

## 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!

### TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY: PARTY WITH PETE THE CAT

Saturday, February 5  
10:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Ages 0 – 10 & Caregivers

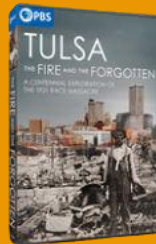
Pete the Cat is visiting the library! Join us for a Pete the Cat-themed storytime, make your own groovy headband, play pin-the-buttons on Pete, & get your picture taken with the rockin'-est cat around!



### SOULFUL STORY: TULSA: THE FIRE & THE FORGOTTEN

Thursday, February 17  
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm  
Ages 14+

Note: this event is in the main library. In this PBS documentary, residents & descendants examine the history of the 1921 tragedy & its aftermath.



### FREE TAX FILING SPONSORED BY AARP TAX-AIDE

By appointment only.  
Call [580-248-0471](tel:580-248-0471) to make an appointment. Free preparation & e-filing of individual tax returns by IRS Certified Volunteer Preparers. No age or income restrictions.



### GRAB & GO: VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS

Tuesday, February 1 – Saturday, February 12  
All Ages

Help us share the love! Grab & Go Valentine's Day card kits will be available starting Tuesday, February 1. Decorate, add a message, & return cards to the library by Saturday, February 12. Cards will be delivered to a local nursing home. Or stop by the main library's Maker Station though February 12 to make a card.



### JUST KEEP READING: WINTER @ THE LIBRARY

Through February 28  
All Ages

To participate & log your reading, sign up at: [lawtonok.beanstack.org](http://lawtonok.beanstack.org) or download the Beanstack App in your iTunes or Google Play store.



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



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# CHILDREN

## EARLY READER'S ACADEMY

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

## BIG ADVENTURERS

Tuesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22  
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, February 3, 10, 17, 24  
10:00 am – 10:30 am  
Ages 0 – 3 & Caregivers

Lap-time fun exploration for infants & toddlers using rhymes, bounces, fingerplays, stories, & songs that promote school readiness skills.



## MONTHLY CONCEPT

Get your kids "in shape" for school readiness! Children who recognize shapes & are able to tell the difference between them have an easier time learning letters. For example, they will be able see a triangle shape in the letter "A" & the circular shape of the letter "Q"! To get babies & toddlers more familiar with different shapes, try a scavenger hunt around the house. Look for different shapes & point them out in familiar objects, like the square sides of a picture frame, or the round shape of a dinner plate.

## LOCATIONS & HOURS

[lawtonok.gov/departments/library](http://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, February 2 @ 4:00 pm. The public is invited to all meetings.

Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Patty Neuwirth  
Vice Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Susan Kremmer  
Member \_\_\_\_\_ Frantzie Couch  
Member \_\_\_\_\_ Ellouise Love  
Member \_\_\_\_\_ Tom Rine

## 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 February  
All Ages

Dream, craft, build, & create! See what's going on in our Maker Station! Rotating activities available each month. February: Valentine's Cards/Cat in the Hat Cup Stack



## KIDS WRITING STATION

All February  
Ages 5 – 10

Write a letter to Cat in the Hat! Give kids the "write stuff" to become better readers! Handwriting improves kids' reading & comprehension skills.



## SIT, STAY, READ: LITERACY DOGS!

Thursday, February 24 (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.



## CANDY COUNT

All February

Winner will receive the jar of candy!

## READ FOR A LIFETIME! LEVELS OF LITERACY AS YOU GROW

<https://lawtonok.beanstack.org>

# ADULTS

## PAGE TURNERS FICTION BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, February 8; 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett. Next month's book is *The House We Grew Up In* by Lisa Jewell, which is about the consequences of a family tragedy. Call 580.582.3450 option 2 or 3 to reserve a copy of next month's book.



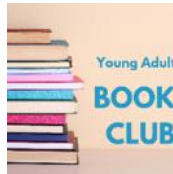
## YOUNG ADULT BOOK CLUB @

### VRIDIAN COFFEE SHOP

Thursday, February 10

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Ages 18 – 35



The first meeting of the Young Adult Book Club will be held at Viridian coffee shop on 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Next month's book is *The Immortalists* by Chloe Benjamin. Call 580-581-3450 option 4 to reserve a copy of next month's book.

## COVER-TO-COVER BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, February 15

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *The Invisible Life of Addie Larue* by V.E. Schwab. Next month's book is *The Widows* by Jess Montgomery, which is inspired by the story of Ohio's first female sheriff & her quest for justice for her & another widow. Call 580.582.3450 option 2 or 3 to reserve a copy of next month's book.



## THE FAMILY HISTORY GUIDE: SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (SWOGS)

Monday, February 21

6:30 pm – 8:00 pm



Terry Ernest, Director, of the Lawton Family History Center will introduce the new learning, research & training website "The Family History Guide." All are welcome to attend.

## ADULTISH CRAFTS: WINE GLASS PAINTING

Wednesday, February 23

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Ages 16+

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

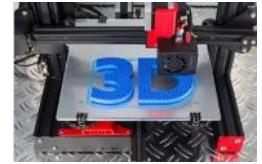


## 3D PRINTING 101

Thursday, February 24

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm; Ages 13+

Discover templates, software, & simple projects. Reservations requested. One class per week for 3 weeks.



