

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.gov.

CLASSES/RACER ONLINE REGISTRATION TIPS

To check the availability or to register for classes, please visit the Cerritos website at cerritos.gov 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.gov

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

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

PHONE REGISTRATION

Call (562) 916-1388

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

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

WALK-IN REGISTRATION

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

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

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

14284 Thurs., Mar. 20
14285 Thurs., Mar. 27
14286 Thurs., Apr. 3

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

14287 Sat., Mar. 8

STORYTIME SPOTLIGHT:

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Join us for a special storytime to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and legacy! We'll read inspiring stories about his dream for equality and justice, followed by a hands-on craft to help children reflect on kindness, peace and making the world a better place. Space is limited to 15 participants.

14203 Tues., Jan. 14 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 4-8 Little Theater

STEAM AFTERNOONS

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

14290 Fri., Mar. 7 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 8-12 Art Studio

14291 Fri., Mar. 14 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 8-12 Art Studio

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CRAFT

Join us for a fun craft celebrating St. Patrick's Day! Space is limited to 18 participants.

14288 Mon., Mar. 10 5:15-6:15 p.m.
Ages 7-12 Art Studio

WORKING TOGETHER STORYTIME

DoodleBugs Animal Adventures presents a storytime where participants learn how plants and animals help each other. Children will listen to exciting stories, sing songs, and see live animals. Space is limited to 30 participants.

14289 Thurs., Mar. 13 11 a.m.
Ages 5 and under Little Theater

MOSAIC WORKSHOP FOR KIDS

Learn the art of pique assiette, a style of mosaic using recycled materials with various textures, colors and patterns, in a workshop presented by artist Dawn Mendelson. Each participant will create a small heart-shaped piece using repurposed ceramic and scrap glass. All materials are included. The fee is \$5 per child. Space is limited to 15 participants.

14292 Tues., Mar. 18 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Ages 8-12 Art Studio

STAY & PLAY PROGRAM

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

14293 Fri., Mar. 21 11 a.m.-noon
Ages 2-5 Little Theater

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. No class on April 21.

14294 Mon.,
Mar. 31-May 12 11 a.m.
Ages 6-25 mos. 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. No class on April 22.

14295 Tues.,
Apr. 1-May 13 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. No class on April 22 & April 23.

14296 Tues.,
Apr. 1-May 13 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Grades 1-3 Art Studio

14297 Wed.,
Apr. 2-May 14 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Grades 3-6 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. No class on April 23.

14300 Wed.,
Apr. 2-May 14 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Ages 6-8 Little Theater

CLASSIC EDUCATIONAL BOARD GAMES FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

Students will be introduced and learn to play different games with a tutor and other students. These games will stimulate your child's vocabulary, math and geography knowledge, and critical thinking skills. They will learn to follow rules and directions, while improving social behavior, and have fun. A parent or designated individual must sign students in and out of each class meeting. Space is limited to 12 participants per class meeting. No class on April 24.

14302 Thurs.,
Apr. 3-May 15 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Ages 8-12 Art Studio

March Manga Madness

Join us for a fun month filled with exciting manga activities!

SPOTLIGHT STORYTIME: POKÉMON

Join us for a fun story time filled with Pokémon books and fun, followed by a Pokémon-inspired craft! Space is limited to 15 participants.

14303 Sat., Mar. 15
11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Ages 4-9 Little Theater/
Art Studio

ANIME CANVAS PAINTING

Paint your favorite anime character on a canvas frame! Space is limited to 12 participants.

14304 Thurs., Mar. 20 4-5 p.m.
Ages 8-15 Art Studio

MANGA STICKER BOMBING

Make fun manga and anime-themed folders by adding manga panels, stickers and icons in a method called sticker bombing. Space is limited to 20 participants.

14305 Fri., Mar. 21 4-5 p.m.
Ages 12-16 Art Studio

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POKÉMON FAUX STAINED GLASS FOR TWEENS & TEENS

Tweens and teens will create a faux stained glass piece using a picture frame, acrylic markers and a Pokémon template. Materials will be provided. Space is limited to 15 participants.

14306 Mon., Mar. 31 5:15-6:15 p.m.
Ages 10-15 Art Studio

ANIME FILM: "PRINCESS MONONOKE" (1997)

Join us for a screening of "Princess Mononoke," directed by Hayao Miyazaki. This film explores the delicate balance between humanity and nature through the story of Ashitaka and his encounters with the mystical creatures of the forest. This movie has a running time of 134 minutes and it is rated PG-13.

Tues., Mar. 18 3:45 p.m.
Ages 13 and up Skyline Room

SILENT MANGA TRIVIA

Test your knowledge of manga trivia in a friendly competition. Join us in the Teen Studio, where we will display trivia questions on the monitors. Participants can join quietly using their smartphones or the Library's computers by accessing a QR code or website URL that will be provided. Prizes will be awarded to the winners! No registration is required.

