

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
BOOK SALE

THURSDAY, APRIL 7
4 PM - 7 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 8
8 AM - 6 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 9
8 AM - 6 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 10
12 NOON - 4 PM

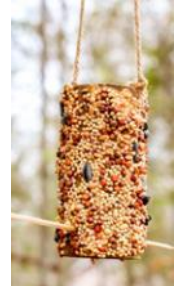
CENTRAL plaza

East Side of Lawton Central Plaza
200 SW C Ave.

CRAFTERNOON: RECYCLED BIRDFEEDERS

Friday, April 15
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Family Friendly

Crafters of all ages are invited to come make a bird feeder from recycled materials.



ADOPT A SHELTER PET DONATION DRIVE

April 1– 30

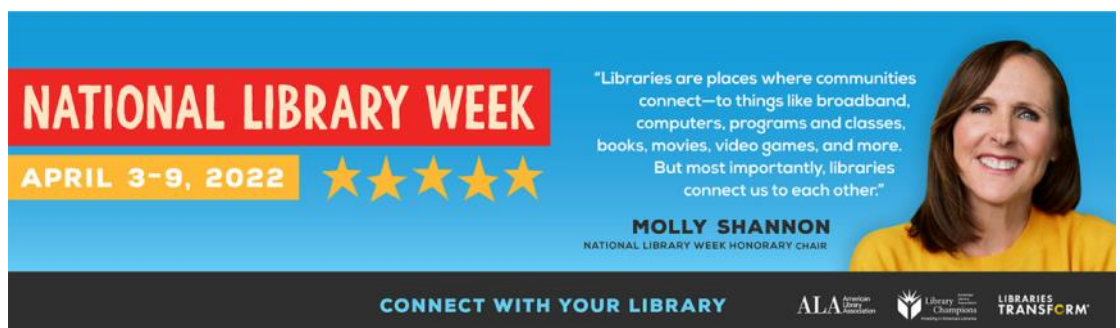
Bring new toys, food & treats, & other items needed by the city animal shelter. A wish list of items needed will be posted on Facebook & at the display.



POETRY CONTEST

April 1 – 30

April is National Poetry Month. Submit an original Haiku all month long @ either location. There will be a prize for the winning entry.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

APRIL 3-9, 2022 ★★★★★

"Libraries are places where communities connect—to things like broadband, computers, programs and classes, books, movies, video games, and more. But most importantly, libraries connect us to each other."

MOLLY SHANNON
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK HONORARY CHAIR

CONNECT WITH YOUR LIBRARY

ALA American Library Association | Library Champions | LIBRARIES TRANSFORM

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



CHILDREN

EARLY READER'S ACADEMY

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

BIG ADVENTURERS

Tuesdays, April 5, 12, 19, 26
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, April 7, 14, 21, 28
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.



MONTHLY CONCEPT

“Vocabulary” is knowing the names of things, & it is developed as you help your child build words out of letters & letter sounds. Most children enter school knowing between 3,000 & 5,000 words!

Developing a strong vocabulary helps your child as they learn to read. The best way to help your child build vocabulary is to talk & read with them. Choose a quiet spot & read aloud 15 – 20 minutes each day.

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, April 6 @ 4:00 pm. The public is invited to all meetings.

Chair _____ Patty Neuwirth
Vice Chair _____ Susan Kremmer
Member _____ Frantzie Couch
Member _____ Ellouise Love
Member _____ Vacant

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library meet quarterly. The next meeting is Monday, April 25 @ 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.

MAKER STATION

All April
All Ages

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



KIDS WRITING STATION

All April
Ages 5 – 10

Write a letter to Fly Guy!
Give kids the “write stuff” to become better readers! Handwriting improves kids' reading & comprehension skills.



SIT, STAY, READ: LITERACY DOGS!

Thursday, April 28 (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.



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.

