

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: MEET MOUSE!

Saturday, February 4
10:00 am – 12:00 noon
Ages 0 – 10 & Caregivers

Cookie Mouse is visiting the library! Join us for stories, crafts, games, & meet Mouse from *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie!* Get your picture taken with Mouse & enjoy some cookies & milk.



HOW-TO FESTIVAL @ LAWTON FARMER'S MARKET

Sunday, February 5
12:00 noon – 4:00 pm
Family Friendly

Lawton Area clubs, organizations, & businesses will show off their skills with simple demonstrations on "how-to..."

- Train Your Dog with Paws With Love
- Play Piano with the Lawton Philharmonic Orchestra
- Fix a Flat Bicycle Tire with Terry's Bicycles
- Square Dance with Sill-o-ette Squares

& much more! This event will be at the Lawton Farmer's Market: 77 NW 4th St., Lawton, OK.



SOULFUL STORY: THE MUSICAL HISTORY OF ELLA FITZGERALD

Thursday, February 23
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Join us for the Musical History of Ella Fitzgerald presented by Taylor Deneen. Free admission, light refreshments to follow. Presentation will be at:
Albert Johnson Sr. Auditorium
102 E. Gore Blvd.
Lawton, OK
*Parking available on east side of the building.



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, Feb 7, 14, 21, 28
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, Feb 2, 9, 16, 23
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.



KIDS TIME @ CHICK-FIL-A

Monday, February 20
9:00 am – 10:00 am



Join us for storytime, crafts, & a visit from the CFA cow! Free coffee available for guardians.

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 for Veterans

SIT, STAY, READ: LITERACY DOGS!

Thursday, February 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.



MONTHLY CONCEPT

How do you know if you are reading a word correctly? When you think about it, you know you are reading a word correctly if you have heard it said out loud before. The more words children hear, the more ready they are to make connections between sounding out words & understanding what they mean. The best way to help your child build vocabulary is to talk & read with them every day.

KIDS WRITING STATION

All February
Ages 5+

Write to one of your favorite book characters! 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, February 1 @ 4:00 pm. The public is invited to all meetings.

Chair	Patty Neuwirth
Vice Chair	Susan Kremmer
Member	Frantzie Couch
Member	Ellouise Love
Member	Fermin Viruet

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

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



READ FOR A LIFETIME! LEVELS OF LITERACY AS YOU GROW

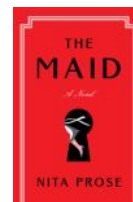
Register for ongoing reading challenges @
<https://lawtonok.beanstack.org>

CLUBS & GROUPS

PAGE TURNERS FICTION BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, February 14
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *The Maid* by Nita Prose. Next month's book is *A Flicker in the Dark* by Stacy Willingham, in which a young woman is forced to grapple with her father's serial killer past when history starts to repeat itself. If you would like to reserve a copy of next month's book, call 580-581-3450 option 2.



COVER-TO-COVER BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, February 21
6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

This month's book is *Never Saw Me Coming* by Vera Kurlan. Next month's book is *Nine Perfect Strangers* by Liane Moriarty, which is a thriller that follows an eclectic group seeking answers at a luxury health spa, who begin to wonder whether they can trust its strange yet charismatic owner. If you would like to reserve a copy of next month's book, call 580-581-3450 option 2.



WINTER @ THE LIBRARY: YETI OR NOT...IT'S 2023! READING CHALLENGE

January 1 – February 28



KIDS (BABIES – 6TH GRADE) & TEENS (7TH – 12TH GRADE)

Complete 5 books & receive 1 free book, a small prize, & 1 entry into a drawing (while supplies last). Feeling eager? Receive additional entries into the drawing for every 5 books you read (up to 25 books) & by completing activities.

ADULTS

Read books. Listen to audiobooks. Every book read is an entry into the drawing for a gift basket. Feeling eager? Complete activities & write reviews for additional entries into the drawing.

To participate & log your reading, sign up at: lawtonok.beanstack.org or download the **Beanstack app**. Click on "find a site" & enter Lawton Public Library to sign up!



TEENS

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Tuesday, February 7
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: LIGHTYEAR

Tuesday, February 7
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Ages 12 – 18

Come hang out & watch Lightyear!
PG; 105 minutes.



TEEN CRAFT: WATERCOLOR PAINTING

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

Learn to paint using different watercolor techniques.



EVENTS & CLASSES

LEGAL AID: LANDLORD & TENANT LAW

Wednesday, February 1
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Ages 18+



Attorney Michael Wilson will present information on Landlord & Tenant Law.

ADULTISH TRIVIA: ROMANTIC COMEDIES

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



Test your knowledge of romantic comedy movie trivia & win fun prizes. Both teams & individuals are invited to play.

BOOKMARK OF THE MONTH: BEADED RIBBON BOOKMARKS

Wednesday, February 15
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Ages 16+



Please join us as we explore a new skill each month & create a new bookmark. This month, make a beaded ribbon bookmark.

