

## 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-Video
- Learn a Foreign Language
- Find a Wiring Diagram for your car
- Find research articles
- & SO MUCH MORE!

### BABY COME BACK WHILE SOCIAL DISTANCING

- Wipe out your Library Fines\*
- See the Library Renovation
- Get or Renew Your Library Card
- Donate School Supplies for Teachers

August 15 through September 15

#### \*Amnesty Rules

Late fees have already been removed from all accounts. Lost or damaged a book? Contact the library to get fees reduced or waived.



#### Lasso a Library Card In Person or Online

Celebrate Library Card Sign Up Month. Your smartest card is your Library Card. Get it or renew it today!



Call 580-581-3450 for more information!

#### Social Distancing Options

- You can contact the Library via phone, Facebook, or email: [librarynews@lawtonok.gov](mailto:librarynews@lawtonok.gov)
- Curbside service is available.

#### HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Both libraries will be closed Monday, September 7. The library catalog & databases will be available online at [lawtonok.gov/departments/library](http://lawtonok.gov/departments/library)

Give Curbside Book  
Pick Up a Try!

### HOMESCHOOL RESOURCE ROUNDTABLE

Saturday, September 12  
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Learn about all the activities & resources the library has to offer & meet other homeschool families!



#### CENSUS WEEK

Monday, August 31; 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
<https://www.lawtonok.gov/programs/lawton-census-week-aug-30-sept-5-2020>

When you fill out your 2020 census during census week you could win... smart screen TV, grocery gift cards, & more! You do not have to be present to win prizes.

#### OPEN STREETS HITS THE STREETS



Take a selfie at the StoryWalk® in Elmer Thomas Park & send it to [fitkidsofswok@gmail.com](mailto:fitkidsofswok@gmail.com).

Visit & submit selfies from other 'stop spots' or community locations to receive a goodie bag (while supplies last). Learn more at <https://www.lawtonok.gov/programs/open-streets-hits-streets>

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



Friends of the Lawton Public Library

# KIDS

## EARLY READER'S ACADEMY

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

## MOVERS & SHAKERS

Tuesdays, September 8, 15, 22, 29  
10:00 am – 10:30 am  
Ages 3 – 6 & Caregivers



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

## WIGGLERS & CRAWLERS

Thursday, September 10, 17, 24  
10:00 am – 10:30 am  
Ages 0 – 3 & Caregivers



Lap-time fun for infants & toddlers using rhymes, bounces, fingerplays, & songs that promote early literacy skills.

## LEGO MANIA

Tuesday, September 8 (2nd Tuesday)  
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm; Ages 6 – 18

Flex your imagination & boost your STEAM skills with LEGOS.

## SIT, STAY, READ: LITERACY DOGS!

Thursday, September 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.



## BOOK MATEYS READING PATCH CLUB

Ages 0 – 12

The Book Mateys Reading Patch Club is here! You can earn a total of 18 different patches by participating in this self-paced reading program. Please visit the Children's Desk for more information.



## 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, September 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, October 26 @ 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.

## FREE ZOO TICKETS

Starting July 8, checkout the book *Juniper's Butterfly Garden* by Autumn Heigle & receive a pass for four family members to get into the OKC Zoo for FREE. While supplies last.



## ADULTS

### PAGE TURNERS FICTION BOOK CLUB

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

This month's book is *Then She Was Gone* by Lisa Jewell. Next month's book is *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng. Call Reference at 580-581-3450 ext. 4 to order next month's book.



### COVER-TO-COVER BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, September 15; 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *Ask Again, Yes* by Mary Beth Keane. Next month's book is *The Death of Mrs. Westaway* by Ruth Ware. Curbside pick up is available. Call Reference at 580-581-3450 ext. 4 to order next month's book.



### COMING TO AMERICA. SWOGS MEETING

Monday, September 21; 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Learn about immigration records which will help identify when people came to America. SWOGS board member, Lynna Warren, will present information. All are welcome to attend the monthly Southwest Oklahoma Genealogical Society meeting.

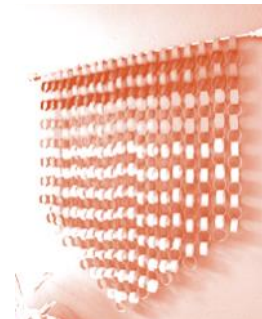


## VIRTUAL CLASSES

### VIRTUAL ADULTISH CRAFTS: PAPER CHAIN HANGING

Wednesday, September 9  
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm  
Ages 16+

Spend the evening crafting with others while social distancing. Tune into the Library's Facebook page at 6 pm for the live stream. Some supplies will be available while they last.



### LEARN TO READ! FREE TUTORING FOR ADULTS

If you, or someone you know, would like help learning to read or improving your reading skills, please contact 580-581-3450 ext. 7 for more details. Funding provided by the Oklahoma Department of Libraries.

*Changing Adult Lives Through Literacy*

## TEENS

### TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, September 1  
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Ages 12 – 18

Wanted: dedicated teens with innovative ideas! Join us the first Tuesday of every month to give your input on programs & events.

