



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 or scan the QR code below.



Scan the QR code to access the RACER Registration page.

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 **Fri., Mar. 1 at 11 a.m.**

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

PHONE REGISTRATION

Call (562) 916-1388

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

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

WALK-IN REGISTRATION

Cerritos Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Fri., Mar. 2 at 11 a.m.**

Non-Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Fri., 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 35 participants.

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

- 12124** Thurs., Mar. 21
12125 Thurs., Mar. 28
12126 Thurs., Apr. 4

KIDS' PLANTING WORKSHOP

Master Gardener Kay Begum will conduct a planting workshop. Students will have an opportunity to get their hands dirty planting while learning about bulbs and other seeds. This program is supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the

Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian. Space is limited to 10 participants.

- 12127** Thurs., Mar. 7 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Ages 8-12 Art Studio

STEAM AFTERNOONS

Discover the achievements of female scientists and participate in fun STEAM-related activities. Space is limited to 10 participants, ages 8-12.

- 12146** Fri., Mar. 8 3:30-4:30 p.m.
12148 Fri., Mar. 15 Art Studio

MOSQUITO LEAGUE EXPERIENCE & RV MOBILE UNIT EXPERIENCE

Join us as Mosquito League staff educates students on the world's deadliest animal. This is a fun and educational program with hands-on activities. Space is limited to 20 participants. The Mosquito League Education Program is presented by the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District (GLACVCD). GLACVCD is a public agency that protects people from mosquitoes and mosquito-borne diseases. The Mosquito League Education Program provides fun and educational activities that promote student comprehension and learning. The team seeks to educate and foster student interest in pursuing future scientific careers in Entomology, Biology and Public Health.

- 12177** Tues., Mar. 12 4 p.m.
Ages 8-12
Little Theater/
Civic Center Parking Lot

RADICAL REPTILES SHOW AND TELL

Children will get an opportunity to meet a variety of reptiles. Space is limited to 30 participants.

- 12149** Thurs., Mar. 14 11 a.m.
Ages 1-6 Little Theater

STAY & PLAY PROGRAM

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

- 12151** Fri., Mar. 22 11 a.m.-noon
Ages 2-5 Little Theater

YOUNG REMBRANDTS/MICKALENE THOMAS

Students will explore the work of contemporary artist Mickalene Thomas. Inspired by her artwork, children will re-create a portrait of the artist. Space is limited to 20 participants.

- 12154** Fri., Mar. 22 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 7-12 Art Studio

SPRING BREAK MOVIES

The following movies will be shown at 2 p.m. in the Little Theater. All children and accompanying adults must be registered to attend.

Space is limited to 35 participants, ages 8-12.

- 12156** Mon., Apr. 1
"Elemental" (2023) (PG)
12159 Tues., Apr. 2
"The Super Mario Bros. Movie" (2023) (PG)
12164 Wed., Apr. 3
"Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem" (2023) (PG)

BIRDHOUSE CRAFT

Participants will build and decorate a small bird-house craft. Supplies will be provided. Space is limited to 12 participants. The project is supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the California State Librarian.

- 12166** Tues., Apr. 2 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 8-12 Art Studio

KIDS' SUCCULENT POTTING CLASS

Participants will decorate a pot and plant a succulent to take home. Space is limited to 15 participants. The project is supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the California State Librarian.

- 12167** Fri., Apr. 5 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 8-12 Art Studio

BABIES 'N' BOOKS

Children and caregivers participate in music, nursery rhymes, simple stories and books. The class is limited to 20 participants. For more information, call (562) 916-1343.

- 12168** Mon.,
Apr. 8-May 20 11 a.m.
Ages 6-25 mos. Little Theater

MATH HOMEWORK HELP

An after-school mathematics homework help program will be offered for Cerritos residents. Students should bring their math homework and a book to read. A parent or designated individual is required to sign students in and out of each class meeting. Space is limited to 20 participants per class.

- 12169** Mon.,
Apr. 8-May 20 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Grades 3-6 Art Studio

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT MONDAYS

Children and parents will participate in 30-45 minutes of songs and movement activities that enhance both the growth and fine motor skills of the child. The class is limited to 20 participants.

