



CITY OF CERRITOS



October 2026

Cerritos Library News

Your Cerritos Digital Newsletter

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.

Storytimes

Cerritos Library’s 30 to 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. For children ages 5 and younger.

Thu	10/8	11AM	5 & Younger	Little Theater	#18037
Thu	10/15	11AM	5 & Younger	Little Theater	#18038
Thu	10/22	11AM	5 & Younger	Little Theater	#18039
Thu	11/5	11AM	5 & Younger	Little Theater	#18040

Meet the Author Gigi Leung Lee-chi

Join us for a special event featuring Gigi Leung Lee-chi, author of “Everyday Movement,” and translator Jennifer Feeley for a conversation on fiction, translation, and the responsibility of carrying Hong Kong stories across different languages. Set during and in the aftermath of Hong Kong protests, the collection explores how authoritarian pressure, migration, political disappointment, and collective trauma enter the most intimate spaces of daily life. Following the conversation, there will be a Q&A and a book signing. Books will be available for purchase from BelCanto Books. Registration is required as space is limited.

Thu	10/15	6PM	Ages 18+	Skyline Room	#18047
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Afternoon Crafts for Tweens & Teens

Join us for a fun Halloween-themed craft session. Space is limited to 14 participants.

Thu	10/22	3:45-4:45PM	Ages 11-17	Art Studio	#18041
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LEGO® DUPLO® Club

Children will build and create LEGO® DUPLO® creations using DUPLO® building blocks. Participants will enhance their fine motor skills through hands-on activities. Space is limited to 12 participants.

Fri	10/23	11AM-12PM	Ages 2-4	Little Theater	#18042
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Día De Los Muertos: 3D Printed Sugar Skulls

Celebrate the Day of the Dead by decorating your own 3D-printed skull. Supplies will be included. Space is limited to 15 participants.

Wed	10/28	5:15-6PM	Ages 8-12	Art Studio	#18043
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Halloween Storytime

Join us for a special Halloween storytime featuring stories, pumpkins, crafts, and trick-or-treating. Participants are encouraged to wear costumes. Space is limited to 25 participants. Supplies for this event are generously sponsored by Trader Joe’s and Walmart in Cerritos.

Thu	10/29	11AM	5 & Younger	Little Theat./Art Stu.	#18044
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STEM Afternoon

Join us for a fun STEM activity led by Tinkerwell, a student-led volunteer organization dedicated to providing hands-on engineering experiences and making STEM subjects engaging, interactive, and accessible. Space is limited to 20 participants.

Thu	10/29	4:30-5:30PM	Ages 8-12	Art Studio	#18045
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Programs: *Drop-In*

Drop-in programs do not require advance registration and space is limited
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Inktober October Program

Join us for the #Inktober 2026 drawing challenge, a celebration of creativity and ink illustration. Participants will create drawings inspired by a prompt, sharpen their drawing and inking skills, and share ideas with fellow artists. This session includes time to work on the prompt, and enjoy a relaxed, creative environment. All skill levels are welcome. Drawing supplies, including pens and paper, will be provided by the library.

Tue	10/6	4-5PM	Ages 11-17	Teen Studio	Drop-in
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Meet the Authors Sam Quinones and Gustavo Arellano

Join author and journalist Sam Quinones and writer Gustavo Arellano for a conversation about Quinones’ first book of photojournalism, “Our Lady of the Angels: The Virgin of Guadalupe on the Walls of Los Angeles,” published by Angel City Press. Arellano, who wrote the book’s introduction, will moderate the discussion.

On storefronts, alleyways, and street corners across Los Angeles, murals of the Virgin of Guadalupe reflect the faith, identity, and culture of the city’s diverse communities. Through Quinones’ photographs, “Our Lady of the Angels” documents these urban altars and explores the intersections of spirituality, street art, and community. The collection offers a visual journey through the neighborhoods of Los Angeles, where images of the Virgin have become enduring expressions of devotion, culture, and place. Books will be available for purchase.

Thu	10/8	6PM	All Ages	Skyline Room	Drop-in
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Arts and Crafts for Kids

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

Fri	10/9	11AM-12PM	Ages 2-12	Art Studio	Drop-in
Fri	10/9	5PM	Ages 2-12	Art Studio	Drop-in

Family Movie and Craft: “Encanto”

Join us for a family movie night featuring “Encanto” and a fun craft activity. This film is rated PG and has a runtime of 99 minutes.

