

Lawton Public Library Board

Wednesday February 4, 2026

Notice of the meeting and agenda were posted in accordance with Oklahoma law.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Patty Neuwirth, Chair.

Roll Call: Patty Neuwirth, Chair; Sue Kremmer, Vice Chair; Frantzie Couch, Member; Fermin Viruet, Member; Michael Wilson, Member (Absent); Kristin Herr, Library Director; Tina King, Deputy City Council; Megan Stockton, Administrative Assistant; Sherene L. Williams, City Council Liaison; Jari Askins, Interim City Attorney; Ena Banduka, Reporter with Lawton Constitution

Amended draft minutes for the January 7, 2026 meeting were presented to the Board. Sue made a motion to approve these minutes as presented. Frantzie seconded this motion and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

Reports:

- No customer comments or correspondence were presented to the Board.
- The Financial Report was given.
  - Kristin informed the Board that the \$25,000.00 reimbursement for the Heritage grant had come through and money was being transferred back into the correct accounts.
  - Frantzie asked about the status of book money and Kristin reminded the Board that the City gave the Library less book money this year.
- The Director's Report was given.
  - Kristin informed the Board that the Library is remaining busy with events and mentioned the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program.
  - Kristin also reported that the Library has several new workers including two new assistants, a new janitor, and a new AARP worker.
  - The Community Engagement Report was presented to the Board and Kristin emphasized how well their social media work was going.
- The Friends of the Library Report was given.
  - Fermin stated that the most recent Friends meeting took place on February 2, 2026 with Clifford Takawana, Family and Local History Librarian, as the speaker.
  - Fermin informed the next meeting is to take place on April 27, 2026, but that the speaker has not been selected yet. Patty stated that the new Lawton Public Schools Superintendent would be a good choice, but that the Friends should wait a bit to let him settle in before requesting him to speak.
  - Frantzie stated that the Friends are applying for a grant to help fund Chautauqua.
- The Family and Local History Report was given.
  - A written report from Clifford was presented to the Board with updates about the Family and Local History section.
  - Frantzie mentioned how impressed with the work that Cliff was doing.

- The City Council Report was given.
  - Sherene announced the dates of several upcoming events including the February 10<sup>th</sup> and February 24<sup>th</sup> Dilapidated Meeting at 5:00 PM and the Regular City Council Meeting at 6:00 PM, a Founders' Day event on February 12<sup>th</sup> at noon at the NAACP Building, a drive thru soul food event at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church on February 21<sup>st</sup> at noon, the unveiling of the Black Heritage Stamp at noon at the NAACP Building.
  - Sherene also made everyone aware of the recent passing of Police Chief Smith.
- The Grant Report was given.
  - Kristin informed the Board of the status on various grants.
    - The Library was not awarded the latest Heritage Preservation grant.
    - Three Library employees received grants to attend the 2026 Annual Oklahoma Department of Libraries Conference.
    - The Lawton Adult Literacy Center team had finished and turned in the latest Dollar General grant.

Business:

- The Library of Tomorrow Committee was discussed.
  - Sue explained to everyone when the last meetings had occurred.
  - The Board voted to ratify their vote on the sending of a letter to City Council that was completed at the last Library Board meeting. Sue made the motion to ratify the action, Frantzie seconded the motion, and the ratification was approved by the Board unanimously.
- A draft of an updated Business Plan for the Family and Location History Room was presented to the Board.
  - This business item was tabled at the last Library for further review, but approved at this meeting. Frantzie made a motion to approve the updated Business Plan for the Family and Local History Room. Sue seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the Business Plan.
- A summation of statistics for the past six months at the Library was presented to the Board.
  - Kristin pointed out that the statistics for adult circulation was down from last year, but that juvenile circulation statistics has all increased.
  - A report from Donald Morgan, Friends of the Library contracted employee, was presented to the Board that detailed the number of customers he had been able to aid with technology.
  - A report of the incidents from the last six months at the Library were presented to the Board.
- Comments from the Floor:
  - Patty stated that the Lawton Philharmonic has an upcoming event on Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.
  - Sue asked if the dates for the annual Library Book Sale had been nailed down yet.

