The Impact Community Center, 2713 NW 22nd St.

May 25: The Boys & Girls Club: 1315 SW F Ave. Join us for our First Anniversary Celebration!

Each session is limited to the first ten families. The same information will be shared at each session, so those interested should only attend once. Each participating family will receive a gift card. Resource bags will be provided for families that attend sessions as well as families that arrive, but are not one of the first 10 participating families.



RESUME WRITING

Tuesday, May 9
10:00 am – 11:00 am



Learn to write different styles of basic resumes, when to use the styles, & what not to put on them.

JOB SEARCHING

Tuesday, May 30
10:00 am – 11:00 am



Learn to navigate & efficiently use job seeker websites & how to recognize scam sites.

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!

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!

MAY IS NATIONAL BIKE MONTH!



May 19 is Bike to Work Day

If you don't have a bike & want to log some pedaling time, stop by the library & try one of our new Bike Desks! We also have 3 Bike Repair Stations, 1 at both Greer & Elmer Thomas Parks, & 1 across from the library.

For more information about bike month visit:
<https://bikeleague.org/events/bike-month/dates-events/>

HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The main library is closed Saturday, May 27 & Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day weekend. The library catalog & databases will be available online at lawtonok.gov/departments/library

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.

LITTLE EXPLORERS

Thursdays, May 4, 11, 18, 25
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, May 15
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 May
All Ages



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

May: Straw Rockets

SIT, STAY, READ: LITERACY DOGS!

Thursday, May 25 (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

It is never too early to introduce babies to print. Books don't have to be read from front to back. You can take a "book walk" by turning the pages & pointing to pictures while naming them to help build your child's vocabulary. If your child wants to look at the same pictures over & over, give them time to do so. Children need repetition to store information in their long-term memories. Take time to look at & read books with your little one. It will create a strong tradition of reading in their lives.

KIDS WRITING STATION

All May
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, May 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, 2023.



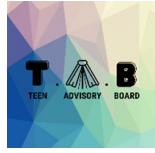
NOTARY PUBLIC AVAILABLE

Call for details.

TEENS

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, May 2
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: TV & MOVIE TRIVIA

Tuesday, May 2
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 12 – 18



Think you know everything about T.V. & Movies? Come play trivia & see if you really know the most.

TEEN CRAFT: SPRAY PAINT ART

Tuesday, May 30
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 12 – 18



Liven up your room with art! Use spray paint to create your own graffiti masterpiece.

TEEN VOLUNTEER APPLICATIONS

2023 Teen Summer Volunteer applications will be available on April 14 & are due by Monday, May 15. 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.**

OTHER ACTIVITIES

SEED GIVEAWAY

All May, while supplies last

Pick up a packet of Flanders Poppy seeds & start planting! Poppies are an annual wildflower featuring vibrant red blooms.



STAR WARS VOTE

All May; All Ages

What Star Wars icon will come out on top? Will it be man or machine? Stop by the library & cast a vote for your favorite character during the month of May.



FOOD DRIVE FOR THE BLESSING BOXES

All of May

There will be a collection box available at the library for donations of canned & boxed foods.



COMMUNITY HEALTH & RESOURCE INFORMATION

Friday, May 5
9:30 am – 1:00 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

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, May 9
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

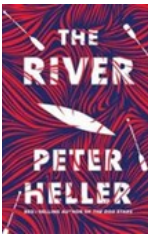
This month's book is *Violeta* by Isabel Allende. Next month's book is *Faithful Place* by Tana French. Two lovers plan to run off together, but one doesn't show. 20 years later, her suitcase is found. If you would like to reserve a copy of next month's book, call 580-581-3450 option 2.



COVER-TO-COVER BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, May 16
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *The River* by Peter Heller. Next month's book is *The Plot* by Jean Hanff Korelitz, in which a book plot is stolen but who is really the perpetrator? If you would like to reserve a copy of next month's book, call 580-581-3450 option 2.



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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!

DATABASE OF THE MONTH:

The Gateway to Oklahoma History is an online repository of Oklahoma history, brought to you by the Oklahoma Historical Society. Visitors can search & view historic thousands of newspapers, photographs, maps, & documents. It includes the Lawton Constitution select early issues 1904-1923 & all issues 1964-1982.



EVENTS & CLASSES

FRIENDS INVESTING WITH FRIENDS: INVESTMENT CLUB FOLLOW UP

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



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

ADULTISH TRIVIA

Wednesday, May 10
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Ages 16+



Is the Force strong with you? Come test your knowledge of all things Star Wars. You can come as a group, or come alone. Prizes await our winners.

