

March Library News

REGISTRATION

In order to register, patrons must be in the City's RACER registration database. For more information, please visit the City of Cerritos website at cerritos.us.

CLASSES/RACER ONLINE REGISTRATION TIPS

To check the availability or to register for classes, please visit the Cerritos website at cerritos.us and look for the Classes/RACER link. You will not receive confirmation by mail for classes registered online.

Please print a receipt at the conclusion of your transaction and bring it with you to the first day of the event or class. For additional information, please call the Library Reservation Desk at (562) 916-1388. Computers at the Cerritos Library may be used to access RACER.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

cerritos.us

Cerritos Resident online registration for all programs listed begins **Wed., Mar. 1 at 11 a.m.**

Non-Resident online registration for all programs listed begins **Wed., Mar. 8 at 11 a.m.**

PHONE REGISTRATION

Call (562) 916-1388

Cerritos Resident phone registration for all programs listed begins **Thurs., Mar. 2 at 11 a.m.**

Non-Resident phone registration for all programs listed begins **Wed., Mar. 8 at 11 a.m.**

WALK-IN REGISTRATION

Cerritos Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Wed., Mar. 1 at 11 a.m.**

Non-Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Wed., Mar. 8 at 11 a.m.**

The following Library programs require advance registration:

For more information call (562) 916-1388, unless otherwise noted.
Seating is limited for all programs.

STORYTIMES

Cerritos Library's 30-45 minute storytimes incorporating stories and audience participation will be held in the Little Theater. Only children registered for storytime may be brought to the program. Space is limited to 20 participants.

Thursdays at 11 a.m. for ages 5 and under

10004	Thurs., Mar. 9
10005	Thurs., Mar. 16
10006	Thurs., Mar. 23
10007	Thurs., Mar. 30
10008	Thurs., Apr. 6

Second Saturday of the month at 11:15 a.m. for ages 5 and under

10009	Sat., Mar. 11
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FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT

Participants are welcome to enjoy a fun evening of STEM related demonstrations and activities conducted by the Whitney High School STEM Club. Space is limited to 60 participants.

10010	Tues., Mar. 14	6-7:30 p.m.
	All Ages	Skyline Room

DAVE BOATMAN/CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS CARTOON CLASS

This educational and creative hour of cartoon instruction will motivate students and inspire their love of cartoons and drawing. Space is limited to 50 participants.

10011	Thurs., Mar. 16	3:30-4:30 p.m.
	Ages 7-12	Skyline Room

CRAFTS FOR ADULTS: MACRAMÉ COASTERS

Learn how to make a set of two macramé coasters for your favorite beverages. Students will learn a few basic macramé knots and how to finish their work. The fee is \$5. No refunds will be given. Space is limited to 12 participants.

10037	Wed., Mar. 22	6 p.m.
	Ages 18	Board Room

STAY & PLAY PROGRAM

Join us as we move to music, play with toys and make new friends! Space is limited to 15 participants.

10012	Fri., Mar. 24	11 a.m.-noon
	Ages 2-5	Little Theater

BOUTONNIÈRE & CORSAGE MAKING CLASS FOR TWEENS/TEENS

Learn to design and arrange a corsage and boutonniere for your loved ones. Fresh cut blooms and all necessary floral tools and materials will be readily available. Space is limited to 15 participants.

10013	Tues., Mar. 28	4:30-5:30 p.m.
	Ages 12-17	Skyline Room

SPRING CELEBRATION STORYTIME & PETTING ZOO

Join us for animal stories, songs and crafts in the Little Theater. We will then visit a small petting zoo set up outside the library. A parent or guardian must accompany all children into the petting zoo. Space is limited to 60 participants.

10014	Thurs., Apr. 6	3:30-5 p.m.
	Ages 3-11	Little Theater

The following Library programs do not require advance registration:

WILD ABOUT ANIMALS

From pets to wild animals, explore the animal kingdom with Doodlebugs Animal Adventures! Meet a tortoise, chinchilla, lizard and more in this fun and interactive presentation.

	Thurs., Mar. 9	6 p.m.
	All Ages	Skyline Room

NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: "ROMAN HOLIDAY" (1953)

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of "Roman Holiday," starring Gregory Peck and Audrey Hepburn, followed by a screening of the film. This film is not rated and has a running time of 118 minutes.