- Kristin stated that, while some hopeful dates have been selected, a location had not been decided yet.

Sue made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Frantzie. The Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 4:41 PM.

Megan Stockton, Administrative Assistant III

Financials - General  
As of 3/3/26

Org	Object	Description	2026 Revised Budget	2026 Actual	2026 Encumbrances /Requisitions	2026 Available	2026 Percent	2026 Original Budget
1003501	50000	Salaries and Wages	681,000.00	442,090.07	0.00	238,909.93	64.92	681,000.00
1003501	50005	Differential/Standby Pay	950.00	0.00	0.00	950.00	0.00	950.00
1003501	50010	Sick Leave-Pay in Lieu	6,200.00	42.79	0.00	6,157.21	0.69	6,200.00
1003501	50015	Contract Labor	4,000.00	3,953.82	0.00	46.18	98.85	2,000.00
1003501	50020	Part Time	133,000.00	99,280.62	0.00	33,719.38	74.65	133,000.00
1003501	50025	Overtime	1,700.00	86.97	0.00	1,613.03	5.12	1,700.00
1003501	50035	Unemployment Contribution	2,770.00	0.00	0.00	2,770.00	0.00	2,770.00
1003501	50040	FICA	51,500.00	31,505.38	0.00	19,994.62	61.18	51,500.00
1003501	50042	Medicare	12,500.00	7,368.19	0.00	5,131.81	58.95	12,500.00
1003501	50045	Workers' Compensation	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
1003501	50050	Group Life & Hospital	92,000.00	62,326.38	0.00	29,673.62	67.75	92,000.00
1003501	50055	City Pension Plan	80,000.00	50,881.20	0.00	29,118.80	63.60	80,000.00
1003501	51000	Supplies, Tools & Equipment	22,471.00	16,097.22	2,112.96	4,260.82	81.04	23,886.00
1003501	51001	Computer Supplies	1,664.00	584.63	0.00	1,079.37	35.13	2,664.00
1003501	51004	Library Books	91,300.00	86,086.42	2,700.00	2,513.58	97.25	92,250.00
1003501	51020	Repair & Maintenance	13,500.00	5,497.48	2,750.00	5,252.52	61.09	13,500.00
1003501	51025	Contractual Maintenance	16,169.00	13,716.70	2,200.00	252.30	98.44	15,219.00
1003501	51035	Uniform and Clothing	721.00	516.12	204.13	0.75	99.90	306.00
1003501	52025	Prof & Technical Service	93,510.00	66,471.47	19,105.29	7,933.24	91.52	68,510.00
1003501	52044	Postage	4,200.00	2,244.19	0.00	1,955.81	53.43	4,200.00
1003501	52045	Electricity and Natural Gas	99,925.00	79,805.23	9,976.93	10,142.84	89.85	103,425.00
1003501	52050	Insurance	60.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	0.00	60.00
1003501	52055	Dues and Memberships	9,275.00	5,258.39	3,500.00	516.61	94.43	9,275.00
1003501	52060	Training and Travel	6,100.00	3,634.00	955.20	1,510.80	75.23	2,600.00
1003501	52090	Other Expenses	250.00	116.40	50.00	83.60	66.56	250.00
		Totals	1,428,765.00	977,563.67	43,554.51	407,646.82		1,403,765.00

Financials - Grants  
 As of 3/3/26

<b>Org</b>	<b>Object</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>2026 Revised Budget</b>	<b>2026 Actual</b>	<b>2026 Encumbrances /Requisitions</b>	<b>2026 Available</b>	<b>2026 Percent</b>	<b>2026 Original Budget</b>
2653501	51000	Supplies, Tools & Equipment	5,521.04	5,445.82	0.00	75.22	98.64	0.00
2653501	51001	Computer Supplies	8,569.69	8,569.69	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
2653501	51004	Library Books	94.36	94.36	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
2653501	52025	Prof & Technical Service	9,727.19	1,631.39	3,708.00	4,387.80	54.89	0.00
2653501	53020	Construction, Imprvm, Addition	65,591.81	65,591.81	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00
		Totals	89,504.09	81,333.07	3,708.00	4,463.02		0.00

**Director Report**  
March 2026

Pricilla N. has picked up her Winter Reading Challenge Prize!