- 12172** Mon.,
Apr. 8-May 20 5:15 p.m.
Ages 4-6 Little Theater

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Children and adults will participate in stories, songs, rhymes and a simple craft activity. The class is limited to 18 participants.

- 12170** Tues.,
Apr. 9-May 21 11 a.m.
Ages 3-5 Art Studio

HOMEWORK HELP

An after-school homework help program will be offered for Cerritos residents. Students should bring their homework and a book to read. A parent or designated individual is required to sign students in and out of each class meeting. Space is limited to 15 participants per class. Please register for only one of the following sessions. All participants must attend the first day of class.

- 12173** Tues.,
Apr. 9-May 21 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Grades 1-6 Art Studio

- 12175** Wed.,
Apr. 10-May 22 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Grades 1-6 Art Studio

CHILD & TEEN READ ALOUD

Children who are able to read are invited to participate in special read aloud sessions. These children will be teamed up with energetic teens during this weekly program. To be eligible for this program, all participants must attend the first day of class for testing. Space is limited to 10 participants.

- 12176** Wed.,
Apr. 10-May 22 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Ages 7-9 Little Theater



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The following Library programs do not require advance registration:

MEET AUTHOR *casey cui*

Author *casey cui* will read from her book, “Groovy Girl 2.” *casey cui*, a.k.a. Maritza Roño Refuerzo, was born in a beach town in Southern California, and her ancestors hail from Madrid and Bilbao, Spain; Xiamen, China; and the western coast of the island of Luzon in the Philippines. Copies of the book will be available to purchase.

Mon., Mar. 4 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

BAGPIPE PERFORMANCE AND DISCUSSION WITH JOHN MCLEAN ALLAN

John McLean Allan will present a bagpipe performance. Allan moved from Scotland to Los Angeles to pursue a music career, and has been a professional musician for over 25 years. He has played with performers such as Korn, The Chieftains, Michael Flatley and the Tonight Show Band. Join us as he plays his favorite songs and answers audience questions.

Tues., Mar. 5 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

RANCHO LOS CERRITOS BULBS OF CALIFORNIA

California is home to over 200 species of native bulbs. Marie Barnidge-McIntyre discusses the most delightful flowers that bloom in the spring. 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. 6 6:00 p.m. 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. 8 11 a.m. -12 p.m. & 5-6 p.m.
Ages 2-12 Art Studio

FAMILY STORYTIME

Cerritos Library’s 30-45 minute storytimes incorporating stories and audience participation will be held in the Little Theater.

Sat., Mar. 9 11:15 a.m.
8 and under Little Theater

ASTRONOMY NIGHT

In anticipation of the April 8, 2024 solar eclipse, Cerritos Library will host our annual Astronomy Night. Guests will have a chance to view the night sky through telescopes on the terrace, participate in robotics demonstrations, astronomy and eclipse-related STEM activities, and make an eclipse pinhole viewer. Solar Eclipse viewing glasses, provided by the SEAL (Solar Eclipse Activities for Libraries) program, will be given to the first 200 participants.

Tues., Mar. 19 6 p.m. Skyline Room

BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

The Book Club for Adults will meet for a book discussion. Participants will discuss the book “A Murmur of Bees” by Sofia Segovia. For more information, call (562) 916-1342.

Wed., Mar. 20 11 a.m.-noon Board Room

“TRANSFORMATION”: A WOMEN WHO SUBMIT ANTHOLOGY

Join us as the editor and writers from Women Who Submit read their short stories from their anthology

“Transformation,” followed by a Q&A. Topics include submitting to an anthology, rejections and curation.
Mon., Mar. 25 6 p.m.
Ages 13 & Up Skyline Room

WOMEN IN AUTOMOTIVE HISTORY FAMILY PRESENTATION

Join us as representatives from the Petersen Automotive Museum explore the impact of women in the automotive industry. After the presentation, join us for a stem-related activity.

Wed., Mar. 27 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: “MR. DEEDS GOES TO TOWN” (1936)

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of “Mr. Deeds Goes to Town,” starring Gary Cooper with Jean Arthur, followed by a screening of the film. This film is not rated and has a running time of 115 minutes.