### TEEN GAME NIGHT

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

Games, snacks, fun, & friends!



### TEEN BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, September 29  
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm  
Ages 12 – 18

Pick up your copy of *In the Hall with the Knife* by Diana Peterfreund while supplies last. Snacks are provided.



# SEPTEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> <b>4:00 pm</b> Teen Advisory <b>5:00 pm</b> Teen Game	<b>2</b> <b>4:00 pm</b> Library Board	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Library Closed	<b>8</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Movers <b>5:00 pm</b> Lego Mania <b>6:00 pm</b> Page Turners	<b>9</b> <b>6:00 pm</b> Adultish Crafts	<b>10</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Wigglers	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>2:00 pm</b> Homeschool
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Movers	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Wigglers	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> SWOGS	<b>22</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Movers	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Wigglers <b>5:00 pm</b> Sit, Stay, Read	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Movers <b>5:00 pm</b> Teen Book Club	<b>30</b>			

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

**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.



# 22 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT YOUR LIBRARY

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### 3D Printing

The future is now.

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### Citizenship Corner

Ace your test.

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### Bike Locks

Feel secure.

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### Adult Literacy

Education is for all ages.

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### Lamination

Make it spill proof.

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### Craft Classes

Glitter not included.

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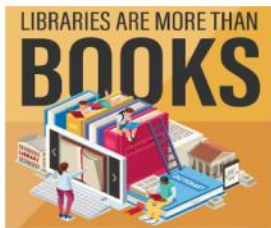
### Shredder

Keep your identity safe.

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### Interlibrary Loan

If we don't have it, someone will.



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### Boardgames & Chess

Play inside the library.

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### Bus Passes

Get around town.

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### Launchpads

Learn and explore.

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### Branch Library

Visit us near, and far.

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### Computer Classes

Rent a librarian.

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### Wide Format Poster Printer

Design big.



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### Family History

Trace your ancestry.

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### Home Energy Evaluation Kits

Be green.

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### Book Clubs

Great books, lively discussion, new friends.

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### Language App

Puedo hablar español ahora.

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### Scanning

Go digital.

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### Financial Literacy

Rainy day ready.

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### Legal Forms

Tackle simple legal tasks.

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### Book Store

Give a book a home.

## COVID's IMPACT

The Lawton Public Library was closed for 2 months due to COVID.

While the library was not open to the public, your library staff fielded over **3,500** phone calls & checked out **2,269** books. During the same time, people checked out **8,870** e-books & other digital material.



The library implemented Curbside Pickup, online library card registration, improved library card renewal, and hosted its first of many virtual classes.

Library employees also moved books and shelving around to make the space more user friendly!



## Your library has:

- Renovated the **restrooms**.
- Ditched **late fees** on overdue books.
- Started **curbside** pickup.
- Started selling **LATS** bus passes.
- Launched a **StoryWalk®** @ Elmer Thomas Park.
- Offered **online library card registration** and renewal.
- Offered **online** Summer Reading.
- Provided **Grab & Go Crafts**
- Given **Adult Literacy & Citizenship** classes.
- Provided **Local Legends** bookmarks.
- Created a **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten** reading incentive!
- Installed a new **Book Drop** at the Branch Library.



BOOKS & ITEMS USED	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
Checkouts, Main Library	183,647	186,946	183,035	132,248
Checkouts, Branch Library	10,536	10,588	10,659	8,265
Electronic Books	31,438	36,085	44,411	46,436
<b>Total Checkouts</b>	<b>225,621</b>	<b>233,619</b>	<b>238,105</b>	<b>186,949</b>
Interlibrary Loan, Borrowed	1,118	1,229	1,098	593
Interlibrary Loan, Loaned	1,439	821	711	864
CUSTOMERS	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
Main Library Customers	29,083	30,641	26,446	28,460
Branch Library Customers	750	616	680	668
Computer Only Users	2,723	4,928	6,485	7,715
<b>Total Customers</b>	<b>32,556</b>	<b>36,185</b>	<b>33,611</b>	<b>36,843</b>
BOOKS, CDs, DVDs, & MORE!	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
Total Physical Items in Collection	137,556	124,848	124,311	126,898
E-Books, E-Audio, E-Video	48,102	54,546	713,759	860,570
PROGRAMS, EVENTS, ACTIVITIES!	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
Programs	339	351	294	216
<b>Total Attendance</b>	<b>12,908</b>	<b>11,474</b>	<b>7,906</b>	<b>6,138</b>
COMPUTER USE	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
Public computer use	37,531	36,069	30,702	20,613

# LAWTON PUBLIC LIBRARY IN ACTION THROUGH PICTURES!



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten



Year-round Activities



Sit, Stay, Read

Tax Prep while Social Distancing



Grab & Go Crafts



StopWalk®



Restroom Renovation



Teen Volunteers



Parking Lot Upgrades



Contests

Reading Badges



Adult Only Craft Nights

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