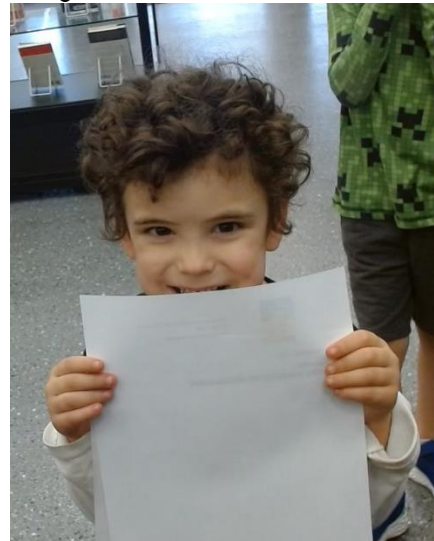


Maristela R. has picked up her prize.



Eric S. picked up his Minecraft gift card. He didn't want to show us the actual gift card, but we got him to turn his frown into a smile.

Alexis W. picked up her gift card.



Edward F. has picked up Winter Reading Challenge!



Myia G. picked up her gift card for Door Dash.



## Scholastic Book Fair

Total visitors: 151

Total Sales: 57

Total Sales Amount: \$1,322.60

Scholastic Dollars earned: 396.78 (used to purchase books for giveaways)

## Winter Weather

The library closed at noon on Friday, February 23 and opened back up at 1 pm on Tuesday, January 27. A few classes and events had to be cancelled and/or rescheduled.

## 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

From Julia: Congratulations to Jamia for completing 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten 🎉📖 We're so proud of this superstar reader! Want to join the fun? Get started on your little one's journey to reading 1,000 books or join one of our other programs for kids of all ages! Visit [lawtonok.beanstack.org](http://lawtonok.beanstack.org) to log your child's reading and earn fun prizes

## Kudos

From Diana: Hello everyone, A patron came by and left a note saying that she appreciates how hardworking and kind we are especially Daniel. She said that, although she knew better than to eat crackers in the library by the computers. She apologized about completely disregarding the signs in the lobby and the rules, but she was thankful towards Daniel for his kind correction. She also said that she appreciates us and the library.

From Amanda: We had a patron reach out to us to inform us they moved and needed to deactivate their card. This is part of the message they sent. "I'd just like to note me and my daughter really did love this library and had so many great experiences! Thank you all at the library for enriching our time stationed at Ft. Sill/Lawton!"



Austin

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★★★★★ 1 week ago

An amazing resource for the community. My son loves their play area and I love to see him playing with other kiddos his age. Librarians are the best.

## New Personnel

We are excited to welcome Carmen F. back as an AARP worker and have Alice Petty start as an AARP worker.

**Kids Winter Reading**

Registrations: 186  
Completions: 137  
Rewards Redeemed: 82  
Activities Completed: 338  
Badges Earned: 3157  
Books Read: 4969

**Teens Winter Reading**

Registrations: 26  
Completions: 11  
Rewards Redeemed: 6  
Activities Completed: 36  
Badges Earned: 234  
Books Read: 186

**Adults Winter Reading**

Registrations: 121  
Completions: 65  
Rewards Redeemed: 28  
Activities Completed: 394  
Badges Earned: 1339  
Books Read: 1369

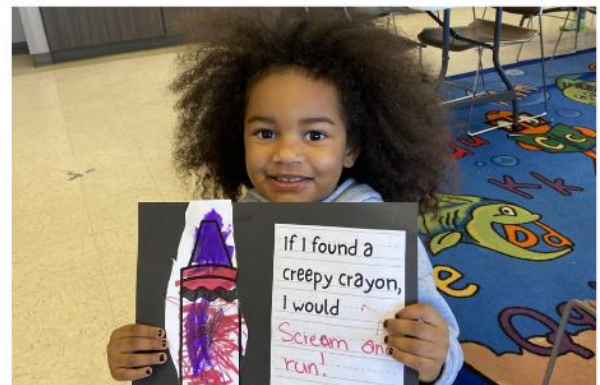
**Staff Winter Reading**

Registrations: 10  
Completions: 10  
Rewards Redeemed: 2  
Activities Completed: 60  
Badges Earned: 144  
Books Read: 98



  
Lawton Public Library

February  
2026



## Community Engagement Report

Library Board

February 2026

**Events & Classes:** We had such a fun time collaborating with Amethyst & Ink for the Create A Bookmark event! We had 45 people join us to create personalized bookmarks and browse the bookstore.