Thurs., Mar. 28 6 p.m.
Ages 18 & Over Skyline Room

ORCHIDS: GROWING AND CARE

Join us for a presentation on growing and caring for orchids by Master Gardener Falguni Trieu. Trieu will bring orchids for guests to view and go over how to re-pot and re-bloom their plants. This program is supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

Thurs., Apr. 4 6 p.m. Skyline Room

CONTESTS FOR TALENTED TEENS

The 25th 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 29 at 7 p.m.

Themes and Specifications:
Art: “The Beauty of my Hometown”
(No larger than 12” x 18” and using any medium)
Photography: “These Streets”
(No larger than 8” x 10”)
Poetry: “A Dream” (Up to 50 lines)
Short Story: “You discovered a magical object”
(No more than 500 words)

Library Exhibition

PHO-TANICA FLORALS, PAINTED WITH THE CAMERA

Cerritos Library will host a unique photo exhibit presented by photographer Steve Walag. He has enjoyed a varied career over the last 50 years as a photojournalist, public relations photographer, photo instructor and school photographer. His interest in art is driven by both the camera and painting. In 2015, Walag began developing a new style, emulating traditional Japanese painting, which employs digital photography, software and printing techniques to create the look of brushwork. Walag’s work has been shown at the Chaffey Community Museum of Art and art festivals in the Inland Empire. This exhibit will be featured in the Library’s Main Street from March 6-April 29.

WOMEN IN STEM POSTER DISPLAY

Posters from the Smithsonian Institute featuring Women in STEM will on display in the Craftsman area throughout March in recognition of Women’s History Month.

The Friends of the Cerritos Library hosts Writer’s Festival

A don’t-miss for bookworms and aspiring writers, the first-ever Writer’s Festival to celebrate the magic of storytelling will be held at the Cerritos Library’s Skyline Room on Saturday, March 30 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is opened to ages 18 and older.

Hosted by The Friends of the Cerritos Library, the festival will include a luncheon, entertainment, and a six-author panel discussion followed by a book-signing.

Featured authors include Diane Marie Brown, who penned the novel “Black Candle Women”; Melissa Chadburn, who wrote the acclaimed “A Tiny Upward Shove”; Carolyn Huynh, whose “The Fortunes of Jaded Women” was a “Good Morning America” book club pick; New York Times bestselling author Alka Joshi of “The Henna Artist”; Zara Raheem, who scribed “The Retreat and the Marriage Clock”; and Belinda Huijuan Tang of “Map for the Missing.”

Proceeds will support The Friends of the Cerritos Library in its mission to raise funds for library programs and services.

Registration is \$60 for The Friends of the Cerritos Library members and \$70 for non-members. Guests can register online at cerritoslibrary.eventbrite.com or by mailing a check to Friends of the City of Cerritos Library, P.O. Box 3876, Cerritos, CA, 90703.

The Cerritos Library is located at 18025 Bloomfield Avenue. For more details on the event, call (562) 916-1342. ■

Cerritos Library announces free seeds program

Beginning in April, Cerritos Library patrons ages 13 and older will be able to pick up free seeds from a new Seed Library.

The Seed Library offers seeds for native California plants such as wildflowers, sunflowers and a pollinator mix of flowers, along with a variety of vegetable, fruit and herb seeds.

Patrons may select up to four seed packets per month. Seeds and packets do not need to be returned to the library. The project is supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the California State Librarian.

The Seed Library will be located on the first floor of the library, near the Circulation Desk. ■

Library Study Room names updated with community input

The Cerritos Library Study Rooms now feature the names of three women celebrated for their contributions to medicine, math and science, including Marie Curie, Katherine Johnson and Chien-Shiung Wu.

Local community members suggested renaming three of the Study Rooms for women as they were all previously named for men. The Cerritos City Council approved a project to seek input regarding renaming the rooms and selecting the men’s names to be retained.

Based on the results of online community voting surveys, the Study Rooms now display the names of Nikola Tesla and Jules Verne in addition to Curie, Johnson and Wu. The adjacent Access Plus Room retains George Orwell’s name.

The library’s Study Rooms can be reserved for studying by small groups of students in junior high school and above. The rooms can be reserved in person with a valid Cerritos Library Card at the library’s Reservation Desk up to one week in advance and for up to two hours. ■