	Fri., Mar. 10	6 p.m.
	Ages 18 & Over	Skyline Room

GEOGRAPHIC LITERACY WRITING WORKSHOP

Poet Mike Sonksen will present information about the California State Parks. He will then lead a writing workshop focusing on geographical spaces. Notebooks and writing utensils will be provided, although participants are welcome to bring their own materials. This program is supported in whole or in part by funding provided by the State of California, administered by the California State Library.

	Mon., Mar. 13	6 p.m.
	Ages 13 & Over	Skyline Room

BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

The Book Club for Adults will meet for a book discussion. Participants will discuss the book "All the Devils Are Here" by Louise Penny. For more information, call (562) 916-1342.

	Wed., Mar. 15	11 a.m.-noon	Board Room
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RANCHO LOS CERRITOS HERB GARDENS

In a talk titled "Herb Gardens," Rancho Los Cerritos horticulturist Marie Barnidge-McIntyre will share a presentation about how humans have used humble herbs since ancient times across many cultures to flavor food, color textiles, deter insects and heal wounds. This program is supported in whole or in part by funding provided by the State of California, administered by the California State Library.

	Wed., Mar. 15	6 p.m.
	All Ages	Skyline Room

ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR KIDS

A free hands-on St. Patrick's Day craft will be held in the Art Studio for children ages 2-12. This craft will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes.

	Fri., Mar. 17	11 a.m.-noon & 5-6 p.m.
	Ages 2-12	Art Studio

FROM READERS TO WRITERS; A PANEL AND READING WITH WOMEN WHO SUBMIT

Participants will learn and get inspired to write in this panel led by published poets and writers from Women Who Submit. The goal of the Women Who Submit organization is to encourage submitting work to literary journals and to clarify the submission and publication process.

	Mon., Mar. 20	6 p.m.
	Ages 13 & Older	Skyline Room

ARTISAN GUITAR ENSEMBLE

Join us for an evening of international guitar music performed by the Artisan Guitar Ensemble. The group, comprised of Max Mendoza, Daniel Ramirez and Andre Giraldo, has been performing together for more than a decade. The trio has prepared a program highlighting music from Japan, the Balkans, Russia, Spain and Greece. The program offers something for the classical music lover, as well as folk and world music lovers. Come learn about the composers and musical forms and enjoy a lively evening of classical guitar music.

	Thurs., Mar. 23	7 p.m.
	All Ages	Skyline Room

SHORT STORY AND POETRY WRITING WORKSHOP

Writers from Women Who Submit will lead participants in a writing workshop where individuals will learn to write poetry and short stories. The goal of the Women Who Submit organization is to encourage submitting work to literary journals and to clarify the submission and publication process.

	Mon., Mar. 27	6 p.m.
	Ages 13 & Older	Skyline Room

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GRAB-AND-GO DR. SEUSS CRAFT

Children ages 4-10 will be provided with materials to create an adorable Dr. Seuss Craft. Please pick up the kit at the Children's Help Desk beginning Thursday, March 2. Kits will be offered while supplies last.

CONTESTS FOR TALENTED TEENS

The 24th Annual Teen Contests are open to all students with valid Cerritos Library cards and attending grades 7 through 12. All entries must be original. One entry per person is allowed for each category. Gift certificates to a bookstore will be presented to the winners at a reception in May. The contests are sponsored by the Friends of the Cerritos Library. The deadline for all entries is Friday, March 24 at 7 p.m.

Themes and Specifications:

- Art: "My Favorite View"
(No larger than 12" x 18" and using any medium)
- Photography: "The Great Outdoors"
(No larger than 8" x 10")
- Poetry: "Home" (Up to 50 lines)
- Short Story: "Adventures" (No more than 500 words)

Library Exhibition

BOOK ART COLLECTION

When an artist creates a work and incorporates any aspect of a traditional book form, however subtle or obscure, it qualifies as an artist's book. Creativity and craftsmanship combine to produce books designed to provoke thought, discussion and emotional responses in viewers. Artists Books from the library's collection will be exhibited during March and April in the main lobby.

City expands social media channels

The City of Cerritos will launch new social media channels in February, including a Facebook page and Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn accounts. An Instagram account also will be started for the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA). The new social media channels will present information of interest to the local community in a timely and convenient manner.

The Cerritos City Council approved the launch of the new channels for a six- to 12-month trial period. The Council also approved a new Digital Communications Policy that addresses the use of social media by staff, City officials and the public. For the trial period, commenting on posted materials will be unavailable.