FIRST AID & CPR TRAINING

Saturday, February 18
10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Ages 13+



Get Certified to provide first aid (pediatric & adult), CPR (infant, child, & adult), & use an automated external defibrillator (AED) in a safe, timely, & effective manner! Space is limited to 12 people. Registration required! Call 580-581-3450 ext. 1711 to register.

Health Literacy projects are supported by the Oklahoma Dept of Libraries with federal funds under the Library Services & Technology Act (LSTA) & the Institute of Museum & Library Services.

ADULTISH CRAFTS: MACRAMÉ KEYCHAINS

Wednesday, February 22
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Ages 16+



Tie a beautiful & practical macramé keychain. No Registration. No Fees. No Kids.

20 NOTABLE LOCAL BLACK EDUCATORS BROCHURE

Now available at both library locations.

Notable Local Black Educators

This is not a complete list of educators & educators who make an impact on lives in the community who inspire all learners.

Compiled by Landon Public Library

The function of education is to teach you to think. Philosophy and to think critically. Development goes on throughout your life in the pursuit of your education. Respect your life.



TAI CHI FOR BETTER BALANCE

Mondays & Wednesdays, January 9 – February 15
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 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. Participants will be required to wear a mask.

Classes will be held at the Patterson Center: 4 NE Arlington Drive, Lawton, OK.
To register, call 405-271-2290 or email tarin-clark@ouhsc.edu

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FREE TAX FILING SPONSORED BY AARP TAX-AIDE



Tax-Aide volunteers will be providing free tax preparation & e-filing of tax returns again this year. This free service will be provided from February 1 – April 13. Federal tax forms can be picked up at the library.

Service is by appointment ONLY. Call 580-581-3450 ext. 2 to make your appointment.

DATABASE OF THE MONTH: TRANSPARENT LANGUAGE ONLINE

Learn over 100 languages (including English) through listening, speaking, reading, & writing activities! Access this database at lawtonok.gov/departments/library/e-resources.

Create an account with your email address & library card number, then you can use it on the website, or download the mobile app for learning on-the-go!



LAWTON ADULT LITERACY CENTER

The Lawton Adult Literacy Center at the Main Library offers Monday evening Spanish to English classes, Saturday GED help, & more. Need help with ESL or adult literacy, or want to volunteer? Call 580-581-3450 or email lawtonliteracy@gmail.com for details.



ADULT ONLINE HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA PROGRAM

Want to achieve your high school diploma? The Lawton Public Library recently received a grant for 10 placements. To apply for the program, create a login & answer some simple questions. Then, you will need to pass a test & be interviewed before being accepted into the program. The online course must be completed within two years of acceptance in the program. To apply, visit <https://www.lawtonok.gov/index.php/services/adult-online-high-school-diploma>



BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK

All February

Can we find you a perfect match? Check out a book then return the slip inside to rate how well we did. Get a free bag of popcorn with each checkout while supplies last.



SAVE THE DATE

FRIDAY, MARCH 3: AFTER HOURS MINI-GOLF AT THE LIBRARY

SATURDAY, MARCH 4: CHILDREN'S BOOK SWAP

MARCH 14 – MARCH 17: SPRING BREAK STEAM CAMP FOR AGES 6 – 12

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29: LEGAL AID CLASS: RECORD EXPUNGEMENT

FEBRUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>LOOK FOR DETAILS ABOUT FRIENDS OF THE LAWTON PUBLIC LIBRARY SPRING BOOK SALE IN THE MARCH NEWSLETTER</p> 			<p>1</p> <p>11:00 am Tai Chi</p> <p>4:00 pm Library Board</p> <p>5:00 pm Legal Aid</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00 am Little Explorers</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:00 am Take Your Child to the Library</p>
			<p>5</p> <p>12:00 noon How-To Festival</p>	<p>6</p> <p>11:00 am Tai Chi</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00 am Big Adventurers</p> <p>4:00 pm TAB</p> <p>5:00 pm Teen Movie</p>	<p>8</p> <p>11:00 am Tai Chi</p> <p>6:00 pm Adultish Trivia</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>11:00 am Tai Chi</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:00 am Big Adventurers</p> <p>6:00 pm Page Turners</p>	<p>15</p> <p>11:00 am Tai Chi</p> <p>6:00 pm Bookmarks</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:00 am Little Explorers</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00 am CPR Training</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00 am Chick-fil-A</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:00 am Big Adventurers</p> <p>6:00 pm Cover-to-Cover</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:00 pm Adultish Crafts</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10:00 am Little Explorers</p> <p>5:00 pm Sit Stay Read</p> <p>6:00 pm Soulful Story</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:00 am Big Adventurers</p> <p>5:00 pm Teen Crafts</p>	<p>GET THE NEWSLETTER ONLINE</p> <p>To receive the library's monthly newsletter in your email, visit our Facebook page @lawtonpublib & click "sign up", or scan the QR code:</p>  <p style="text-align: right;">SCAN HERE</p>			