

# October 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](http://cerritos.us).

### CLASSES/RACER ONLINE REGISTRATION TIPS

To check the availability or to register for classes, please visit the Cerritos website at [cerritos.us](http://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 **Tues., Oct. 1 at 11 a.m.**

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

### PHONE REGISTRATION

#### Call (562) 916-1388

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

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

### WALK-IN REGISTRATION

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

Non-Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Tues., Oct. 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 40 participants.

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

**13537** Thurs., Oct. 10  
**13538** Thurs., Oct. 17  
**13539** Thurs., Oct. 24  
**13540** Thurs., Oct. 31  
**13541** Thurs., Nov. 7

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

**13543** Sat., Oct. 12

### PRESSED FLOWER FRAME WORKSHOP FOR TWEENS/TEENS

Participants will learn about the process of pressing flowers and how to create designs with the materials. An assortment of both natural and dyed flowers and foliage will be arranged on a 4x6-inch plexiglass frame. Space is limited to 15 participants.

**13544** Tues., Oct. 8 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Ages 11-17 Skyline Room B

### GUACAMOLE MAKING WORKSHOP FOR KIDS

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

**13547** Wed., Oct. 9 3:30-4:20 p.m.  
Ages 8-12 Skyline Room B

### ALEBRIJES CRAFTING WORKSHOP

Join us in celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with a fun alebrijes program! Alebrijes are colorful sculptures of imaginary creatures. In the first week, kids can make their own alebrijes using clay, learning about this lively Mexican art. In the second week, they will paint their creations with bright colors. Please note that attendance in both sessions is required. Space is limited to 15 participants.

**13548** Fri., Oct. 11 & 18 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Ages 8-12 Art Studio

### AI CODING WORKSHOP WITH CERRITOS CODER SCHOOL

Join us as students dive into the world of coding with a focus on AI & ChatGPT technology! This workshop offers an engaging lesson on how ChatGPT works and its applications in today's world. Students will learn to code their own projects using AI, create interactive chatbots, and explore natural language processing. Space is limited to 24 participants.

**13549** Mon., Oct. 14 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Ages 8-12 Hi-Tech Lab

### LEGO DUPLO CLUB

Children will improve their motor skills as they build and create LEGO DUPLO creations using DUPLO building blocks. Space is limited to 12 participants.

**13550** Fri., Oct. 18 11 a.m.-noon  
Ages 2-4 Little Theater

### PUMPKIN PAINTING FOR TWEENS & TEENS

Join us in painting your very own Jack-O-Lantern. All supplies included. The fee is \$5 per teen. Space is limited to 10 participants.

**13551** Tues., Oct. 22 4-4:45 p.m.  
Ages 11-15 Skyline Room Terrace

### DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS 3D PRINTED SUGARSKULLS

Celebrate the Day of the Dead and decorate your own 3D-printed skull. All supplies included. Space is limited to 15 participants.

**13553** Wed., Oct. 30 5:15-6 p.m.  
Ages 8-12 Art Studio

### PARENT AND CHILD RAINBOW LOOM CLASS

Children, along with one parent, will learn how to weave and create colorful rubber band bracelets to take home and wear. Space is limited to 20 participants.

**13554** Wed., Nov. 6 5-6 p.m.  
Ages 11-13 Skyline Room A

## The following Library programs do not require advance registration:

### CITY ARTWORK MAQUETTE INTERACTIVE EXHIBITION

To celebrate October Arts Month, Cerritos Library will showcase an interactive exhibition of the sculpture maquettes (models) from the City's Art in Public Places collection. Guests are encouraged to touch the maquettes, as volunteers describe the pieces. Participants will also have an opportunity to create artwork by sculpting with air-dry clay. Everyone is welcome to attend this one-day event, with special efforts made to be inclusive for visually impaired individuals.

Sat., Oct. 5 2-4 p.m.  
All Ages Skyline Room

### THE AMAZING WORLD OF HONEYBEES FAMILY PRESENTATION

The Los Angeles County Beekeepers Association will explore the captivating world of bees during this presentation, and participants will observe a live beehive.

