

February 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., Feb. 1 at 11 a.m.**

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

PHONE REGISTRATION

Call (562) 916-1388

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

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

WALK-IN REGISTRATION

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

Non-Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Sat., Feb. 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. For more information, call (562) 916-1343. Space is limited to 40 participants.

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

- 14224 Thurs., Feb. 13
- 14227 Thurs., Feb. 20
- 14228 Thurs., Feb. 27
- 14229 Thurs., Mar. 6

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

- 14236 Sat., Feb. 8

POKE ART FLOWER BOUQUET

Children will create a colorful bouquet using poke art, fabric scraps and foam flowers. Space is limited to 15 participants.

- 14230 Tues., Feb. 11 5:15-6:15 p.m.
Ages 10-13 Art Studio

VALENTINE'S DAY CARD AND CRAFT

Design a special Valentine's Day card and a personalized craft for all your Valentine needs! Space is limited to 10 participants.

- 14232 Thurs., Feb. 13 5:15-6:15 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.

- 14233 Fri., Feb. 21 11 a.m.-noon
Ages 2-5 Little Theater

PRESIDENTIAL BINGO

Come and play Bingo with a presidential twist. Space is limited to 15 participants.

- 14234 Fri., Feb. 21 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 7-9 Art Studio

INTRODUCTION TO PYTHON FOR KIDS

The Whitney High School Computer Science Club presents an introductory course on Python programming. This class includes interactive and practical lessons designed for students with a basic understanding of Python. Space is limited to 20 participants.

- 14235 Fri., Feb. 28-Mar. 28
5 p.m.
Ages 8-12 Hi-Tech Lab

The following Library programs do not require advance registration:

CHOCOLATE TRUFFLE DEMONSTRATION

Join us for a fun demonstration and learn to make chocolate truffles with Chef Vina.

- Thurs., Feb. 6 6 p.m.
Ages 18 and Over Skyline Room

ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR KIDS

A free hands-on Valentine's Day craft will be held for children ages 2-12. This craft will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes.

- Fri., Feb. 7 11 a.m.-noon & 5-6 p.m.
Ages 2-12 Art Studio

BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

The Book Club for Adults will meet for a book discussion. Participants will discuss the book "Let Us Descend" by Jesmyn Ward. For more information, call (562) 916-1342.

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

SUPER SMASH BROS. TOURNAMENT

Show off your skills and compete against fellow gamers in a high-energy, friendly competition. Space is limited to 15 participants.

- Wed., Feb. 19 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Ages 13-17 Hi-Tech Lab

FAMILY NIGHT: PARTY PUPPET SHOW'S FAIRYTALE ADVENTURES

Join Whiskers the Cat and his Party Puppet friends as they share fairytale stories, comedy and music.

- Wed., Feb. 19 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: "BIG" (1988)

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of "Big," starring Tom Hanks and Elizabeth Perkins, followed by a screening of the film. This film is rated PG and has a running time of 104 minutes.

- Tues., Feb. 25 6 p.m.
Ages 18 and Over Skyline Room

SOUTHERN AND SOUL FOOD DEMONSTRATION

Learn the magic behind soul food with a demonstration featuring staff from Georgia's Restaurant.

- Wed., Feb. 26 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

WEST AFRICAN KORA CONCERT

Sean Gaskell will give a performance and educational demonstration on the kora, an ancient 21-stringed harp from West Africa.

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

ASTRONOMY NIGHT 2025

Enjoy astrophotos by the Orange County Astronomers Club and viewing of celestial bodies through telescopes. Cerritos High School Robotics Club will present demonstrations. Make astrophotos in the Hi-Tech Lab and view an exhibit of astrophotos.

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

ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR KIDS

A free hands-on St. Patrick's Day craft will be held in the Art Studio for children ages 2-12. This craft will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes.

- Fri., Mar. 7 11 a.m. -12 p.m. & 5-6 p.m.
Ages 2-12 Art Studio

"LUNAR NEW YEAR: READ WITH ME"

Children ages 4-12 will receive a free Panda Express Kid's Meal coupon after reading five books through the "Lunar New Year: Read With Me" Reading Challenge. The challenge takes place through Monday, February 10 and registration is through Beanstack. The coupon is limited to one per child and is available while supplies last.

African American History Month Lecture Series

Celebrate African American History Month with special lectures featuring Dr. M. Keith Claybrook, Jr., Associate Professor, Department of Africana Studies at California State University, Long Beach, Dr. Alice Nicholas, Africologist and Assistant Professor, Department of Africana Studies at California State University, Long Beach and Dr. Natalie Sartin, Department Chair of Black/Africana Studies at Cerritos College.

"PUTTING IN THE WORK":

AFRICAN AMERICAN LABOR AND RESISTANCE

Learn about African American resistance labor in the United States, including abolitionist, civil rights and student activism, as models of liberation work. This panel is dedicated to minister Malcolm X in recognition of the anniversary of his martyrdom and commitment to liberation work.

- Tues., Feb. 4 6 p.m.
Ages 14 and Over Skyline Room

AFRICAN AMERICAN LITERATURE AS LABOR AND RESISTANCE

Within the context of the African American literary tradition, this presentation will examine Frederick Douglass's "Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass" and Harriet A. Jacobs's "Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl" as unequivocal forms of labor and resistance essential to the abolitionist movement and ending enslavement. Presented by Dr. Natalie Sartin.