Fri	10/9	5:30PM	All Ages	Skyline Room	Drop-in
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Video Game Tournament: Marvel vs. Capcom

Join us for an exciting Marvel vs. Capcom tournament featuring fast-paced, friendly competition. Whether you’re a seasoned player or a first-timer, everyone is welcome to test their skills. Don’t miss this opportunity to compete, connect with fellow gamers, and have a great time at the library!

Tue	10/20	4-5PM	Ages 13-17	Hi Tech Lab	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 “A Night to Remember” by Walter Lord. For more information, please call [\(562\) 916-1342](tel:5629161342).

Wed	10/21	11AM	Ages 18+	Board Room	Drop-in
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Something in the Water: Next Chapter

Something in the Water: Next Chapter brings together and celebrates the music, dance, visual art, and creative culture explored throughout the Something in the Water series. Building on previous programs featuring Cerritos artists, DJs, dancers, and other creatives, this special event revisits the people, stories, and cultural movements that have helped shape Cerritos and the surrounding communities. Part celebration, part exhibition, and part community gathering, Something in the Water: Next Chapter honors Cerritos’ creativity and cultural legacy while bringing together the series’ many chapters and looking toward what comes next.

Thu	10/22	6-11PM	All Ages	Skyline Room	Drop-in
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Meet Children’s Author Leah Villanueva Viray

Join us for a special Q&A session with Filipina Canadian American children’s book author Leah Villanueva Viray, creator of the “Oh, My Gulay!” Filipino-language workbook series. Designed for Filipino diaspora families and curious learners of all ages, the workbooks reflect Viray’s passion for her heritage, family, language, and the communities that sustain Filipino culture around the world. Copies of the workbooks will be available for purchase.

Fri	10/23	3:30PM	All Ages	Little Theater	Drop-in
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Friends of the Cerritos Library Booksale

The Friends of the Cerritos Library will hold their Fall booksale on Saturday, October 24. 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	10/24	11AM-4:30PM	All Ages	Craftsman Area	Drop-in
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Anime Film: “Princess Mononoke”

While seeking to cure himself of a curse, young warrior Ashitaka becomes caught in a conflict between the people of Iron Town and Princess Mononoke, a girl raised by wolves who will stop at nothing to save her home from destruction. This film is rated PG-13 and has a running time of 133 minutes.

Thu	10/29	3:45PM	Ages 13+	Skyline Room	Drop-in
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Children’s Art & Short Story Contest

The Friends of the Cerritos Library is sponsoring 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).

In-N-Out Cover to Cover Reading Program

The In-N-Out Cover to Cover reading program is back! Children will receive a certificate for one free hamburger or cheeseburger for every five books read, with up to three certificates available! Children ages 4 to 12 with a valid Cerritos Library card and a Beanstack account are eligible to participate. If a child cannot read independently, a parent or guardian may read to them. Participants will log their reading through the Beanstack app or website. For every five books logged, a digital badge will be earned. Each badge will turn from black and white to color once the reading 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. Participants may earn up to three badges and receive a maximum of three certificates, limited to one per week, while supplies last. The Cover to Cover Reading Program begins on Monday, October 5, and runs through Monday, November 16. Children must be present to receive their certificate. Children may collect their Achievement Awards certificates starting on Monday, October 12.

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HomeworkCA by Tutor.com

HomeworkCA provides Free, 24/7 online tutoring for students in grades K–12 and is available to Cerritos Library cardholders. Provided by the California State Library through the Pacific Library Partnership, this service is available through participating public libraries statewide. Cerritos Library cardholders have access to tutoring in more than 250 subjects, as well as a wide range of test preparation materials from The Princeton Review. Patrons can access HomeworkCA by visiting library.cerritos.gov. The service will be available October 1, 2026 through July 31, 2027.

Filipino American History Month Book Display

Celebrate Filipino American History Month with a special book display highlighting Filipino American history, culture, and experiences. Explore works by Filipino American authors and discover stories that reflect the rich heritage, contributions, and diverse experiences of the Filipino American community. Visit the display in the library’s Local History Room throughout the month of October.

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FALL BOOK SALE

An illustration of a man in a yellow shirt and grey pants carrying a large stack of books. A small dog is walking alongside him. In the background, there is a large tree with yellow and orange leaves, and several leaves are falling. The scene is set on a grassy hill with a brown path.

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Thu	10/1	11AM	Resident registration begins
Thu	10/8	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)

Thu	10/1	11AM	Resident registration begins
Thu	10/8	11AM	Non-Resident registration begins

Walk-In Registration

Fri	10/2	11AM	Resident registration begins
Thu	10/8	11AM	Non-Resident registration begins

For More Information

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Library Hours

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

Library Closures

No October holiday closures