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Cerritos Library News

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We’re pleased to present information about upcoming activities at the Cerritos Library.

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Programs: *Registration Required*

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

Rainbow Scratch Art Bookmarks

Children can use their creativity to design colorful rainbow bookmarks. Space is limited to 20 participants.

Mon	8/10	2-2:45PM	Ages 8-14	Art Studio	#17727
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STEMsters Coding Classes

STEMsters is a nonprofit organization composed of high school volunteers committed to fostering an appreciation for STEM among young students through engaging, activity-based learning experiences. Join our five-week beginner coding classes, where students will learn the fundamentals of coding in a simple and engaging way. Space is limited to 22 participants.

No class on September 7.

Mon	8/10-9/14	4:30-5:30PM	Ages 8-11	Hi-Tech Lab	#17766
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Back to School Totes and Button Making for Tweens and Teens

Tweens and teens will decorate a back-to-school-themed canvas tote bag and create matching buttons. All materials will be provided. Space is limited to 12 participants.

Tue	8/11	2-3PM	Ages 10-17	Art Studio	#17728
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Retro Gaming Club

Step back in time and rediscover the golden age of video games. Participants explore the history and evolution of interactive entertainment while playing classic gaming systems. Each session features a different retro console, offering a blend of hands-on fun and educational insights into gaming’s past. Space is limited to 8 participants.

Wed	8/12-9/2	4-4:45PM	Ages 8-12	Little Theater	#17771
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Painter’s Space

In this painting program for kids, presented by Painter’s Space, participants will create a colorful summer beach scene using acrylic paints. The program begins with a brief introduction to painting materials and techniques, followed by step-by-step instruction from Tiffanie Nguyen. Designed for all skill levels, this class encourages creativity in a fun and supportive environment. Space is limited to 16 participants. This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Cerritos Library.

Thu	8/13	3:30-4:30PM	Ages 8-12	Art Studio	#17729
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Crafting Connections

Whitney High School student Tamanna Kurra will lead Crafting Connections, a five-week art workshop that provides children with a welcoming space to explore hands-on projects that foster creativity, confidence, and self-expression. Participants will create a variety of arts and crafts while developing new skills and expressing themselves through creative activities. Space is limited to 20 participants.

Thu	8/20-9/17	4:30-5:30PM	Ages 8-14	Art Studio	#17730
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Writing Class for Kids

Join Whitney High School student Terrence Liu for a workshop designed to strengthen informative writing skills through guided essay practice and interactive lessons. Participants will learn to analyze prompts and passages, generate ideas through brainstorming, and organize their writing clearly. Space is limited to 10 participants.

Fri	9/4-9/25	5-6PM	Ages 8-12	Hi-Tech Lab	#17731
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Preschool Storytime

Children and their caregivers are invited to enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and a simple craft activity. Space is limited to 18 participants.

No class on November 24.

Tue	9/8-12/8	11AM	Ages 3-5	Art Studio	#17732
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Homework Help

An after-school homework help program is available for students. Participants should bring their homework and a book to read. A parent or designated adult must sign students in and out of each session. Space is limited to 15 participants per class. Please register for only one of the following sessions.

No class on November 11, 24, and 25.

Tue	9/8-12/8	3:45PM	Grades 1-5	Art Studio	#17733
Wed	9/9-12/9	3:45PM	Grades 1-5	Art Studio	#17734

Child & Teen Read Aloud

Children who can 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. Participants must be able to stay for the entire class. Space is limited to 15 participants.

Wed	9/9-11/4	3:45PM	Ages 6-10	Little Theater	#17735
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Babies 'N' Books

Children and caregivers will participate in music, nursery rhymes, simple stories, and books. The class is limited to 20 participants.

No class on November 23.

Mon	9/14-12/7	11AM	Ages 6-25m	Little Theater	#17736
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Math Homework Help

An after-school mathematics homework help program will be offered. 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.

No class on November 23.

Mon	9/14-12/7	3:45-4:45PM	Grades 1-6	Art Studio	#17737
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Programs: *Drop-In*

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Intro to Business with Future First Academy

Future First Academy is a student-led club at Whitney High School that serves as a hands-on enrichment program in which elementary school students explore first aid, entrepreneurship, and engineering through interactive workshops and real-world challenges. The goal is to help students build valuable skills and confidence that are not often taught in traditional school settings, but are essential for future success. This workshop introduces foundational entrepreneurship concepts and practical skills that students can apply in school and beyond.

Mon	8/10	3:30-4:30PM	Ages 8-12	Skyline Room	Drop-in
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Explore Engineering with Future First Academy

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Tue	8/11	3:30-4:30PM	Ages 8-12	Skyline Room	Drop-in
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Arts and Crafts for Kids

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

Fri	8/14	11AM-12PM	Ages 2-12	Art Studio	Drop-in
Fri	8/14	5-6PM	Ages 2-12	Art Studio	Drop-in

Friends of the Cerritos Library Booksale

The Friends of the Cerritos Library will hold a book sale on Saturday, August 15. The sale will be held in the Craftsman Area, inside of the library. A great selection of fiction and nonfiction books in English and foreign languages, plus multimedia items, will be available at bargain prices. The sale will be held from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Come early for the best selection.