Fri., Oct. 11 3:30 p.m.  
All Ages Little Theater

### TRIO RENACIMIENTO CONCERT

Join us for an evening of extraordinary music that promises to enchant and entertain. Trio Renacimiento will perform to conclude Hispanic Heritage Month. Musicians Oscar Almaguer, Alex Vargas and Gilbert Rodriguez have reinvented Trio Renacimiento's sound, incorporating different genres of music ranging from Boleros, Ballads, Rancheras, Cumbias, Rock en Espanol, English Rock and Oldies.

Tues., Oct. 15 6 p.m.  
All Ages Skyline Room

### BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

The Book Club for Adults will meet for a book discussion. Participants will discuss the book "The Alchemist" by Paulo Coelho. For more information, call (562) 916-1342.

Wed., Oct. 16 11 a.m.-noon Board Room

### FAMILY NIGHT: BRETTSO THE GREAT'S HALLOWEEN SHOW

Brettso The Great's Halloween show is a lively blend of magic and Halloween fun. The show involves the audience and includes enjoyable games. You'll get to meet George the Ghost, who has a great time being silly during the Halloween season and shows off his ghostly tricks. Come and enjoy this entertaining Halloween show that's perfect for the whole family.

Wed., Oct. 16 6 p.m.  
All Ages Skyline Room

### ECHOES OF HERITAGE: THE FILIPINO INFLUENCE ON LOS ANGELES

This panel discussion explores the multifaceted contributions of Filipino communities to the rich tapestry of Los Angeles' history. From early immigrant experiences to contemporary cultural influences, we will delve into how Filipino culture has shaped and been shaped by the diverse landscape of Los Angeles. Interwoven with poetry and spoken word performances, this discussion will highlight Filipino heritage's emotional and artistic dimensions in Los Angeles.

Thurs., Oct. 17 6 p.m.  
All Ages Skyline Room

### ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR KIDS

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

Fri., Oct. 18 11 a.m.-noon & 5-6 p.m.  
Ages 2-12 Art Studio

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## **GAMETIME FOR TWEENS & TEENS**

Join us for an afternoon of open play, featuring Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, Nickelodeon Kart Racer 3, Sonic Superstars and various board games. All games will be used on a first-come, first-served basis.

Wed., Oct. 23 4-5 p.m.  
Ages 12-17 Skyline Room

## **NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: "SUNSET BOULEVARD" (1950)**

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of "Sunset Boulevard," starring William Holden and Gloria Swanson and directed by Billy Wilder, followed by a screening of the film. This film is not rated and has a running time of 110 minutes.

Thurs., Oct. 24 6 p.m.  
18 & Over Skyline Room

## **MEET CHILDREN'S AUTHOR JOCELYN CHUNG**

Join us as we celebrate local author Jocelyn Chung. She will read her story "When Love is More Than Words" and answer audience questions.

Fri., Oct. 25 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
All Ages Little Theater

## **FAMILY MOVIE & CRAFT NIGHT**

Join us for a screening of "Coco" and make two fun crafts for Día De Los Muertos.

Fri., Nov. 1 5:30 p.m.  
All Ages Skyline Room

## **IN-N-OUT COVER TO COVER READING PROGRAM**

The In-N-Out Cover to Cover reading program is back! Children will be awarded a certificate for one free hamburger or cheeseburger for every five books read, for up to three awards! Children between the ages of 4 and 12 with a Cerritos Library Beanstack account and a valid Library card are eligible to participate. If the child cannot read independently, their parent may read to them. Children will use Beanstack to log their reading, either through the app or the website. Children must read and log five books to earn each digital badge (the badge will turn from black-and-white to color once the goal is met). When children earn a badge, they qualify for a Cover to Cover Achievement Award certificate, which can be redeemed for an In-N-Out hamburger or cheeseburger. Children may earn up to three badges and can receive a maximum of three Achievement Award certificates (one per week), while supplies last. The Cover to Cover Program kicks off on Monday, October 7 and will run through Tuesday, November 12.