READ FOR A LIFETIME! LEVELS OF LITERACY AS YOU GROW

<https://lawtonok.beanstack.org>

CLUBS & GROUPS

PAGE TURNERS FICTION BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, April 12; 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *The Lions of Fifth Avenue* by Fiona Davis. Next month's book is *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig, which is about a library where every book contains lives you could have lived. Call 580.582.3450 option 2 or 3 to reserve a copy of next month's book.



YOUNG ADULT BOOK CLUB @ VIRIDIAN COFFEE SHOP

Thursday, April 14
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Ages 18 – 35

This month's book is *The Mother in Law* by Sally Hepworth. Next month's book is *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng, which is a riveting novel that traces the intertwined fates of the picture-perfect Richardson family & the enigmatic mother & daughter who upend their lives. Call 580.581.3450 option 4 to reserve a copy of next month's book.



COVER-TO-COVER BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, April 19; 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

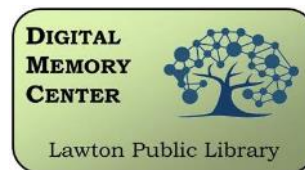
This month's book is *The Keeper of Lost Things* by Ruth Hogan. Next month's book is *Our Woman in Moscow* by Beatriz Williams, which is about a woman rescuing her twin sister in Cold War era Russia. Call 580.582.3450 option 2 or 3 to reserve a copy of next month's book.



DIGITAL MEMORY CENTER: SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (SWOGS)

Monday, April 18
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Library Technology Specialist, Daniel Phelps, will show off all the toys in the new Digital Memory Center.



FRIENDS OF THE LAWTON PUBLIC LIBRARY QUARTERLY MEETING

Monday, April 25; 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm

Hear about library & community updates. A light lunch is \$2/person. All are welcome to attend.



ADULT LITERACY ROUNDTABLE

Wednesday, April 20
11:30 am – 1:00 pm

This event will discuss current & needed adult & family literacy efforts in our community. Lunch is provided. Registration appreciated. Call 580.581.3450 ext. 6 to sign up.



CALL FOR ESL/LITERACY VOLUNTEERS

The Lawton Area Literacy Center is seeking spirited volunteer tutors willing to help people learn to read and write English. Call 580.581.3450 if you are interested in volunteering.

EVENTS & CLASSES

CONTAINER GARDENING

Monday, April 11
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Ages 13+



Discover how to start a small garden in simple containers. Presented by Carol Hart, Comanche County Extension Director

USING MEDICATIONS SAFELY

Wednesday, April 20
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Ages 18+



Using Medications Safely is a program designed to empower you to be more active in decisions that are made regarding your medications. Knowing more about the medications you take reduces the risk of an older person having a drug related problem. To register for the class or for more information, please call 405-271-2290 or email tarin-clark@ouhsc.edu.

This event is sponsored from an award supported by funds from the National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health under cooperative agreement number UG4LM013729 at the University of Iowa, Hardin Library for the Health Sciences. The content is solely the responsibility of the authors & does not necessarily represent the official views of the National Institutes of Health.

AUTHOR VISIT/BOOK SIGNING: DADDY? MOMMY? WHO IS GOD? BY DARIUS MONROE

Saturday, April 23
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
All Ages



Local author Darius Monroe will be visiting to read from his book Daddy? Mommy? Who is God? He will have copies for sale & will be signing them as well.

ADULTISH CRAFTS: PAINT POURING

Wednesday, April 27
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Ages 16+



No registration. No fees. No kids. Just fun crafts, good snacks, & great company.

SAVE TO INVEST

Thursday, April 28
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Adults



Are you in control of your money or is it controlling you? This class will focus on the importance of taking charge of your financial future & examine practical ideas for achieving your financial goals through various investment ideas. Sponsored by Million Dollar Dames Investment Club

BICYCLE REPAIR CLASS

Saturday, April 30
10:00 am – 11:00 am
Ages 13+



Learn basic skills for bicycle repair & maintenance. Bring your bike or just observe & ask questions. Space is limited. Presented by Dan Kite, Terry's Bicycles Certified Mechanic.

