

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!

SECOND SATURDAY BIKE IN THE PARK: ELMER THOMAS PARK, STARTING BY THE ARMORY

Saturday, May 14
9:00 am – 11:00 am
All Ages

Fun gathering to inspire physical activity while riding bikes! Pick up a scavenger hunt at the library's table & complete to be entered into a drawing for a prize basket. Helmets required.



MOTHER'S DAY DIAPER DRIVE

May 1 – 31

Please join us in supporting women & children in Lawton. Donate diapers & unopened wipes throughout the month of May in honor of Mother's Day.



KID TIME @ CHICK-FIL-A

Monday, May 16
9:00 am – 10:00 am

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



HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The main library is closed Saturday, May 28 & Monday, May 30 for Memorial Day Weekend. The library catalog & databases will be available online at lawtonok.gov/departments/library

SAVE THE DATE: 2022 CHAUTAUQUA

Surviving the Sixties: Sex, Drugs & Rock 'n' Roll; June 21 – 25

- Poet of the Beats: Allen Ginsberg by Joey Madia
- A Single Man: Christopher Isherwood by Dr. John Dennis Anderson
- Rock 'n' Roll Mama: Cass Elliot by Karen Vuranch
- Tune In, Turn On, Drop Out: Timothy Leary by Dr. Ted Kachel
- The Rebellious Beatle: John Lennon by Randy Noojin



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, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
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, May 5, 12, 19, 26
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

What is “early literacy?” Early literacy is what children know about reading & writing before they actually learn to read & write. You can start preparing your child from birth by reading together every day. Make it a special time between you & your child. “Reading” together can be as simple as showing them the pictures & talking about what you see. Just as importantly, let them see you enjoying reading!

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: Hoop Gliders



KIDS WRITING STATION

All May
Ages 5+

Write a letter to Llama Llama! 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 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	Vacant

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library meet quarterly. The next meeting is Monday, July 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.



READ FOR A LIFETIME! LEVELS OF LITERACY AS YOU GROW

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

Summer Reading begins June 1

SIT, STAY, READ: LITERACY DOGS!

Thursday, May 26 (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.



CLUBS & GROUPS

PAGE TURNERS FICTION BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, May 10;
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig. Next month's book is *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummings, which is about a Mexican woman fearing for her safety who flees her home.

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, May 12
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Ages 18 – 35

This month's book is *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng. Next month's book is *Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys, which is a historical fiction novel about the sinking of the Wilhelm Gustloff, a German cruise liner that was meant to transport German civilian refugees to safety from the advancing Red Army. Call 580.581.3450 option 4 to reserve a copy of next month's book.



COVER-TO-COVER BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, May 17;
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *Our Woman in Moscow* by Beatriz Williams. Next month's book is *The Keeper of Lost Things* by Ruth Hogan, which is about a woman who inherits the task of returning lost things to their owners. Call 580.582.3450 option 2 or 3 to reserve a copy of next month's book.



USING LINEAGE ORGANIZATIONS TO FURTHER YOUR RESEARCH: SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (SWOGS)

Monday, May 16
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Lineage society files are rich in genealogical data waiting to be mined. Presented by SWOGS Board Member Roberta Hooper.

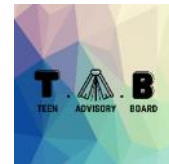


TEENS

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, May 3
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

Tuesday, May 3
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 12 – 18

Join us for a night of friendly competition. Variety of board games available.



TEEN CRAFT: ORIGAMI

Tuesday, May 31
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 12 – 18

Learn how to fold your own origami creations!



TEEN VOLUNTEER APPLICATIONS

Teens age 14 – 18 & still in high school can apply to volunteer at the library this summer. Applications are available at both library locations & can be printed from the library's website or Facebook page.

Applications are due by Friday, May 13

GET THE NEWSLETTER ONLINE

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

EVENTS & CLASSES

GLowFORGE 101 – ENGRAVING CUTTING BOARDS

Wednesday, May 4
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 16+

Learn to create a design & turn it into a beautifully engraved personalized cutting board.



GLowFORGE FLOWER EARRINGS

Saturday, May 7
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Ages 13+

Come paint laser-cut wood flower earrings for mom or for yourself! Stop by the Arts For All Festival too! Additional parking on south side of library.



CRICUT 101 – WHAT ARE THE BASICS?

Wednesday, May 18
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Ages 16+

What can you do with a Cricut? Basic overview on using a free library resource.