## **BOOK SALE ON OCTOBER 26**

The Friends of the Cerritos Library will hold a one-day book sale from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 26. A great selection of fiction and nonfiction books, plus books in foreign languages and multimedia items, will be available at bargain prices. Come early for the best selection.

## Library Displays

### **WRITERS' ALLEY**

Comic book writers are master storytellers. Their inventive creativity and vivid power with a pen have captivated generations of readers and inspired dozens of films and television series. The Cerritos Library is delighted to exhibit works by some of the most influential and groundbreaking comic book writers. These works from comic book history will be on display throughout the library in the main lobby, local history room, and the multimedia area through October 31. This exhibition features many pieces from Cerritos resident Allen Montgomery's collection.

## Seniors invited to Health and Wellness Fair

The Cerritos Senior Center's annual Health and Wellness Fair will be held on Friday, October 4 at the Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. The fair starts at 8:30 a.m. for Cerritos residents and 9 a.m. for non-residents. The event ends at noon, and the entire Senior Center, including the Fitness Center will close immediately following the event. Routine Senior Center activities and classes will not occur on this day, and many programs the day before will end at 1 p.m.

The annual fair links seniors to resources that encourage a healthy, well-rounded approach to aging. Seniors age 50 years and older may participate in the screenings. A photo I.D. with current address is required to register and participate.

The Cerritos Senior Center is located at 12340 South Street in Cerritos. For more information, call (562) 916-8550. ■



## Join Neighborhood Watch

Residents are encouraged to join the Neighborhood Watch in Cerritos, a joint effort by community members and the Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center to fight crime and protect property. One of the oldest crime-prevention programs, it 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 – to simplify communication among participants. 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 resident 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 crime trends and 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 [safercerritos.com](http://safercerritos.com). ■

## Entries sought for Kids Poster Contest

The City of Cerritos is hosting a Kids Poster Contest with the theme "Unveiling the Magic of Parks through Art." The contest is open to Cerritos residents ages 5 to 14 and students in the ABC Unified School District, Valley Christian Schools or Bellflower Unified School District.

Entries must be original artwork, no larger than 11 inches by 17 inches, and may feature any drawing or painting materials (pencils, chalks, pastels, crayons, watercolors and/or acrylics). Do not mat, mount or frame the posters. Include the artist's name, age, address and phone number on the back of the poster or use the official entry form available on the home page at [cerritos.gov](http://cerritos.gov). Completed entries must be delivered to the Recreation Services Division at City Hall by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16.

Winning posters will be displayed on the City's website at [cerritos.gov](http://cerritos.gov) starting Monday, November 4 through the end of the month. For more information, call the Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254. ■

## 988 hotline helps those in mental health crisis

The federal hotline 988 is a lifeline for people struggling with mental-health emergencies.

Offered as an alternative to 911, the 988 hotline quickly routes callers to the National Suicide Prevention & Mental Health Crisis Lifeline, which provides confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, seven days a week, throughout the United States.

A trained crisis worker answers the phone, listens to the callers, provides support, and gets callers the help that they need. ■

## Building permits required for home improvements

City approval and a building permit are required for most home-improvement projects in Cerritos. City staff and inspectors ensure that updates to a property enhance its value and are appropriate for the neighborhood and safe for residents. Among the projects that require a permit are:

- Air conditioners
- Dishwashers
- Electrical changes
- Landscaping
- New block walls
- New fences
- New wood siding
- New windows/trim
- Painting
- Patios/Patio covers
- Paving
- Plumbing changes
- Roofing
- Room additions
- Spas
- Sprinkler systems
- Stucco work
- Swimming pools
- Water heaters

If you are considering any other home-improvement projects, contact the Community Development Department at (562) 916-1201 to find out if there are any City requirements that apply. For more information, visit the City's website at [cerritos.us](http://cerritos.us). Click on the "Residents" tab and go to "Home Care/Regulations." Planning approval and building permits are available online. ■