## MY FINANCIAL FUTURE

Thursday, February 24 & Thursday, March 3

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm; Ages 13+

Learn skills needed to successfully manage personal finances. Registration Appreciated. Light Meal served. Presented by Sharon Stuckey, Comanche County Extension Educator.



## CRAFT SUPPLY SWAP

Monday, February 28

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm; Ages 13+

New or gently used craft supplies can be dropped off at the library Monday, February 21 – Friday, February 25. Be sure to pick up your swap ticket when you donate. Didn't donate? Stop by between 7:00 pm– 7:45 pm to browse & go home with new-to-you supplies.



## ESL CONVERSATIONAL CLASSES

Saturday, February 5, 12, 19, 26

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Ages 16+

Call 580-581-3450 or email [libraryhelp@lawtonok.gov](mailto:libraryhelp@lawtonok.gov) for more details.

Clases de conversacion de ESL a partir de Enero. Llame al 580-581-3450, o envíe un correo electrónico a: [libraryhelp@lawtonok.gov](mailto:libraryhelp@lawtonok.gov) para obtener mas detalles.



## CURBSIDE

Curbside service is available. Call 580-581-3450 or email [libraryhelp@lawtonok.gov](mailto:libraryhelp@lawtonok.gov) for more details.



## CHAUTAQUA MONTHLY BOOK REVIEWS

Wednesday, February 9  
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](mailto:libraryhelp@lawtonok.gov) for the Zoom link.

February 9: John Dennis Anderson reviews *A Single Man* by Christopher Isherwood

March 9: Ted Kachel reviews *High Priest* by Timothy Leary

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



## TAI CHI FOR BETTER BALANCE

Monday, February 14 – Wednesday, March 23  
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 six-week 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 to allow for proper social distancing.

All participants are asked to wear a mask. To register for the class or for more information, please call 405-271-2290 or email [tarin-clark@ouhsc.edu](mailto:tarin-clark@ouhsc.edu).



*These health literacy projects are supported by the Oklahoma Dept*

## 20 NOTABLE BLACK LOCAL LEGENDS BROCHURE

Now available at both library locations. See weekly videos on Facebook page.



## TINY ART SHOW

Starting Tuesday, February 1  
All Ages

Come see the tiny art show in the main library lobby.



## GET THE NEWSLETTER ONLINE

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

## TEENS

### TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, February 1  
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: TARZAN

Tuesday, February 1  
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm  
Ages 12 – 18

Rated G;  
88 minutes.



### TEEN CRAFT: DESIGN YOUR OWN COASTERS

Tuesday, February 22  
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
Ages 12 – 18

Use all kinds of recycled materials to create one-of-a-kind coasters!



# FEBRUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px; background-color: #008080; color: white; font-weight: bold;">COMING SOON!</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #d9ead3; font-weight: bold;">ANNUAL BOOKSALE</div> Thursday, April 7 – Sunday, April 10 More details soon!		<b>1</b> 10:00 am Big Adventurers  4:00 pm TAB  5:00 pm Teen Movie	<b>2</b> 4:00 pm Library Board	<b>3</b> 10:00 am Little Explorers	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 10:00 am Pete the Cat  1:00 pm ESL Class
		<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 10:00 am Big Adventurers  6:00 pm Page Turners	<b>9</b> 7:00 pm Book Review	<b>10</b> 10:00 am Little Explorers  6:00 pm BC @ Viridian
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 11:00 am Tai Chi	<b>15</b> 10:00 am Big Adventurers  6:00 pm Cover-To-Cover	<b>16</b> 11:00 am Tai Chi	<b>17</b> 10:00 am Little Explorers  6:30 pm Soulful Story	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 1:00 pm ESL Class
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 11:00 am Tai Chi  6:30 pm SWOGS	<b>22</b> 10:00 am Big Adventurers  5:00 pm Teen Craft	<b>23</b> 11:00 am Tai Chi  6:00 pm Adultish Crafts	<b>24</b> 10:00 am Little Explorers  5:00 pm Sit, Stay, Read  5:00 pm 3D Printing 101  6:00 pm Financial Future	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 1:00 pm ESL Class
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 11:00 am Tai Chi  6:00 pm Craft Swap	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px; background-color: #008080; color: white; font-weight: bold;">SAVE THE DATES!</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #d9ead3;"> <p><b>MY FINANCIAL FUTURE:</b> Thursday, March 3; 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm; Ages 13+</p> <p><b>3D PRINTING 102:</b> Thursday, March 3; 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm; Ages 13+</p> <p><b>CHILDREN'S BOOK SWAP:</b> Saturday, March 5; 10:00 am – 1:00 pm; Ages 0 – 18</p> <p><b>3D PRINTING 103:</b> Thursday, March 10; 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm; Ages 13+</p> <p><b>SPRING STEAM CAMP: ALIEN INVASION!</b>                      Tuesday, March 15 – Friday, March 18; 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm; Ages 6 – 12</p> <p><b>ADULTISH CRAFTS: PAINTING:</b> Wednesday, March 23; 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm; Ages 16+</p> </div>				