



CITY OF CERRITOS



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# Cerritos Library News

*Your Cerritos Digital Newsletter*


The City of Cerritos welcomes you to our first digital edition of the “Cerritos Library News!” We’re pleased to present information about upcoming activities at the Cerritos Library.

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## Children’s Art & Short Story Contest

The Friends of the Cerritos Library will conduct the 22nd Annual Art Contest for children in grades K-6 and a Short Story Contest for children in grades 3-6. The theme for the short story contest is “What Would You Do If You Were the Mayor for a Week?” and the theme for the art contest is “Design Your Dream City.” Participants must have a valid Cerritos Library card. All entries must be submitted by Friday, October 10, before 7 p.m. Draw or paint a picture of “Design Your Dream City.” Artwork must be no larger than 12” x 18” and unmounted. Only one art entry is allowed per child. Short stories about “What Would You Do If You Were the Mayor for a Week?” must be original, using no more than 500 words, and preferably typed on white letter-sized paper. Only one short story entry is allowed per child. Application forms are available at the Children’s Help Desk and on the Library’s website at [cerritoslibrary.us](http://cerritoslibrary.us).



# Programs: *Registration Required*

Registration programs require advance registration and space is limited  
For more information call [\(562\) 916-1388](tel:5629161388), unless otherwise noted.

## 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 40 participants.

Thu	9/11	11AM	Ages 0-5	Little Theater	#15653
Sat	9/13	11:15AM	Ages 0-5	Little Theater	#15657
Thu	9/18	11AM	Ages 0-5	Little Theater	#15654
Thu	9/25	11AM	Ages 0-5	Little Theater	#15655
Thu	10/2	11AM	Ages 0-5	Little Theater	#15656

## Writing Class for Kids

Join us as Whitney High School student Tyler Liu helps participants improve their academic writing skills through guided essays, hands-on lessons, and activities. Students will learn how to analyze prompts and passages, brainstorm effectively, and organize their ideas logically. Space is limited to 20 participants.

Fri	9/5-9/26	5-6PM	Ages 8-12	Hi-Tech Lab	#15658
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## Churro Cake Pop Decorating Class for Teens

Join us as we design and decorate churro cake pops. All materials will be provided. Space is limited to 20 participants.

Wed	9/10	3:45-4:30PM	Ages 13-17	Skyline Room A	#15662
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## Jewelry Decorating Class for Kids

Join us for a jewelry-making workshop led by student volunteers from the Behind the Story Foundation, a student-driven organization committed to raising awareness about chronic diseases and mental health conditions. All materials will be provided. Space is limited to 20 participants.

Fri	9/12	3:45-4:45PM	Ages 8-12	Art Studio	#15659
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## Minecraft Hour of Code

Join us at the Cerritos Library for an exciting Minecraft Hour of Code event. This engaging, hands-on session introduces children to the world of coding through the popular Minecraft universe. Using block-based coding, participants will solve puzzles, complete challenges, and explore fundamental computer science concepts in a playful and engaging way. Whether your child is new to coding or already a fan of Minecraft, this hands-on experience is a great opportunity to build problem-solving skills, spark creativity, and have fun. Space is limited to 20 participants.

Mon	9/15	3:45-4:45PM	Ages 8-12	Hi-Tech Lab	#15660
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## Stay & Play Program

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

Fri	9/19	11AM-12PM	Ages 2-5	Little Theater	#15661
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## Guacamole Making Workshop for Kids

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, children will learn how to make delicious guacamole with a chef from El Torito Restaurant in Cypress. Space is limited to 24 participants.

Thu	9/25	3:30-4:20PM	Ages 8-12	Skyline Room B	#15663
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# Autumn Perler Beads for Tweens & Teens

Participants will create an autumn-themed art piece using Perler beads. Space is limited to 12.

Thu	10/2	3:30-4:30PM	Ages 10-15	Art Studio	#15664
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# Shoebox Piñata Creation Workshop

Join Juan Farris for an engaging demonstration on how to construct piñatas using shoeboxes. All materials will be provided. Space is limited to 20 participants.

Wed	10/8	6-8PM	Ages 13+	Skyline Room B	#15665
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## 22nd Annual Children's Art & Short Story Contests



Submit entries by Friday, October 10

Visit [cerritoslibrary.us](http://cerritoslibrary.us) to download entry form



# Programs: *Drop-In*

Drop-in programs do not require advance registration and space is limited  
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## Family Lotería Night

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with an evening of Lotería! Lotería is a traditional Latin American game of chance, similar to bingo, but using images on a deck of cards instead of plain numbers. Learn how to play this Mexican bingo-style game with the whole family. Space is limited to 35 participants.

Tue	9/16	6-7PM	All Ages	Skyline Room	Drop-in
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## Book Club for Adults

The Book Club for Adults will meet for a book discussion. Participants will discuss the book “Cutting for Stone” by Abraham Verghese. For more information, call (562) 916-1342.

