

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!

MURAL MOVIE SERIES: HARRY POTTER & THE SORCERER'S STONE

Wednesday, December 15
5:30 pm – 8:00 pm
All Ages



Take a picture in front of the library's Harry Potter mural. Post it to our Facebook page @lawtonpubliclib, & come to watch the movie to be entered to WIN a copy of *Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's Stone*. Snacks will be provided. PG; 152 minutes.

MOVIE PAJAMA PARTY

Thursday, December 23
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm
Ages 3 – 18



Wear your pajamas & watch *Elf*!
PG; 97 min.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT @ HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

Saturday, December 4
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
All Ages



Friends & family of all ages are invited to come & craft some holiday magic!

WINTER BREAK CRAFTERNOONS: PONY BEAD ORNAMENTS

Tuesday, December 21
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm
Ages 3 – 18



Make your own ornament.

STAINED GLASS SNOWMEN

Tuesday, December 28
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm
Ages 3 – 18



Make your own stained glass snowman.

"A CHRISTMAS CAROL" VIRTUAL ESCAPE ROOM

All December; Ages 8+

Test your wits as Ebenezer Scrooge in our virtual escape room! Solve puzzles to "escape" this digital experience from the comfort of home. Visit our Facebook page for the link to play.



HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The libraries will be closed:
Friday, December 24 & Saturday, December 25
Friday, December 31 & Saturday, January 1

Databases are available 24/7 online at lawtonok.gov/departments/library

CANDLE MAKING CLASS

Tuesday, December 21
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Ages 8 – 18

Kids, need a quick & free gift for the holidays? Our candle making class at the library can help you out!



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 kindergarten readiness skills for our youngest readers.

TALES & TRAILS @ LIBRARY

Tuesdays, December 7, 14, 21, 28
10:00 am – 10:30 am
Ages 0 – 6 & Caregivers

Explore reading readiness through fingerplays, rhymes, stories, songs, & music. Thirty minutes of singing, talking, reading & moving.



SIT, STAY, READ: LITERACY DOGS!

Thursday, December 23 (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.



NOON YEARS EVE PARTY

Thursday, December 30
11:00 am – 12:00 noon
Ages 3 – 10 & caregivers

Ring in the "Noon" Year with stories, crafts, & a countdown to noon.



MAKER STATION

All December
All Ages

Dream, craft, build, and create! See what's going on in our Maker Station! Rotating activities available each month. December: Build-a-Sleigh



CANDY CANE HUNT

All December; both libraries
All Ages

Rudolph & his friends are up to their games & have hidden all the candy canes. If you should find one in the library, bring it to any desk & receive a treat.



KIDS WRITING STATION

All December
Ages 5 – 10

Give kids the "write stuff" to become better readers! Handwriting improves kids' reading and comprehension skills. Come and write a letter to a book character.



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 5 @ 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, January 24 @ 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.

WINTER READING

@ THE LIBRARY

Coming in January!

READ FOR A LIFETIME! LEVELS OF LITERACY AS YOU GROW

<https://lawtonok.beanstack.org>

ADULTS

ADULTISH CRAFTS: UGLY HOLIDAY SWEATER DECORATING

Wednesday, December 8
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Ages 16+

You bring the sweater, we'll bring the ugly!
In-person! No registration. No fees. No kids. Just fun
crafts, good snacks, & great company.
Space is limited.



PAGE TURNERS FICTION BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, December 14; 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley. Bring a dish
to the annual potluck. Next month's book is *Rules for Visiting*
by Jessica Francis Kane. *Rules for Visiting* follows a
gardener on a humorous journey to reconnect with old
friends. Call Reference at 580.581.3450 to reserve a copy
of next month's book.



HOLIDAY TECH SETUP

Thursday, December 16
Come & Go: 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Computer Lab



Giving a technology gift this holiday season? We can help you set it up!
Stop by for tech help from one of our library staff members. Bring the
device & charging cords!

SOUTHWEST OKLAHOMA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY (SWOGS)

No December meeting.

COVER-TO-COVER BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, December 21; 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *The Wife, the Maid, & the Mistress* by
Ariel Lawhon. Bring a dish to the annual potluck. Next month's
book is *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman. *Anxious People* is
about a robber who disappears leaving anxious strangers
behind. Call 580.581.3450 to reserve a copy of next month's book.



LUNCH CRUNCH

Wednesday, December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 11:00 am – 11:45 am; Ages 18+
Low intensity strength training for various fitness levels.

POWER HOUR

Thursday, December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm; Ages 18+
Challenge your body with a combination of cardio & strength movements.
Limited free weights available at both classes or bring your own.



TEENS

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Starts again in January.

MERRY GRINCHMAS PARTY

Tuesday, December 7
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 12 – 18

Feeling grinchy? Join
us for a Who-riffic
time! Watch *The
Grinch* & more. PG;
90 min.



TEEN CRAFT: 2022 VISION BOARDS

Tuesday, December 28
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 12 – 18

Create your
2022 vision
board with your
goals for the
new year. Space
& supplies are
limited.



WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE

December 1 – January 31
Both Locations

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



Family Ties

Family History Conversation Starters

What do you know about your family's history?

Pick a couple of questions and ask an older family member about their lives and learn about your own family history.