- Thurs., Feb. 13 6 p.m.
Ages 14 and Over Skyline Room

WOMEN'S WORK: BLACK WOMEN AND THE STRUGGLE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

This presentation applies an Afrocentric womanist approach to the exploration of women's work as activism, and examines the liberation work of

Calendar of Events

- January 17 • **Filipino Seniors of Cerritos**, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on February 7 and 21. Contact Mayette Centeno at (562) 331-0938.
- January 18 • **Cerritos Certified Farmers Market**, 8 a.m.-noon, northwest parking lot of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Also on January 25, February 1, 8, 15, and 22.
- January 20 • **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
• **City Hall, City Clerk's Office, Library, Senior Center, and CCPA Box Office closed**
• **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Ceremony**, 10 a.m., Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts Sierra Room.
- January 21 • **ABC Unified School District Board** meeting, 7 p.m., 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos. Also on February 4.
• **Cerritos Chinese-American Senior Citizens Association**, 1-4 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on January 28, February 4, 11, 18, and 25. Contact Katie Yen at (562) 833-6711.
• **Cerritos Folk Dancers**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on January 28, February 4, 11, 18, and 25. Contact Wen Chang at (626) 500-5035.
• **The "Original" Happy Seniors of Cerritos**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on January 28, February 4, 11, 18, and 25. Contact Lucita Cordero at (714) 947-6456.
- January 22 • **Let Freedom Ring Committee** meeting, 7 p.m., Heritage Park.
- January 23 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber. Also on February 13 and 27.
• **Cerritos Optimist Club**, 7 a.m., Denny's, 16907 Pioneer Blvd., Artesia. Also on February 3, 13, and 27. Contact Harold Bazarian at (562) 884-2913.
• **Cerritos (Mid-City) Korean-American Senior Citizens Association**, 9 a.m.-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. February 6, 13, 20, and 27. Contact Kyo Kim at (562) 900-9382.
• **Saahas for Cause**, 2-3 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Saahasforcause.org.
• **Cerritos Indo-American Seniors**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on February 6, 13, 20, and 27. Contact Arvind Patel at (562) 322-0085.
• **Da' Hawaii Seniors Club**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on February 13 and 27. Contact Carmelita Tiongson at (562) 305-7995.
• **Formosa Senior Association**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on February 6, 13, 20, and 27. Contact Christine Lee at (213) 219-1430.
- January 27 • **Cerritos Gadabouts**, 9 a.m.-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on February 3, 10, and 24. Contact Richard Taylor at (323) 712-0392.
- January 28 • **Property Preservation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber. Also on February 25.
- February 1 • **Festival of Friendship**, noon, Los Cerritos Center.
- February 5 • **Planning Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber
• **Friends of the 1st CEB**, 6 p.m., Liberty Park. Contact Chuck Sooter at (562) 860-8174.
- February 6 • **Parks and Recreation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
• **Bellflower Unified School District Board** meeting, 4 p.m., 16703 S. Clark Avenue, Bellflower. Also on February 20.
- February 11 • **Cerritos Republican Club**, 6 p.m., Malibu Room at Cerritos Park East. Contact sdjpr59@aol.com or visit cerritos-republican.org.
- February 12 • **Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos**, 6-8 p.m., 11306 183rd Street, Suite 101, Cerritos. Contact Jennifer Hong at (562) 964-9388.
- February 13 • **Woman's Club of Artesia-Cerritos**, 11 a.m., Cerritos Park East. Contact Rhonda Burd at (562) 843-2468.
- February 17 • **Presidents' Day**
• **City Hall, City Clerk's Office, Library, Senior Center, and CCPA Box Office closed.**
- February 22 • **Friends of the Cerritos Library Book Sale**, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Cerritos Library. Also on February 23, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

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Georgia Gilmore and how her "Club From Nowhere" helped to fund and feed the civil rights movement. Presented by Dr. Alice Nicholas.

Thurs., Feb. 20 6 p.m.
Ages 14 and Over Skyline Room

THE INTELLECTUAL-WORK OF BLACK STUDENT ACTIVISTS

This presentation examines Black students' activism past and present. Their activism is understood as intellectual work that links theory and practice. Presented by Dr. M. Keith Claybrook, Jr.

Thurs., Feb. 27 6 p.m.
Ages 14 and Over Skyline Room

BOOK SALE SET FOR FEBRUARY 22 & 23

The Friends of the Cerritos Library will hold a book sale on Saturday, February 22 and Sunday, February 23. The sale will be held from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 22. On Sunday, February 23, the Friends will hold a fill-a-bag sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (\$4 per bag for Friend members and \$5 per bag for non-members.) Come early for the best selection.

WRITERS FESTIVAL ON MARCH 29

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 refreshments by Porto's bakery and an author panel discussion. Registration is \$60 for members of the Friends of the Cerritos Library and \$70 for non-members. Featured authors include Amy Meyerson, Elise Bryant, Jennifer Coburn, María Amparo Escandón, Melissa Chadburn, and Naomi Hirahara. Registration for members of the Friends begins on Saturday, February 15 and registration for non-members opens on Saturday, March 1. 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. Proceeds from this event will support the Friends of the Cerritos Library. For more information, please contact the Friends President Shiva Bhatt at 562-714-4480 or email to shivabhatter@gmail.com.

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