Wed	9/17	11AM-12PM	Ages 18+	Board Room	Drop-in
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## Doodle Duel

Ready to showcase your artistic skills and connect with other teen creators? Join us for a fun and creative art challenge where you can share your original characters and sketch new ones! All materials will be provided.

Thu	9/18	5PM	Ages 13-17	Teen Studio	Drop-in
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## Something in the Water II

“The Art of Dance: Movement & History” is an evening celebration of street dance, music, and cultural storytelling. Through a dynamic mix of freestyle sessions, panel discussions, and live performance, this event explores the evolution of urban dance from the 1980s to the early 2000s. Rooted in Cerritos, the evening connects a range of artistic genres and encourages audience participation.

Thu	9/18	6PM	All Ages	Skyline Room	Drop-in
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## Arts and Crafts for Kids

A free hands-on fall craft will be held for kids ages 2-12. This craft will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes.

Fri	9/19	11AM-12PM	Ages 2-12	Art Studio	Drop-in
Fri	9/19	5-6PM	Ages 2-12	Art Studio	Drop-in

## Family Coloring Afternoon

Relax, socialize, and explore your creativity in a tranquil setting. A selection of spring coloring sheets and art materials will be available for all ages. Space is limited while supplies last.

Sat	9/20	1-2PM	All Ages	Art Studio	Drop-in
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## Mario Kart Tournament

Get ready for fast-paced racing and friendly competition at our exciting Mario Kart Tournament. Whether you’re a seasoned pro or a first-time racer, everyone is welcome to test their skills on the track. Don’t miss this chance to showcase your driving skills, connect with fellow gamers, and have a great time at the library. Snacks will be provided while supplies last.

Tue	9/23	3:45PM	Ages 13-17	Hi-Tech Lab	Drop-in
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## In Conversation with Beatriz Porto

Join Ms. Beatriz Porto, from the famous Porto’s Bakery, as she shares the history of Porto’s Bakery & Cafe.

Wed	9/24	6PM	All Ages	Skyline Room	Drop-in
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## Night at the Movies: “All About Eve” (1950)

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of “All About Eve,” starring Bette Davis and Anne Baxter, followed by a screening of the film. This film is not rated and has a running time of 138 minutes.

Thu	9/25	6PM	Ages 18+	Skyline Room A	Drop-in
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## Meet Children’s Author Cecilia Caballero

Join us as we celebrate local author Cecilia Caballero. She will read her story, “Little Blue Guitar,” and answer questions from the audience.

Fri	9/26	3:30-4:30PM	All Ages	Little Theater	Drop-in
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## Anime Film “The Boy and the Heron” (2023)

After losing his mother during the war, young Mahito embarks on an epic journey through a world shared by the living and the dead. This film is rated PG-13 and has a running time of 124 minutes. Japanese snacks will be provided while supplies last.

Tue	9/30	3:45-6PM	Ages 13-17	Skyline Room	Drop-in
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# Poetry and Harp Performance

Join us in celebrating Filipino American History Month with an evening of music and spoken word featuring Christian Perfas and harpist Sarah Hsiao. Christian Perfas, known by his stage name “Soul Stuf,” is a second-generation Filipino American spoken word poet and teaching artist. Originally from Red Hook, New York, and now based in Los Angeles, his work explores themes of love, loss, and belonging. He has performed at the Los Angeles Times Festival of Books, San Diego Comic-Con, Sofar Sounds, and in the city of Paris. Sarah Hsiao earned a Bachelor of Music in Harp Performance from the University of Southern California, where she studied under JoAnn Turovsky. She has performed with the USC Symphony Orchestra and Student Symphony Orchestra, as well as with the Filipino American Symphony Orchestra at Walt Disney Concert Hall, the American Youth Symphony, LA Symphonic Winds, Orchestra Nova of Los Angeles, and Loyola Law School Symphony.

Mon	10/6	6PM	All Ages	Skyline Room	Drop-in
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# In Conversation with Executive Chef & Restaurateur Henry Pineda

Join Executive Chef Henry Pineda, owner of Lola’s by MFK and Pacita’s by MFK in Anaheim, as he shares the story behind his culinary journey and the inspiration for his Filipino fusion restaurants.