We had 15 teens join us for Teen Hangout in February. We met in the Storytime area while the meeting rooms were under construction. It was an afternoon filled with laughter, games, and diamond painting! One of our regularly attending teens, Blaze Triche, even brought a card game that he created. The rules were extensive, but everyone had fun playing or watching the game unfold.

We had 32 people join us to hear the Buffalo Soldier Legacy presentation on Monday, February 23. It was a wonderful evening filled with rich local history.

**Looking Ahead:** All performers for the Summer Reading program are locked in! From magic to music, this will be another special summer full of fun, free events that connect with our community.

Health literacy activities will begin in March and our patrons are just as excited as we are. Registration is full for Tai Chi and Aerial Yoga. We are certain that we will have a full house for our always popular Gentle Yoga and Soundbath classes.

The community is excited for our annual Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale. KLAW 101 posted a brief article after our March newsletter was published with the dates of the sale. It has over 200 reactions, 42 comments, and 87 shares on Facebook.

**Community Partnerships:** The Community Engagement Team has met with a teacher at Edison Elementary to partner on some literacy initiatives in their fourth-grade classrooms. We will also partner with Edison and Paws with Love therapy dogs to host a family literacy night. We have many fun ideas to help spark the joy of reading and help spread awareness on how the library can support students and their families.

American Red Cross' local Youth Action Group, composed of three LPS students, met with us to discuss how we could partner on their group's initiative. Their goal is to spread awareness on International Humanitarian Law, specifically Journalism in Armed Conflict. These bright students were well-prepared and excited to share information about their cause. We are delighted to have them host a bingo game to educate our community at the Main library in March.

**In the Community:** We will be partnering with ecologist Dr. Priscilla Crawford in September for a guided hike in the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge. After discussing this event with Refuge staff, we were invited for a meeting to discuss more partnership possibilities for family events at the Refuge in the summer.

We have been invited to participate in many outreach events within March and April. Library staff will be hosting tables at the following events: Native Youth Mental Health Rally, WORKlahoma Job Fair, Open Streets, Fort Sill Family Advocacy Superhero Ball, and YMCA Healthy Kids Day.

**Feedback:** Caitlyn Mae Caddell commented on our Take Your Child to the Library Day post: "I remember getting to take my oldest to an Elephant and Piggie Meet & Read probably 8 years ago at the library. Wonderful memories you all help curate for the community!"

Seth Pascoe (4) suggested that we have a “library house toy” as a Summer Reading prize. When prompted for more details, his mom reported that he said “it’s like a doll house but it looks like the library and has books in it and has Miss Tanya, Julia, and Beth.”

Dorothy Goode called to register for Tai Chi. She stated: “This is such a wonderful thing you’re offering! My friend and I were just searching for Tai Chi classes. I can’t wait for the Yoga and Sound Bath.” Dorothy had us add her to our monthly newsletter contact list so she never misses out on anything happening at the library!

While saying goodbye to our library before a move, a patron stated “I’d just like to note me and my daughter really did love this library and had so many great experiences! Thank you all at the library for enriching our time stationed at Ft. Sill.”

Councilwoman Sherene L. Willams shared KSWO’s story on our 2026 Senior Mini Sessions with Through Movement Photography: “Good things happening at our Lawton Public Library!”

Rebecca Ann Tahchawwickah shared KSWO’s story on 2026 Senior Mini Sessions: “Aww! This is awesome! Y’all got any seniors in Lawton, especially if your kid is like I was and not thrilled about taking senior pics!”