CRAFTY BOOKMARKS: INKED BOOKMARKS

Wednesday, May 17
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Ages 16+

Please join us as we explore a new craft each month while creating a unique bookmark. Alcohol ink & Chinese knotted tassels are this month's colorful creation.



FIRST AID & CPR TRAINING

Saturday, May 20
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 May 20th class is currently full, but there are some spots still available in a future class. Call 580-581-3450 to register.

ADULTISH CRAFTS: MEXICAN YARN ART

Wednesday, May 24
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Ages 16+

Using a simple design or symbol & colorful yarn, create your own unique Huichol-inspired yarn painting.



COMING SOON

2023 KID SUMMER @ THE LIBRARY

TUESDAY STORYTIME @ THE PARK*

10:00 am – 10:30 am
Ages 0 – 10 & caregivers



June 6 – July 25

*Patriot Pavilion @ Elmer Thomas Park

WEDNESDAY PERFORMERS

10:00 am – 10:45 am
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm (repeat performance)
All Ages



@ the Library

June 14 – Keith Coast

June 28 – Mad Science

@ the Farmer's Market

July 12 – Extreme Animals*

* three add'l shows @ 12 noon/4 pm/6 pm

July 26 – Foam Party - 10:00 am only

WEDNESDAY CRAFTS

10:00 am – 10:45 am
Ages 5 – 18 & caregivers



June 7 – Worry Dolls

June 21 – Bean Art

July 5 – Recycled City

July 19 – Suncatchers

WEDNESDAY MOVIES

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Ages 3 – 18 & caregivers



June 7 – Akeelah & the Bee (PG; 112 minutes)

June 21 – Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile (PG; 107 minutes)

July 5 – Paws of Fury (PG; 97 minutes)

July 19 – Encanto (PG; 102 minutes)

All Together Now

2023 Chautauqua

American Aviation: Barnstorming to Mach 1



Tuesday, June 20
Queen of the Skies:
AMELIA EARHART
by Elsa Wolff



Wednesday, June 21
A Pearl in Oklahoma Skies:
EULA "PEARL" CARTER SCOTT
by Selene Phillips



Thursday, June 22
The Rose Among Aviators:
ROSE COUSINS
by Ilene Evans



Friday, June 23
Fastest Woman Alive:
JACQUELINE COCHRAN
by Karen Vuranch



Saturday, June 24
The Right Stuff:
CHUCK YEAGER
by Dr. Doug Mishler

ALL Workshops & Evening Performances at:
Albert Johnson, Sr.
Conference Center,
91 NE Maine Street

Workshops

Tuesday, June 20 – Saturday, June 24, 2023
10:00 am – 11:00 am
& 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Evening Performances

Tuesday, June 20 – Saturday, June 24, 2023
7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

For detailed workshop schedule,
see Library website:
lawtonok.gov/departments/library/events-classes/chautauqua



This project was supported in part by the City of Lawton Arts & Humanities and the McManon Auditorium Authority, which receives support from the State of Oklahoma and the National Endowment for the Arts.

2023 Teen Summer @ the Library

JUNE ACTIVITIES

TAB/TEEN GAME NIGHT

June 6
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

TEEN MOVIE NIGHT

June 13
5:00 pm – 6:45 pm

TEEN CRAFT NIGHT

June 27
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm



JULY ACTIVITIES

TAB/TEEN GAME NIGHT

July 11
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

TEEN MOVIE NIGHT

July 18
5:00 pm – 6:45 pm

TEEN CRAFT NIGHT

July 25
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

ADULT SUMMER READING

June 1 - July 31
Ages 18+

More Information coming soon!



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.

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MAY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 4:00 pm TAB 5:00 pm Teen Activity	3 4:00 pm Library Board	4 10:00 am Little Explorers	5 9:30 am Health Dept.	6 10:00 am Investment Club
7	8	9 10:00 am Resume Writing 6:00 pm Page Turners	10 6:00 pm Adultish Trivia	11 10:00 am Little Explorers	12	13 <i>Visit the Library before or after Arts for All while you are downtown!</i>
14	15 9:00 am Chick-fil-A TEEN VOLUNTEER APPLICATIONS ARE DUE	16 6:00 pm Cover-to-Cover	17 6:00 pm Bookmarks	18 10:00 am Little Explorers	19	20 10:00 am CPR Training
21	22	23	24 6:00 pm Adultish Crafts	25 10:00 am Little Explorers 5:00 pm Sit Stay Read	26	27 LIBRARY CLOSED
28	29 LIBRARY CLOSED	30 10:00 pm Job Searching 5:00 pm Teen Craft	31			