CHAUTAQUA MONTHLY BOOK REVIEWS

Wednesday, April 13
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Ages 16+

Second Wednesday of each month through May. Read the book & participate in the book discussion. Presented via Zoom. Watch at the main library or email libraryhelp@lawtonok.gov for the Zoom link.

April 13: Randy Noojin reviews *The Love You Make: An Insider's Story of the Beatles* by Peter Brown & Steven Gaines

May 11: Joey Madia reviews *Howl* by Allen Ginsberg



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.

TEENS

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, April 5

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 CRAFT: MINI FAUX TERRARIUMS

Tuesday, April 26

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm; Ages 12 – 18

Craft an adorable faux mini plant that you can admire without ever having to water!



TEEN MOVIE NIGHT

Tuesday, April 5

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm; Ages 12 – 18

Join us for movie night & watch "Spies in Disguise." PG; 102 Minutes



TEEN AFTER HOURS

Friday, April 29

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm; Ages 12—18.

The library is closed! Come hang out & enjoy movies, games, & fun!



TEEN VOLUNTEER APPLICATIONS

2022 Teen Summer Volunteer applications will be available on April 15 & are due by Friday, May 13. Teens age 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.

GET THE NEWSLETTER ONLINE

To receive the library's monthly newsletter in your email, send an email to: librarynews@lawtonok.gov with "subscribe" in the subject line.

20TH ANNIVERSARY MONEY SMART WEEK

Spend Smart. Eat Smart.

Monday, April 11

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm

In this session, Iowa State University Extension & Outreach will: Assess recommended guidelines for spending on groceries. Walk through user-friendly tools to help you make informed decisions on grocery purchases. Review planning ideas that can let you take charge of your food budget in a way that works best for your household.

Credit: Build it & Improve It!

Tuesday, April 12

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm

In this session, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) will: Explain what a credit score is & how it changes. Introduce key steps you can take to boost your credit score.

Buying or Refinancing a Home

Wednesday, April 13

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm

In this session, North West Housing Partnership will: Outline the home buying (or refinancing) process, including lending considerations. Explain predatory lending. Cover common characteristics of housing discrimination & predator lending. Provide tips & tools to avoid predatory lenders.

Understanding Social Security Benefits

Thursday, April 14

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm

In this session with the Social Security Administration: Learn the entitlement factors for retirement, spouse, ex-spouse, & survivor benefits. Gain an understanding of the options to start benefits at various ages & the effect of wages on them. Expand your knowledge of Social Security's online tools & resources at www.ssa.gov, including applying for benefits. To enhance your experience, download your Social Security statement ahead of the session by going to www.ssa.gov/myaccount.

Sessions can be viewed at the main library or register for the webinars at moneysmartweek.org

Library of Things.

ITEMS INCLUDE:

- Disc Golf Set
- Blood Pressure Monitor
- Wheelchair
- Light Therapy Lamp
- Otamatone
- Gardening Kit
- Metal Detector
- Stud Finder
- Paranormal Research Kit
- & more!



TRY IT BEFORE YOU BUY IT!

HOW TO BORROW

Bring item-slip up to the front desk to checkout on an adult library card account & exchange for the pictured item.

FAQ

- Items are checked out for 2 weeks.
- If renewal is possible, items can be renewed twice.
- Items can only be checked out to customers 18+.
- We accept donations to add to our Library of Things.
- If there are items you or anyone else would like to have added, put in a request at the front desk.

WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK!

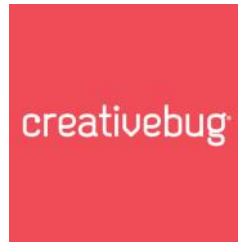
Tell us if there are any items that you think would be perfect to have in our Library of Things for others to check out!

Library of Things and other health literacy projects are supported by the Oklahoma Department of Libraries with federal funds under the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

CREATIVEBUG

Creativebug offers high-quality arts & crafts instructional videos & more.