Tues., Mar. 25 3:45 p.m.
Ages 13-18 Teen Studio

MANGA FAMILY COLORING AFTERNOON

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

Sat., Mar. 29 1-2 p.m.
All Ages Art Studio

The following Library programs do not require advance registration:

WEST AFRICAN KORA CONCERT

Sean Gaskell will give a performance and educational demonstration on the kora, an ancient 21-stringed harp from West Africa. He will feature traditional songs that are the heart and soul of the kora's musical repertoire in addition to some of his own personal compositions.

Mon., Mar. 3 7 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

ASTRONOMY NIGHT 2025

Astronomy Night features a presentation on what we can view in the night sky, astrophotos by the Orange County Astronomers Club and an opportunity to view celestial bodies through telescopes. Participants will enjoy robotic demonstrations by the Cerritos High School Robotics Club, make their own astrophotos in the Hi-Tech Lab and view an exhibit of astrophotos by local Cerritos photographer Trung Nguy.

Wed., Mar. 5 6-8:30 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room and Terrace

BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

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

Wed., Mar. 19 11 a.m.-noon Board Room

NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: "FIELD OF DREAMS" (1989)

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of "Field of Dreams," starring Kevin Costner with James Earl Jones and Ray Liotta, followed by a screening of the film. This film is rated PG and has a running time of 107 minutes.

Thurs., Mar. 20 6 p.m.
Ages 18 & Over Skyline Room

MEET CHILDREN'S AUTHOR APRIL SHOWERS

April Showers is a pioneering entrepreneur and the founder of Afro Unicorn, the first Black woman-owned fully licensed character brand in major retail. Join us for a special storytime and discussion of Shower's latest graphic novel, "Afro Unicorn: Afronia Academy, Vol. 2." The Cerritos Library is pleased to partner with Mija Books which will have copies of her books available for purchase.

Fri., Mar. 28 3:30 p.m.
All Ages Little Theater

MATH HOMEWORK HELP

An after-school mathematics homework help program will be offered for elementary aged students. 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 April 21.

Mon., Mar. 31-May 12
3:45-4:45 p.m.
Grades 1-6 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 30 participants. No class on April 21.

Mon., Mar. 31-May 12
5:15 p.m.
Ages 4-6 Little Theater

ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR KIDS

A free hands-on spring craft will be held for ages 2-12. This craft will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes. For more information, call (562) 916-1343.

Fri., Apr. 4 11 a.m.-12 p.m. & 5-6 p.m.
Ages 2-12 Art Studio

WRITERS FESTIVAL PRESENTED BY FRIENDS OF THE CERRITOS LIBRARY

The Friends of the Cerritos Library second annual Writers Festival will be presented from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 29 in the Library's Skyline Room. The event features a high tea experience with a lunch by Porto's bakery, and an author panel discussion followed by a book signing. Registration is \$60 for members of the Friends of the Cerritos Library and \$70 for non-members. Featured authors include Amy Meyerson ("The Love Scribe"), Elise Bryant

("It's Elementary"), Jennifer Coburn ("The Girls of the Glimmer Factory"), María Amparo Escandón ("L.A. Weather"), Melissa Chadburn ("A Tiny Upward Shove"), and Naomi Hirahara ("Evergreen"). Registration for members of the Friends begins on Saturday, February 15 and registration for non-members opens on Saturday, March 1. Guests can register online at friendsofthecerritoslibrary.eventbrite.com or by mailing a check to Friends of the City of Cerritos Library P.O. Box 3876 Cerritos, CA 90703. Payments submitted by check should include a note of the guests' names and phone number or email address. Proceeds from this event will support the Friends of the Cerritos Library's mission to promote the library in the community and raise funds for library programs and services. For more information, please contact the Friends President Shiva Bhatt at 562-714-4480 or e-mail shivabhatt@gmail.com.

CONTESTS FOR TALENTED TEENS

The 26th 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 28 at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Librarian Pedro Orellana at (562) 916-1342.

Themes and Specifications:

Art: "My Heritage" (No larger than 12" x 18" and using any medium)

Photography: "Capture the Mood" (No larger than 8" x 10")

Poetry: "Hope" (Up to 50 lines)

Short Story: "Heroes" (No more than 500 words)

Library Displays

THE COSMOS — AS SEEN FROM CERRITOS

Photographer Trung Nguy presents a cosmic photo gallery of astronomical images photographed from his home in Cerritos. Nguy captures interstellar images using advanced techniques to minimize the effects of light pollution. The exhibit will be on display in the main lobby of the Library beginning March 1 and runs through the end of April.

FOLD FOR LIFE ORIGAMI

Fold for Life: Raising Kidney Health Awareness Through Origami will be presented by Sohum Bhargava and the Circle of Core Kidney Foundation. Explore educational displays, read inspiring stories from kidney transplant recipients and donors and view stunning origami art, including modular pieces collaboratively created by kidney patients to symbolize the complexity and resilience of kidney function. Learn how to care for your kidneys, adopt healthier habits and discover the impact of organ donation. This display will be in the local history room through the month of March.