Ask if there are any photos or keepsakes that you can see as well. Write down or video the answers for future generations.



Digital Memory Center

Bringing the Past Into the Present. Digitize and preserve family photos, papers, cassette tapes, and other memories. Use the Digital Memory Center to digitize and share your family memories. Instructions are available for each device and staff are available to help. If you would like a one-on-one instruction session with a staff member, please call 580-581-3450.

The Digital Memory Center is connected to the Family History Room.



- ◆ Do you share a name with someone else in the family?
- ◆ Did you have a nickname growing up? If so, what was it and why?
- ◆ What are your earliest memories of your home?
- ◆ Can you tell me a story or memory about your brothers and sisters?
- ◆ Were there tasks you hated doing when you were a child?
- ◆ What types of books do you like to read?
- ◆ What were your favorite toys or games?
- ◆ What was your favorite subject at school and why?
- ◆ Who was your best childhood friend?
- ◆ When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?
- ◆ What was your first job, how much were you paid?
- ◆ If you were in the military, what were your duties and when and where did you serve?
- ◆ Do you remember your first date?
- ◆ What is one of the funniest things your children did when they were little?
- ◆ What were your hobbies or sports interests?
- ◆ Who was the oldest person you remember from when you were a child?
- ◆ Have you ever had any bad habits?
- ◆ What do you consider the most important inventions in your lifetime?
- ◆ Describe your experience of an historic event.
- ◆ Have you had any unusual health issues/accidents?
- ◆ What are the hardest decisions you've had to make?
- ◆ If you could change anything about yourself, what would it be?
- ◆ What is the scariest thing you have ever experienced?
- ◆ Have you ever played a musical instrument?
- ◆ What is your favorite family recipe or tradition?
- ◆ Did you have any pets growing up?
- ◆ Have you ever met someone famous?
- ◆ Who were your grandparents?
- ◆ What is the longest trip you've ever made and where?
- ◆ Have you ever been in the news or received a special award or prize?
- ◆ What accomplishment are you most proud of?

For more questions, go to:

<https://blog.myheritage.com/2017/03/questions-to-ask-your-family/>

WE ARE FRIEND-RAISING!

Would you consider a financial gift to support your library? Your gift positively impacts our community. Please consider giving today. All donations are tax deductible.

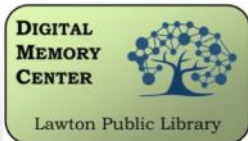
Last year, the Friends of the Lawton Public Library donated over \$20,000 to the Lawton Public Library for classes, events, workshops, reading programs, technology, and a mural! In April, the Friends became the governing board for the Lawton Adult Literacy Center (LALC). This center provides tutoring for adult learning, English as a Second Language and Citizenship assistance.

The Friends of the Lawton Public Library is a 501(c)3 non-profit entity made up of individuals, families, students, organizations, and businesses who believe in the importance of libraries for people of all ages.

Sincerely,
Jenny Breeden



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 get cards throughout the year. You can now sign up for library cards without coming into the library. Last year, we issued 385 library cards via online signup and 2,578 cards throughout the year.

Your library:

- Free Hoopla digital checkouts have increased to 8 each month.
- Adult literacy tutoring is now available.
- 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.



Choose your Participation Level: \$30 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 Other: _____

Please make checks payable to:
Friends of the Lawton Public Library.

Credit Card: Visa Mastercard Discover Card

Credit Card # _____

Name _____

Exp. Date _____ 3-Digit CVC _____

Telephone _____

Zip Code _____ Donation Amount: \$ _____

Signature _____

If you do NOT wish to be publicly acknowledged, please check here:

LAWTON PUBLIC LIBRARY IN ACTION THROUGH PICTURES!



Thank you for your financial support!


Friends of the Lawton Public Library

DECEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>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.</p>			1 11:00 am Lunch Crunch	2 5:30 pm Power Hour	3	4 2:00 pm Christmas Craft @ Park
5	6	7 10:00 am Tales @ Library 4:00 pm Teen Party	8 11:00 am Lunch Crunch 6:00 pm Adultish Crafts	9 5:30 pm Power Hour	10	11
12	13	14 10:00 am Tales @ Library 6:00 pm Page Turners	15 11:00 am Lunch Crunch 5:30 pm Movie	16 1:00 pm Holiday Tech 5:30 pm Power Hour	17	18
19	20	21 10:00 am Tales @ Library 2:00 pm Craft 4:00 pm Candle Making 6:00 pm Cover-To-Cover	22 11:00 am Lunch Crunch	23 2:00 pm Movie Party 5:00 pm Sit, Stay, Read 5:30 pm Power Hour	24 CLOSED	25 CLOSED
26	27	28 10:00 am Tales @ Library 2:00 pm Craft 5:00 pm Teen Craft	29	30 11:00 am Noon Years Eve 5:30 pm Power Hour	31 CLOSED	1 CLOSED

COMING SOON: ESL CONVERSATIONAL CLASSES STARTING IN JANUARY
PROXIMAMENTE: CLASES DE CONVERSACION DE ESL A PARTIR DE ENERO

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

Llame al 580-581-3450, o envíe un correo electrónico a: libraryhelp@lawtonok.gov para obtener mas detalles.