Access an on-demand library of over 1,000 art & craft classes for makers at all levels. Instructional videos are taught by experts with resources on drawing, painting, sewing, knitting, crochet, quilting, baking & more! New classes are added daily with downloadable patterns, templates, & recipes.

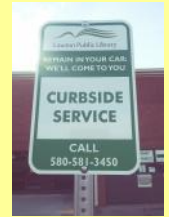


For access, log into the library catalog. Call 580-581-3450 if you need any assistance.

CURBSIDE

Curbside service is available.

Call 580-581-3450 or email libraryhelp@lawtonok.gov for more details.



NATIONAL LIBRARY MONTH SPIRIT WEEK

All Ages

Dress up & show your library spirit!

Monday, April 4	Minion Mayhem!
Tuesday, April 5	Mustache Day!
Wednesday, April 6	Character Dress Up!
Thursday, April 7	Funky Patterns!
Friday, April 8	Decade Dress Up!

CONGRATULATIONS! WINTER READING BASKET WINNERS

- Kid baskets: Paityn & Kateri
- Teen baskets: Jennifer & Jada
- Adult baskets: Amanda & Emily



NATIONAL POETRY MONTH @ THE STORYWALK® All April

April is National Poetry Month. Stop by our Storywalk and learn a little bit about poetry. Then try your hand at being a poet and share it with us!



SEED GIVEAWAY

Monday, April 18 – Friday, April 22
Daily, while supplies last

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



BICYCLE REPAIR STATIONS

Dero Fixit stations include all the tools for basic bike repairs & maintenance. The tools needed for changing a flat tire or adjusting brakes are securely attached to a stand with stainless steel cables & tamper-proof fasteners. There are hanger arms to allow users to hang their bike so that the wheels can spin freely while making adjustments. A bike pump is also available for cyclists needing to air up their tires.

3 Locations:

Lawton Public Library; SW 4th Street

Elmer Thomas Park; NW 6th Street (behind the Baseball Field)

Greer Park; NW 38th Street (In Front of Kids Zone)



Bicycle repair stations and other health literacy projects are supported by the Oklahoma Department of Libraries with federal funds under the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

APRIL 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SAVE THE DATES!					1	2
GLOWFORGE CLASS: Wednesday, May 4; 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm 2ND SATURDAY BIKE IN THE PARK: Saturday, May 14; 9:00 am – 11:00 am CRICUT CLASS: Wednesday, May 18; 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm ADULTISH CRAFTS: BUTTON ART: Wednesday, May 25; 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm SUMMER READING BEGINS: Wednesday, June 1 SWOK TRAILS FEST: INTERACTIVE STORYWALK: Saturday, June 17; 5:00 pm – 5:45						
3	4 11:00 am Tai Chi	5 10:00 am Big Adventurers 4:00 pm TAB 5:00 pm Teen Movie	6 11:00 am Tai Chi 4:00 pm Library Board	7 10:00 am Little Explorers	8	9
				Book Sale @ Central Plaza Lawton		
10	11 11:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Money Smart 6:00 pm Gardening	12 10:00 am Big Adventurers 1:00 pm Money Smart 6:00 pm Page Turners	13 11:00 am Tai Chi 1:00 pm Money Smart 7:00 pm Book Review	14 10:00 am Little Explorers 1:00 pm Money Smart 6:00 pm YA Book Club	15 2:00 pm Craft	16
Book Sale						
17 	18 6:00 pm SWOGS	19 10:00 am Big Adventurers 6:00 pm Cover-To-Cover	20 11:30 am Adult Roundtable 3:00 pm Medications	21 10:00 am Little Explorers	22  Earth Day	23 2:00 pm Author Visit
	Marigold Seed Giveaway					
24	25 12:00 noon Friends	26 10:00 am Big Adventurers 5:00 pm Teen Craft	27 6:00 pm Adultish Crafts	28 10:00 am Little Explorers 5:00 pm Sit, Stay, Read 6:00 pm Save to Invest	29 7:00 pm Teen After Hours	30 10:00 am Bicycle Repair