ADULTISH CRAFTS: BUTTION ART

Wednesday, May 25
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Ages 16+

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



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.

**YEAR-ROUND FRIENDS
OF THE LIBRARY BOOK
STORE AT MAIN &
BRANCH LIBRARIES**

**NOTARY PUBLIC
AVAILABLE**
Call for details.

Library of Things.

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE LIBRARY OF THINGS?

We have more than books available to check out at the main library. Browse our collection of items & try before you buy. Borrow a light therapy lamp, sporting equipment, household tools, & more!

For a full list of items to check out:

<https://www.lawtonok.gov/departments/library/about-us/library-things>

CHAUTAQUA MONTHLY BOOK REVIEWS

Wednesday, May 11
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.

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.

SWOK TRAILS FEST EXPLORERS OF THE WILD SCAVENGER HUNT

Friday, June 17

5:00 pm – 5:45 pm

Visit the StoryWalk™ at Elmer Thomas Park & pick up a scavenger hunt sheet. Walk the Storywalk™ & examine the pages to find each scavenger hunt clue. Return your completed scavenger hunt to the Library's booth & be entered in a drawing to win a prize!

The prize drawing will be during the Trails Fest closing ceremony: Saturday, June 18 @ Cameron University Aggie Rec Center. MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN.

For more information on the SWOK Trails Fest weekend, visit the Fit Kids of Southwest Oklahoma Facebook page.



CALL FOR ESL/LITERACY VOLUNTEERS

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



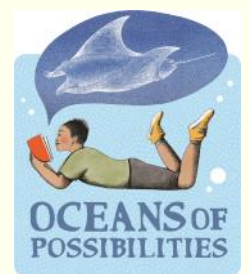
2022 KIDS SUMMER @ THE LIBRARY

June 1 – July 31

All Ages

Register at lawtonok.beanstak.org or download the Beanstak app in your iTunes or Google Play store.

Complete 5 books during the summer & receive a prize bag, 1 free book, & 1 entry into a prize drawing! Feeling eager? Receive additional entries into the drawing for every 5 books read (up to 25) & by completing activities.



Tuesday Storytime @ the Park*

June 7 – July 26

10:00 am – 10:30 am

Ages 0 – 10 & caregivers

*Patriot Pavilion @ Elmer Thomas Park

Wednesday Performers

10:00 am – 10:45 am

2:00 pm – 2:45 pm (repeat performance)

All Ages

June 8 – Sugar Free Allstars

June 22 – Fine Arts OK

July 6 – Mad Science

July 20 – Extreme Animals*

*add'l shows @ 12 noon & 6 pm



Wednesday Crafts

10:00 am – 10:45 am

Ages 5 – 18 & caregivers

June 15 – Aquarium

June 29 – Bottle Cap Fish Art

July 13 – Paper Plate Submarine

July 27 – Jellyfish



Wednesday Movies

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Ages 3 – 18 & caregivers

June 15 – The Little Mermaid (G; 82 minutes)

June 29 – The Reef (G; 77 minutes)

July 13 – Luca (PG; 95 minutes)

July 27 – Finding Nemo (G; 100 minutes)

MAY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 10:00 am Big Adventurers 4:00 pm TAB 5:00 pm Teen Games	4 4:00 Library Board 6:00 pm Glowforge 101	5 10:00 am Little Explorers	6	7 2:00 pm Painted Earrings
8	9	10 10:00 am Big Adventurers 6:00 pm Page Turners	11 7:00 pm Book Review	12 10:00 am Little Explorers 6:00 pm YA Book Club	13	14 9:00 am Bike in the Park
15	16 9:00 Kid Time @ Chick-Fil-A 6:30 pm SWOGS	17 10:00 am Big Adventurers 6:00 pm Cover-To-Cover	18 11:30 am Adult Roundtable 6:00 pm Cricut 101	19 10:00 am Little Explorers	20	21
22	23	24 10:00 am Big Adventurers	25 6:00 pm Adultish Crafts	26 10:00 am Little Explorers 5:00 pm Sit, Stay, Read	27	28 CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND
29	30 CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND	31 10:00 Big Adventurers 5:00 pm Teen Craft	<div style="background-color: #008080; color: white; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">SAVE THE DATES!</div>			
RECORD EXPUNGEMENT CLASS: Thursday, June 9; 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm SWOK TRAILS FEST: Friday & Saturday, June 17 & 18 ADULTISH TRIVIA NIGHT: Wednesday, June 22; 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm						