

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!

HERITAGE BOOKMARK CRAFTS

Saturday, August 7
Come & Go: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
All Ages



Bring your favorite picture or use one provided. Make a special bookmark. This is a part of the 120 Roundabout celebration. More details are available here: <https://www.lawtonok.gov/news/120-roundabout-celebration-planned-lawtons-birthday>

FAMILY MEMORIES: PRESERVATION 101 SERIES

Ages 14+



DIGITIZING FAMILY MOVIES

Wednesday, August 18
12 noon – 1 pm

CONVERTING 35 MM PHOTO SLIDES

Wednesday, August 25
12 noon – 1 pm

Get started using the Digital Memory Center with this hands on training & tips class.

Upcoming:

September 1: Organizing Family Photos
September 8: Preserving Grandma's Cookbook

BACK TO SCHOOL CONTEST

All Ages; Both Locations
Month of August

Take your best guess at "how many" on the contest entry slip.



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.

ADULTISH CRAFTS FOR ADULTISH PEOPLE: ROCK PAINTING

Wednesday, August 11
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Ages 16+

In-person! No registration. No fees. No kids. Just fun crafts, good snacks, & great company. Space is limited.

Upcoming:

September 8: Watercolor bookmarks; October 13: Halloween String Art; November 10: Button Bowls; December 8: Ugly Holiday Sweater Decorating



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



Friends of the Lawton Public Library

SIT, STAY, READ: LITERACY DOGS!

Thursday, August 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.



Paws With Love Therapy Dogs

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, August 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 _____ Tom Rine

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends of the Library meet
quarterly. The next meeting is
Monday, October 25 @ 12 noon.

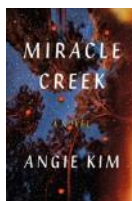
Support your Friends of the Library.
Become a member today! Annual
membership is just \$10.00 per person
or \$20.00 per family.

ADULTS

PAGE TURNERS FICTION BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, August 10; 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *Miracle Creek* by Angie Kim. Next month's book *The Mother-in-Law* by Sally Hepworth. Both books are available in Hoopla & OverDrive. Call Reference at 580.581.3450 to reserve a copy of next month's book.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL: SWOGS MEETING

Monday, August 16; 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Come enjoy a bowl of homemade Butterfinger ice cream (& other flavors) while sharing your latest genealogical discovery. All are welcome to attend the monthly genealogical meeting.



COVER-TO-COVER BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, August 17; 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *The Honk & Holler* Opening Soon by Billie Letts. Next month's book is *Red Letter Days* by Sarah-Jane Stratford. Call Reference at 580.581.3450 to reserve a copy of next month's book.



BOOK MATEYS READING PATCH CLUB

Ages 0 – 12

The Book Mateys Reading Patch Club is here! You can earn a total of 21 different patches by participating in this self-paced reading program. Please visit the Children's Desk for more information.

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.

AUGUST 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 4:00 pm Library Board	5	6	7 1:00 pm Bookmarks
8	9	10 6:00 pm Page Turners	11 6:00 pm Adultish Crafts	12	13	14
15	16 6:30 pm SWOGS	17 6:00 pm Cover-To-Cover	18 12:00 pm Preservation	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 12:00 pm Preservation	26 5:00 pm Sit, Stay, Read	27	28
29	30	31	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.			

FALL CLASSES COMING UP: SAVE THE DATES

Wiggles & Crawlers starts on Thursday, September 2
 Movers & Shakers starts on Tuesday, September 7
 Teen Advisory Board is Tuesday, September 7
 Teen Game Night is Tuesday, September 7
 Adultish Crafts is Wednesday, September 8
 Homeschool Resource Roundtable is Saturday, September 11
 LEGO Mania is Tuesday, September 14
 Author Visit on Wednesday, September 15
 Movies from Murals starts on Thursday, September 16
 Constitution Day Bell Ring is Friday, September 17
 Kid's Book Swap is Saturday, September 18
 Kid's Drive-in Movie is Saturday, September 18
 Save to Invest is Thursday, September 23
 Teen Craft Night is Tuesday, September 28

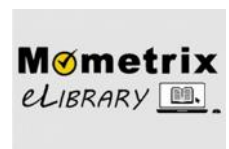


ONLINE PRACTICE TESTS & STUDY GUIDES

March2Success covers standardized tests & college entrance exams.

Mometrix covers ASVAB, GED, college entrance, healthcare, insurance, law, real estate, & teaching.

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



LAWTON PUBLIC LIBRARY FISCAL YEAR 2021: AT A GLANCE

Your library:

- Free Hoopla digital checkouts have increased to 8 each month.
- Adult literacy tutoring is now available.
- Hotspots and laptops are now available for checkout.
- The library offered several virtual crafts last year.
- The newest Storywalk® was installed at Elmer Thomas Park. There are now 2 Storywalks®.
- Chautauqua was held virtually in June 2021.
- The computer lab is now even easier to use.
- The Library received 10+ grants this last year.



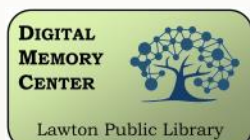
By Appointment

From December 2, 2020 to February 13, 2020, Library staff helped 2,709 people by appointment (2,372 appointments at the Main Library and 337 appointments at the Branch Library). This is while library staff answered phone calls and ran books out to customers via curbside service.



Digital Memory Center launched!

Bring the Past into the Present! Digitize family heirlooms!



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

153 kids are on the way to reading 1,000 books & 4 kids have completed the challenge!

Library Cards

September is Library Sign up month but customers got cards throughout the year. Customers can now sign up for library cards without coming into the library. We issued 385 library cards via online sign-up and 2,578 cards overall for the year.

BOOKS & ITEMS USED

	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21
Checkouts, Main Library	186,946	183,035	132,248	99,296
Checkouts, Branch Library	10,588	10,659	8,265	9,476
Electronic Items	36,085	44,411	46,436	51,742
Total Checkouts	233,619	238,105	186,949	158,724
Interlibrary Loan, Borrowed	1,229	1,098	593	554
Interlibrary Loan, Loaned	821	711	864	317

CUSTOMERS

	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21
Main Library Customers	30,641	26,446	28,460	30,395
Branch Library Customers	616	680	668	994
Computer Only Users	4,928	6,485	7,715	8,250
Total Customers	36,185	33,611	36,843	39,639

BOOKS, CDs, DVDs, & MORE!

	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21
Total Physical Items in Collection	124,848	124,311	126,898	139,635
E-Books, E-Audio, E-Video	54,546	713,759	860,570	1,002,330

PROGRAMS, EVENTS, ACTIVITIES!

	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21
Programs & Activities	351	294	216	197
Total Attendance	11,474	7,906	6,138	6,766

COMPUTER USE

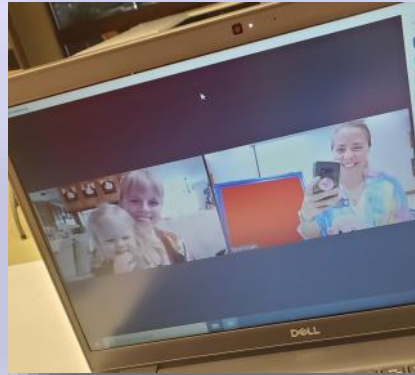
	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21
Public computer use	36,069	30,702	20,613	21,314

Taxes

The tax volunteers did 1,099 tax returns and brought over \$1,000,000 back to our community. Despite all the challenges, it was another successful year!

LAWTON PUBLIC LIBRARY IN ACTION

THROUGH PICTURES!



Become a library advocate by joining the Friends of the Lawton Public Library.