Tue	10/7	6PM	All Ages	Skyline Room	Drop-in
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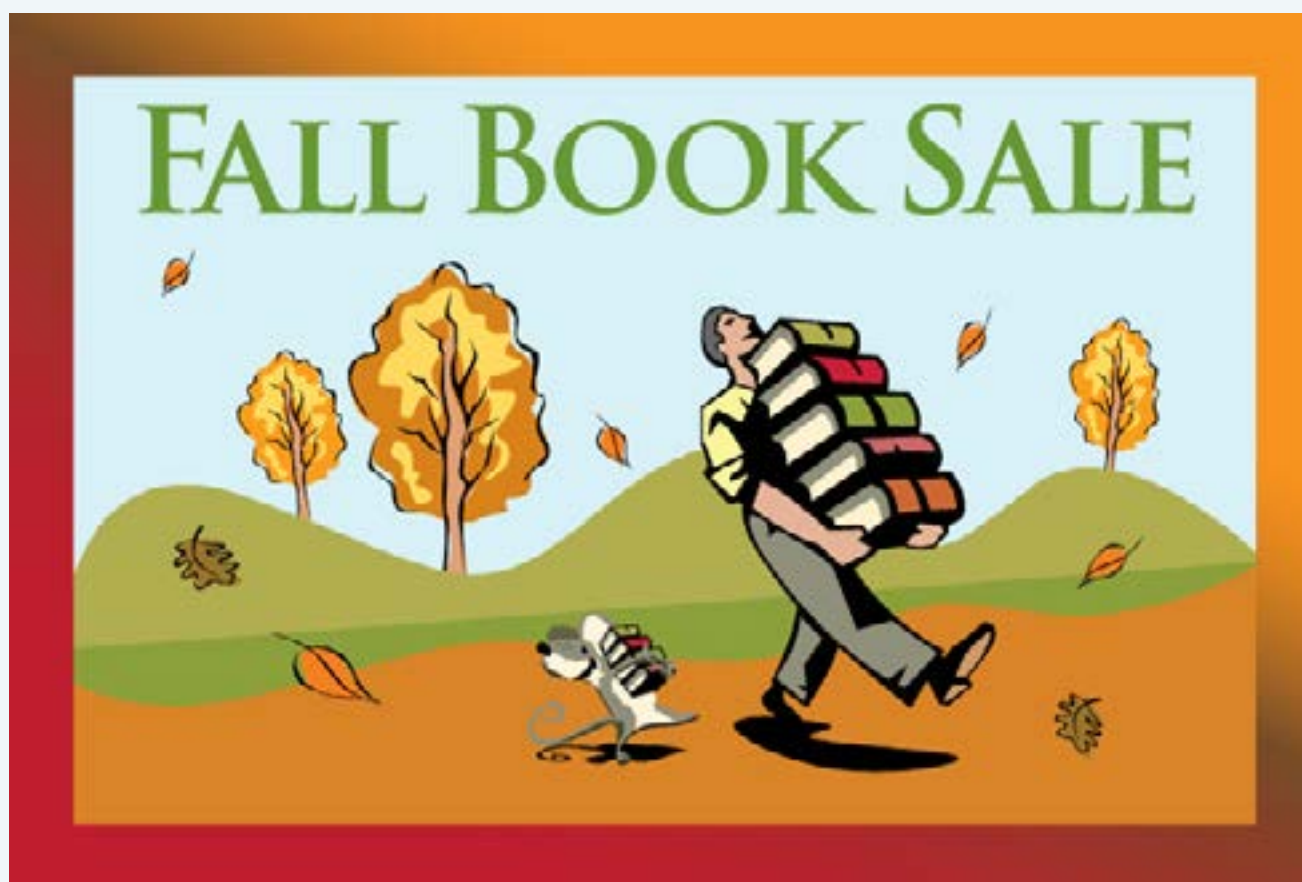
# Exhibitions

## “Wanderlust in Watercolor: A Journey Through Nature and Culture”

This exhibit by artist Darshini Aithal invites viewers to slow down and appreciate the details—the light, colors, and textures that often go unnoticed in the rush of travel. Through the fluid, expressive medium of watercolor, the works capture not only the physical beauty of the world but also the emotions tied to each journey. The exhibit will be on display in the library’s main lobby from September 6 through October 30, 2025.

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## Save the Date: Fall Book Sale



**Saturday,  
October 25  
11AM - 4:30PM**



# Registration Dates

## Online Registration

Visit [cerritos.gov/register](http://cerritos.gov/register)

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Tue	9/2	11AM	Resident registration begins
Mon	9/8	11AM	Non-Resident registration begins

## Online Registration Tips

To check the availability or to register for classes, please visit [cerritos.gov/register](http://cerritos.gov/register). You will not receive confirmation by mail for classes registered online.

For additional information, please call the Library Reservation Desk at [\(562\) 916-1388](tel:5629161388). Computers at the Cerritos Library may be used to access RACER.

## Phone Registration

Call [\(562\) 916-1388](tel:5629161388)

Wed	9/3	11AM	Resident registration begins
Mon	9/8	11AM	Non-Resident registration begins

## Walk-In Registration

Tue	9/2	11AM	Resident registration begins
Mon	9/8	11AM	Non-Resident registration begins

## For More Information

Visit [cerritoslibrary.us](http://cerritoslibrary.us) or call the Cerritos Library at [\(562\) 916-1350](tel:5629161350).

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## Library Hours

**Monday–Friday**  
11 a.m.–7 p.m.  
**Saturday and Sunday**  
11 a.m.–5 p.m.

## Library Closures

**Mon., Sept. 1** in observance of Labor Day