The City launched a Facebook group in 2020. Content will no longer be posted on the Facebook group once the new Facebook page is launched. The CCPA currently has a Facebook page and Twitter account.

Once the City's new social media channels are launched, links to join will be made available on the City's website at cerritos.us. To access the CCPA's social media channels, visit cerritoscenter.com. ■



Registration will open March 1 for an opportunity to purchase a City-owned senior affordable housing unit.

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The City of Cerritos is pleased to announce the availability of three City-owned affordable senior condominium units in the gated community Emerald Villas for purchase through a lottery process. Two units are currently available for purchase, and one unit will be available soon.

The Emerald Villas community is located on Carmenita Road and Houston Avenue. Prospective buyers must meet the community's age restriction of 62 years of age or older and be a U.S. citizen or a U.S. permanent resident. They cannot own any additional property and must meet income requirements. A one-person household cannot exceed \$41,700 gross annual income for the very-low income units or \$76,500 for the moderate-income unit. A two-person household's gross annual income must be less than \$47,650 for the very low income units or less than \$87,450 for the moderate income unit.

All built in 1999, two of the condos are one bedroom, one bath; the third unit is a two bedroom, two

bath home. They all come with a one-car garage and range from 733 to 1,001 square feet. Estimated prices will range from \$100,000 to \$250,000. Tours will be offered only to qualified and verified applicants selected by way of the lottery.

The units must be owner-occupied and cannot be rented out. Only the approved low-income senior may live in the unit; children or other family members who have not been approved by the City are not permitted to live permanently in the unit.

Lottery registration forms will be available beginning Wednesday, March 1 at Cerritos City Hall (18125 Bloomfield Avenue, Cerritos) and on the City's website at cerritos.us. Completed forms must be submitted in-person to City Hall by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 28. Residents can submit only one form.

The lottery to select the prospective homeowners will be held at or before a City Council meeting following the registration period. All potential buyers picked in the lottery will be required to undergo a compliance review for qualifications. ■

Modifications made to City's 91 Freeway agreement

The City Council has approved modifications to the existing agreement for the 91 Freeway between the City and the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

To increase capacity, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA) and Caltrans plan to widen parts of the SR-91 by adding lanes. The expansion is funded by LACMTA's Measure R and M sales taxes and supplemented by other transportation funding, including state Trade Corridor Enhancement Program grants. Under the program, an extra westbound lane will be added between Shoemaker Avenue and the SR-91/1-605 interchange.

Caltrans is requiring an update to the existing SR-91 Freeway Agreement between the City of Cerritos and Caltrans, in effect since 1966, which covers the entire length of SR-91 from the western City limit to the eastern City limit.

This requirement is triggered by the access change at the SR-91 and Norwalk Boulevard interchange, where the two westbound on-ramps are being merged into one. Upon completion, the single westbound on-ramp will be located to the east of Norwalk Boulevard and be accessible to both northbound and southbound traffic. Portions of the existing westbound on-ramp serving southbound traffic will be converted into additional landscaping.

Under the Freeway Agreement, the City consents to construction affecting City streets and agrees to assume responsibility for the maintenance of City roads that are relocated or reconstructed as part of the project. ■

Join Neighborhood Watch

Residents are encouraged to join Neighborhood Watch in Cerritos, a joint effort by community members and the Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center. The program serves as the eyes and ears of the Sheriff's Department and has proven instrumental in keeping communities safe.

Contact the Community Safety Division at (562) 916-1266 to see if a Neighborhood Watch group has been formed in your neighborhood. If there is an established group, you will be provided with the name and phone number of the Watch Captain.

If there is no active group yet in your area, the Community Safety Division will help you and your neighbors start one. Ideal Neighborhood Watch groups are typically small – usually 15 to 20 households. A designated block captain will be responsible for acting as the liaison between a neighborhood and the Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center.

While the Community Safety Division and Sheriff's Department will assist in many ways, the success of Neighborhood Watch depends largely on citizen involvement. Participants will receive Neighborhood Watch signs to post, alerting potential criminals that others are watching out for your home. Members of the watch group monitor their neighborhoods, communicate regularly with deputies and meet with neighbors routinely to stay current on new information. If a residential crime pattern is identified in the area, deputies will notify the group of what to look out for and suggest prevention strategies.

Join the City's Neighborhood Watch program at safecerritos.com. ■