Annette Wiseman posted about the Buffalo Soldier Legacy event: “Great evening of learning at the Lawton Public Library! Wow! Wonderful presentation about Lawton-Ft. Sill Buffalo Soldier’s Chapter! Enjoyed it tremendously! Thank you to the wonderful staff at the library for being such a gracious host!”

A patron dropped off a thank you note. She said she appreciates how hardworking and kind our staff is, especially Daniel Phelps.

# Family & Local History

Board Update

February 2026

**Dearest Board Members,**

## **Roots & Branches: Genealogy Lab – January 5, 2026**

And just like that, it's a new year. With it comes the collective challenge of remembering to date our documents "2026" instead of "2025"—a small but familiar battle we tend to fight for the first few months of the year.

The Roots & Branches Genealogy Lab began the year with a strong and engaging program, one that gave me a glimpse of the group cohesion I have been eager to see continue developing. As usual, we convened on Monday, January 5, 2026, in the Family & Local History Room.

Preparing for these events often involves a flurry of activity to ensure participants are fully equipped for the evening's program. This usually includes coordinating laptops, setting up an extra-large television for live demonstrations of online databases, and organizing all necessary documents and forms. This month, however—and notably after a full year of leading these sessions—the process felt smoother and more assured, with significantly less concern about logistics or attendance. As has become customary, the program was a success.

Following our initial greetings and New Year's exchanges, the first half hour of the session was devoted to examining some of the most common genealogical myths that persist in family history research. Among these were familiar examples, such as the long-standing myth of the "Cherokee Princess," a title that does not exist within Cherokee culture, despite frequent claims of descent. Another common assumption discussed was the belief that sharing a surname automatically indicates a relationship to well-known historical figures, such as Robert E. Lee—an idea that holds little genealogical merit without supporting evidence.

These and other myths provide insight into how unsubstantiated family stories can persist across generations. While genealogy often disrupts these narratives by introducing evidence and historical context, many researchers accept this trade-off as part of the process of learning their true family history. When held uncritically, these myths can lead research down paths that conflict with documented facts. One of the most common pitfalls in genealogy is allowing the story one hopes to find to outweigh what the evidence is actually showing.

Following the presentation and discussion, I began to see clear evidence of the program's impact. The evening welcomed three new participants to the group. While new attendees often require more direct guidance from staff, I was especially encouraged to observe established lab members stepping in to help—sharing what they knew, offering explanations, and filling in details where they felt confident.

This may seem like a small moment, but for group cohesion, it is essential and was a key goal of the Roots & Branches Lab. The program is not intended to function simply as a collection of tools for patrons to use independently. Rather, it fosters an environment in which participants feel empowered with knowledge and confident enough to share that knowledge with others.

This emerging sense of group identity not only strengthens individual research outcomes, but also extends the reach of the program by encouraging peer-to-peer support. In doing so, participants become active

contributors to the learning environment, helping to welcome and guide others as they begin their own research journeys.

# Genealogy Myths: Real, Fool's Gold, or Both?



## **Myth #1: Our name was changed at Ellis Island.**

- Names were not changed at Ellis Island. Immigrants arrived with documents & interpreters helped record names correctly.
- Spelling differences are normal. Many people couldn't spell their names, so records may show variations.
- Name changes usually happened later. Families often Americanized names after settling.
- Family stories still help. Even if the story isn't exact, it can point you to useful name variations.

## **Myth #2: All the records were destroyed during the war.**

- Records are rarely all destroyed. Fires, floods, or wars don't wipe out everything because records are stored in many different places.
- Don't give up. If you hear this story, keep searching—records usually still exist somewhere.

## **Myth #3: There were three brothers who came to America. One went north, one went south and the third went west...**

- The "three brothers" story is usually a myth. It's often used to explain shared surnames in different places, but the families are usually not related.
- It's a red flag. These stories rarely include names or details, so they should be treated with caution.

## **Myth #4: We are descended from a Cherokee princess.**

- There were no "Indian princesses" in North American tribes. Tribal leadership did not use royal titles like princess or prince.
- The story comes from outsiders. The term was used by promoters and entertainers, not by the tribes themselves.

