

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!

HOLIDAY TECH SETUP WEEK

December 12 – 16
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Did you purchase new technology on Black Friday? Need some help getting things set up? Feel free to bring your new tech & your logins to the library for assistance.



CRAFT @ HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

Sunday, December 11
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Family Friendly

Christmas crafters of all ages are invited to come make a woven Christmas Tree at Elmer Thomas Park!



WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

Through January 31
Both Locations

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



MEDICARE CLASS

Monday, December 5
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Ray Walker of the Oklahoma Insurance Department will show attendees the updates on Medicare for 2023, including the impact of the Inflation Reduction Act on prescription drug costs for seniors.



SEED GIVEAWAY

Beginning December 1, while supplies last

Stop by the library during the month of December & pick up a packet of seeds. This month we have garlic chives! For information on growing these seeds, go to toddsseeds.com



HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The library will be closed December 24 – 26 & December 31 – January 2 for the Christmas & New Year holidays. The library catalog & databases are available 24/7 online at lawtonok.gov/departments/library

HOW-TO FESTIVAL

Calling all makers, creators, & doers! Do you have a special skill to share with the community? Clubs, organizations, businesses, & individuals can apply for a vendor spot. Vendors cannot sell at the festival. Pick up an application at the main library or download it at lawtonok.gov/events/how-festival. Applications due by December 23. Festival is Sunday, February 5.



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, Dec 6, 13, 20, 27
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, Dec 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
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. There is no better way to build your child’s vocabulary than by reading together! Children’s books have more unique words than everyday conversations, & even more than children’s TV programs!

MAKER STATION

All December
All Ages

Dream, craft, build, & create!
See what’s going on in our Maker Station!
Rotating activities available each month.
December: Holiday Cards for Hospital Patients



KIDS WRITING STATION

All December
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, December 22 (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, 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

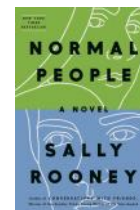
Register for ongoing reading challenges @
<https://lawtonok.beanstack.org>

CLUBS & GROUPS

BETWEEN THE LINES BOOK CLUB @ VIRIDIAN COFFEE SHOP

Thursday, December 8
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Ages 18 – 35

This month's book is *Normal People* by Sally Rooney. Next 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 would like to reserve a copy of next month's book, call 580-581-3450 option 4.



PAGE TURNERS FICTION BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, December 13
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

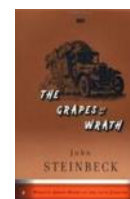
The Page Turners' potluck is back! Bring your favorite dish & book suggestions. Next month's book is *The Gifted School* by Bruce Holsinger, which is about a group of parents nearly torn apart when an exclusive school for gifted children opens. To reserve a copy of next month's book, call 580-581-3450 option 2.



COVER-TO-COVER BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, December 20
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book will be *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck. Next month's book is *The Boston Girl* by Anita Diamant, where a Jewish immigrant looks back on her life & the changes the early 20th century brought. An audiobook of *The Boston Girl* is on Hoopla. If you would like to reserve a copy of next month's book, call 580-581-3450 option 2.



TEENS

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, December 6
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 MOVIE NIGHT: HOME ALONE

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



Join us for a holiday party & interactive movie! Rated PG; 103 minutes.

TEEN CRAFT: PERPETUAL BLOCK CALENDAR

Tuesday, December 27
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 12 – 18



Start the new year with a unique calendar that never needs replacing!

TEEN AFTER HOURS

Friday, December 30
7:00 pm – 11:45 pm
Ages 12 – 18



It's New Year's Eve Eve & the library is closed! Join us for after-hours movies, games, crafts, & more!

EVENTS & CLASSES

ADULTISH TRIVIA: ALL ABOUT WINTER HOLIDAYS

Wednesday, December 14
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Ages 16+

Test your knowledge of international winter holidays & win fun prizes.



KID TIME @ CHICK-FIL-A

Monday, December 19
9:00 am – 10:00 am



Join us for storytime, crafts, & an appearance by the Chick-fil-A cow! Free coffee available for parent or guardian.

CROCHET ALONG: CROCHETED STRAWBERRIES

Wednesday, December 21
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Ages 16+

Need more fiber? We will follow along as a Creativebug instructor talks you through each step in an instructional video. Please bring your H8/5.0mm crochet hook & a tapestry needle, all other supplies will be provided. All skill levels welcome!



ADULTISH CRAFTS: TRISKELE PAPER GLOBES

Wednesday, December 28
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Ages 16+

Color & create unique paper decor you can leave out all year.
No Registration. No Fees. No Kids.



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

DATABASE OF THE MONTH: BRAINFUSE JOBNOW

FREE RESUME REVIEW

Submit online and get professional feedback.



Brainfuse offers resume templates & review, live job coaches, career assessments, unemployment assistance, & more. Access Brainfuse through our E-resources page: www.lawtonok.departments/library/e-resources

WINTER BREAK ACTIVITIES

WINTER BREAK CRAFTERNOONS: UGLY HOLIDAY SWEATER

Tuesday, December 20
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm
Ages 3 – 18 & Caregivers

Craft a crazy holiday sweater!



MELTING SNOWMAN

Tuesday, December 27
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm
Ages 3 – 18 & Caregivers

Create your own melting snowman.



MOVIE PAJAMA PARTY: THE SANTA CLAUSE

Thursday, December 22
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Ages 3 – 18 & Caregivers

Wear your pajamas & watch a movie! Snacks provided.
PG; 107 minutes



THE BAD GUYS

Thursday, December 29
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Ages 3 – 18 & Caregivers

Wear your pajamas & watch a movie! Snacks provided.
PG; 100 minutes



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 or download the Beanstack app. Click on "find a site" & enter Lawton Public Library to sign up!



PEPPERMINT CANDY COUNT

All December
Both Locations

Try & count the peppermints.
Closest guess wins a prize!



SNOWBALL FIGHT!

All December
Both Locations

Frosty & his friends had some fun throwing snowballs around the library. If you should get hit by one, bring it to any desk & receive a treat!



DECEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SAVE THE DATE!				1 10:00 am Little Explorers	2	3
JANUARY 17 – 19: DIGITAL LITERACY CLASSES JANUARY 25: ADULTISH CRAFTS: PAINTED ROCK PHOTO HOLDER FEBRUARY 4: TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY FEBRUARY 5: HOW-TO FESTIVAL @ LAWTON FARMER'S MARKET						
4	5 2:00 pm Medicare Class	6 10:00 am Big Adventurers 4:00 pm TAB 5:00 pm Teen Movie	7	8 10:00 am Little Explorers 6:00 pm Between the Lines	9	10
11 6:00 pm Craft @ Holiday in the Park	12	13 10:00 am Big Adventurers 6:00 pm Page Turners	14 6:00 pm Adultish Trivia	15 10:00 am Little Explorers	16	17
Holiday Tech Setup Week						
18	19 9:00 am Chick-fil-A	20 10:00 am Big Adventurers 2:00 pm Crafternoon 6:00 pm Cover to Cover	21 6:00 pm Crochet-Along	22 10:00 am Little Explorers 2:00 pm Pajama Movie 5:00 pm Sit Stay Read	23	24 LIBRARY CLOSED
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