Sat	8/15	11AM-4:30PM	All Ages	Craftsman Area	Drop-in
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Meet Children’s Author Michelle Sterling

Join us for a special visit with author Michelle Sterling as she reads from her newest book, “Riding Through Rice Fields: A Trip to the Philippines,” and answers audience questions. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

Fri	8/21	3:30PM	All Ages	Little Theater	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 “Grey Wolf” by Louise Penny. For more information, please call [\(562\) 916-1342](tel:5629161342).

Wed	8/19	11AM	Ages 18+	Board Room	Drop-in
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Beats, Cars, and Life: DJ and Import Car Culture in 1980s/90s Cerritos

Join us for a conversation revisiting the glory days of the '80s and '90s DJ party and import car scenes in and around Cerritos. This discussion brings together firsthand voices from the era to reflect on how music and mobility shaped the cultural experiences for an entire generation of youth. Moderated by California State University, Long Beach professor Oliver Wang, author and curator of "Cruising J-Town," the panel features:

- Oz Buendia — DJ from Carson with Legend Entertainment, and later founder of Legend Motorsports
- Keith "DJ Havik" Sugimura — Cerritos-based DJ with the Beat Junkies who also performed at multiple Import Showoff events.

Together, they'll share stories about the connections created on dance floors and in parking lots and what made cities like Cerritos and Carson such key hubs during the height of the Gen X era. This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Cerritos Library.

Wed	8/19	6PM	All Ages	Skyline Room	Drop-in
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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, while supplies last. Space is limited.

Sat	8/22	2-3PM	All Ages	Art Studio	Drop-in
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Women in Leadership

Join us for an inspiring Women in Leadership program. This event will bring together women from diverse backgrounds to share experiences, insights, and strategies for effective leadership in their careers, organizations, and communities. Participants will have the opportunity to learn from accomplished leaders and build connections with others who are passionate about personal and professional growth. Confirmed panelists include City of Cerritos Assistant City Manager Kristin Aguila, Halland McKenna, Real Estate Development Director at Mckenna Cars, and Fatima Djelmane Rodriguez, CEO of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern California. A question-and-answer (Q&A) session will follow the panel discussion, providing attendees with an opportunity to engage directly with the speakers and gain additional insight from their leadership experiences. The program is suitable for participants ages 13 and older.

Thu	8/20	6PM	Ages 13+	Skyline Room	Drop-in
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Something in the Water III

Spotlighting the art, fashion, design, and entrepreneurial spirit of Cerritos creatives, this immersive exhibit features artifacts, clothing, and ephemera from the city’s vibrant cultural scene. Rooted in Cerritos history, the installation includes archival flyers, posters, photographs, and other materials that capture the visual culture of the era. Guests will have the opportunity to contribute to a communal artists’ blackbook by leaving a signature, sketch, or message, creating a collaborative record of the evening, inspired by the blackbooks traditionally shared among graffiti artists and designers. The exhibit celebrates artistic expression while inviting visitors to leave their own creative mark on Cerritos’ continuing cultural story. It celebrates a range of artistic expression and encourages audience participation. Something in the Water was developed as a companion to the “Making History, Making Change” Lecture Series, organized by Smithsonian Affiliations as part of the Smithsonian’s “Our Shared Future: 250.”

Thu	8/27	6PM	Ages 13+	Skyline Room	Drop-in
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Music and Movement Mondays

Children and parents will participate in 30 to 40 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.

No class on November 23.

Mon	9/14-12/7	5:15PM	Ages 3-6	Little Theater	Drop-in
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Children’s Art & Short Story Contest

The Friends of the Cerritos Library will conduct the 23rd Annual Art Contest for children in grades K-6 and a Short Story Contest for children in grades 3-6. “My Favorite Family Memory” is the theme for both the short story and art contests. Participants must have a valid Cerritos Library card. The deadline to submit all entries is Friday, October 9, before 7 p.m. Draw or paint a picture of “My Favorite Family Memory.” Artwork must be no larger than 12” x 18” and unmounted. Only one art entry is allowed per child. Short stories about “My Favorite Family Memory” 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. Winners will receive Target gift cards at a special reception on Thursday, December 3, at 7 p.m. For more information, please contact Librarian Curita Tinker at [\(562\) 916-1343](tel:5629161343).

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Sat	8/8	11AM	Non-Resident registration begins

Online Registration Tips

To check the availability or to register for classes, please visit cerritos.gov/register. 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](tel:5629161388). Computers at the Cerritos Library may be used to access RACER.

Phone Registration

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

Sat	8/1	11AM	Resident registration begins
Sat	8/8	11AM	Non-Resident registration begins

Walk-In Registration

Mon	8/3	11AM	Resident registration begins
Sat	8/8	11AM	Non-Resident registration begins

For More Information

Visit library.cerritos.gov or call the Cerritos Library at [\(562\) 916-1350](tel:5629161350).

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