## **Myth #5: Our family always spelled the name as ...**

- Name spellings were not fixed in the past. Most people couldn't read or write, and clerks spelled names how they heard them.
- The same person can appear under many spellings. Even family members—and famous people like Shakespeare—used different spellings.
- Expect variations. If you search for only one spelling, you may miss important records.

## **Myth #6: Our ancestors came over on the Mayflower.**

- Not everyone can be a Mayflower descendant. The ship had only 102 passengers, and about half died the first year.
- There is a verified passenger list. To claim Mayflower ancestry, you must prove descent from one of the known survivors.
- Documentation matters. Family stories need records to back them up.

## **Myth #7: Our ancestor arrived on a later voyage of the Mayflower.**

- Mayflower only made one trip to Plymouth.

## **Myth #8: We are related to Robert E. Lee.**

- Sharing a famous surname doesn't mean you're related. Many common names, like Lee, belong to unrelated families.
- Most people with the same last name are not connected. By the 1800s, there were thousands of unrelated families with the name Lee.
- Famous ancestors require proof. Family stories about well-known figures need records to confirm them.

## **Myth #9: A town in England, Norway, Germany, etc. is named for our family.**

- Towns usually came before surnames. People often took their last names from the places they lived.
- The name didn't come from your family. It's more likely your ancestor was named after the town, not the other way around.

## **Myth #10: Our ancestor was a stowaway on the ship.**

- Stowaway stories are usually myths. Most stowaways were caught and sent back.
- Very few ever stayed. Escaping and settling was rare.
- Treat the story with caution. It needs strong proof to be true.

## **Myth #11: Our ancestor was burned at the stake as a witch in Salem, Massachusetts.**

- Salem witches were not burned in North America. The accused were hanged, and one man was pressed to death.
- Family legends are often partly true. Details may be wrong, but the story can still point to real people or places.
- Royal ancestry is possible—but needs proof. With thousands of ancestors, most people likely have royal connections somewhere.
- Stories are clues, not conclusions. Use family legends as starting points and confirm them with records

## **Family History 2026 Program Schedule – January 19, 2026**

Well into the first month of 2026, and having now experienced a full cycle in my role as Family & Local History Librarian, I have gained a clearer ability to anticipate changes and recognize the habits that must be consistently maintained to ensure high-quality service to patrons. One of the most encouraging outcomes has been the steady success of the genealogy lab. Its regular, predictable schedule has taken hold, and participants are increasingly aware that it is available and occurs at the beginning of each month.

The other area of programming requiring greater focus this year is our monthly workshops. Family History workshops typically take place toward the end of the month and cover a variety of topics related to genealogical research. Each workshop focuses on a single facet of family history, exploring its defining characteristics, best practices for achieving the strongest research outcomes, and its relevance within the broader context of genealogical work.

During my first year in this position, I was only able to estimate roughly two months of planning and promotion for programming. As experience has proven to be the greatest teacher, 2026 now benefits from an established family history programming schedule. This allows us to clearly anticipate what is coming and prepare accordingly. More importantly, this extended timeline provides the ability to promote programs thoroughly and intentionally, rather than relying on last-minute efforts.

As I considered workshop offerings for 2026, my initial aspirations were ambitious. I envisioned unique programs centered on narrowly defined, intensive topics. However, with the insight gained over the past year, I had to reconsider what would be most beneficial for our community. While those topics would certainly be engaging, they are not what is most needed at this time. Our Family History programming must continue to prioritize general—specifically beginner-level—foundations for conducting genealogical research.

## **Digitizing Photos – January 22, 2026**

Prior to the most recent Ice Armageddon—quite literally the day before—Family History hosted another Digital Memory Center session focused on digitizing photographs. Despite only rumors of the impending storm at the time, a dedicated group of souls ventured out to learn how to operate our equipment and explore the benefits it offers for preserving photographic memories.

Of the equipment available to patrons, our scanners make it remarkably easy to transform physical photographs into tangible, shareable digital memories. Depending on desired size, quality, and speed, patrons can choose from four different scanners, each capable of converting images into raw digital data with ease. This capability represents one of the most prominent strengths of our Digital Memory Center. Whether digitizing a photograph, a newspaper, or even a large-format map, our scanners are more than capable of accommodating the task.

The class itself emphasizes hands-on instruction, guiding participants through the operation of each scanner. The most consistent reaction is one of genuine, wide-eyed discovery. Participants are often surprised not only by the capabilities of the equipment, but also by how clearly the process is broken down and explained. Many are equally astonished to learn that these services are offered free of charge—and that the process is far simpler than they expected.

My teaching approach is intentionally grounded in the mindset of explaining the process to my elderly parents (an experience that, while occasionally challenging, has provided ample real-world practice). The goal is to dismantle the intimidation often associated with technology. Rather than viewing the computer as performing

some mysterious or magical operation, participants are encouraged to see the process as a short, straightforward sequence of steps that leads to meaningful results.

By pairing this step-by-step instruction with a large television screen that displays the process in real time, participants are able to follow along visually, reinforcing understanding and building confidence. In the long run, I believe confidence is the greatest hurdle we face—particularly within our older communities. Alleviating this perceived oppression of technology not only supports our efforts but also empowers patrons to take on future challenges they may have previously avoided.

**Library Grants**

As of 3/3/2026

<b>Status</b>	<b>Grant</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>City Council Agenda Date</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>\$ Received</b>
Submitted	ODL Civics250	\$2,500.00	unknown		applied for Chautauqua	
Awarded	ODL Conference Grants	\$3,652.47	reimbursable	n/a	conference is 3/11-3/13	
Awarded	Carnegie Foundation	\$10,000.00	upfront	2/24/2026	unrestricted	
Awarded	ODL FY26 Health Literacy	\$5,000.00	upfront	12/2/2025	funds received January 2026	
Awarded	E-Rate Cat 2 from ODL	\$4,000.00	reimbursable	n/a		
Awarded	E-Rate Category 2	\$53,994.30	vendor receives money	n/a		
Completed	OK Heritage Preservation	\$25,000.00 + \$2,500.00 match	reimbursable	3/11/2025	final report completed	
Completed	ALA Thinking Money	kids finance kits	non-cash	N/A	final report completed	
Completed	BEAK Week Eisenhower	\$10,000.00	upfront	4/8/2025	literacy related	5/22/2025
Completed	Priddy Foundation	\$70,000.00	upfront	5/27/2025	replacing brick floor, mtg room windows	6/24/2025
Completed	ODL Technology Grant	\$8,569.69	upfront	N/A	technology related	8/12/2025
Declined	OK Heritage Preservation	\$25,000.00 + \$2,500.00 match	reimbursable		will hear in January 2026	

**Friends Grants**

As of 3/3/2026

Status	Project	Grant	Amount	Type	Details	\$ Received
Submitted	Literacy	Dollar General	\$10,000.00	upfront		
Submitted	Literacy	Pizza Hut Foundation	\$10,000.00	unsure	deadline is 12/1	
In Progress	Chautauqua	Arts For All	?	unsure		
Awarded	STEM	Science Across America	\$500.00	reimbursable	space activities	
Awarded	Literacy	Citizenship (ODL)	\$14,000.00	upfront	Received notice of award - 11/6	
Awarded	Literacy	Nora Roberts Foundation	\$5,000.00	upfront		6/24/2025
Awards	Literacy	Dollar General	\$10,000.00	upfront		6/?/2025
Awarded	Library/STEM	Walmart Sparklight	\$1,500.00	upfront	Sheridan Walmart	
Awarded	Literacy	Laura Fields Foundation	\$7,500.00	upfront	met with on 4/8/2025	4/23/2025
Completed	Literacy	ODL28 Adult Literacy	\$7,200.00	upfront	application awarded	Sep-24
Completed	Chautauqua	Oklahoma Arts Council ARPA Recovery	\$7,160.63	reimbursable	submitted 1st, 2nd, & 3rd reports. GR24-2412-12056	
Completed	Library	STEM Board	\$4,743.37	reimburse	funds received January 2026	1/2/2026
Completed	Literacy	Dollar General Adult Literacy	\$7,500.00	upfront	final report due 4/17/25	6/4/2024