

January 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 **Thurs., Jan. 2 at 11 a.m.**

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

PHONE REGISTRATION

Call (562) 916-1388

Cerritos Resident phone registration for all programs listed begins **Fri., Jan. 3 at 11 a.m.**

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

WALK-IN REGISTRATION

Cerritos Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Thurs., Jan. 2 at 11 a.m.**

Non-Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Wed., Jan. 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

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| 14197 | Thurs., Jan. 9 |
| 14198 | Thurs., Jan. 16 |
| 14199 | Thurs., Jan. 23 |
| 14200 | Thurs., Jan. 30 |
| 14201 | Thurs., Feb. 6 |

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

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| 14202 | Sat., Jan. 11 |
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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.

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

DUPLO LEGO CLUB

Children will build LEGO DUPLO creations using DUPLO building blocks. Little ones will make and create while improving their motor skills. Space is limited to 12 participants.

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| 14204 | Fri., Jan. 17 | 11 a.m.-noon |
| | Ages 2-4 | Little Theater |

FOIL ART PROGRAM

Children will create artwork out of foil crafting paper. Space is limited to 15 participants.

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| 14205 | Fri., Jan. 17 | 4-5 p.m. |
| | Ages 6-9 | Art Studio |

AI & CYBERSECURITY CLASS WITH UNITEDTECH

Join us for a tech adventure where students explore how AI works, learn about online safety and tackle cybersecurity challenges. Through hands-on activities, like chatbots and simulated cyber-attacks, youngsters will think critically about technology in an engaging environment. Participants will be led by Whitney High School students from UnitedTech, an organization aiming to educate the community about next-generation technologies. Space is limited to 20 participants.

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| 14206 | Fri., Jan. 17-Feb. 14 | 5 p.m. |
| | Ages 8-12 | Hi-Tech Lab |

3D PRINTING CLASS

Explore the basics of 3D printing using TinkerCad to create winter-related projects. Participants will each go home with a 3D preprinted surprise item. All participants must have a TinkerCad account. Space is limited to 10 participants.

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| 14207 | Tues., Jan. 21 | 4-5 p.m. |
| | Ages 9-12 | Hi-Tech Lab |

DIY ANIMAL NIGHTLIGHT DECORATING CLASS

Children will paint and decorate their own animal-themed nightlight. Space is limited to 10 participants.

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| 14208 | Fri., Jan. 24 | 4-5 p.m. |
| | Ages 7-12 | Art Studio |

KABUKI SUSHI CLASS

Children are invited to enjoy a hands-on sushi demonstration featuring staff from Benihana restaurant. A chef will introduce participants to the fun of sushi making and provide hands-on instructions for assembling some signature Benihana rolls. A parent or guardian is required to sign a waiver to attend this class. Waivers will be completed 10 minutes prior to the start of the class. Space is limited to 22 participants.

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| 14209 | Tues., Jan. 28 | 3:30-4:30 p.m. |
| | Ages 7-12 | Skyline Room A |

LUNAR NEW YEAR GREETING CARD CRAFT

Children will decorate and create a pop-up Lunar New Year greeting card. Space is limited to 20 participants.

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| 14210 | Fri., Jan. 31 | 4-5 p.m. |
| | Ages 7-12 | Art Studio |

VALENTINE'S PERLER BEADS FOR TWEENS & TEENS

Participants will create a Valentine's Day-themed art piece using Perler beads. Space is limited to 10 participants.

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| 14211 | Fri., Feb. 7 | 3:45-4:45 p.m. |
| | Ages 10-14 | Art Studio |

The following Library programs do not require advance registration:

ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR KIDS

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

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| Fri., Jan. 10 | 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 "Whiskey Tender," by Deborah Jackson Taffa. For more information, call (562) 916-1340.

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| Wed., Jan. 15 | 11 a.m.-noon | Board Room |
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FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT

All ages are welcome to enjoy a fun evening of STEM-related demonstrations and activities conducted by the Whitney High School STEM Club.

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| Tues., Jan. 21 | 6 p.m. | All Ages Skyline Room |
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NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: "FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE" (1963)

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of "From Russia With Love," starring Sean Connery, followed by a screening of the film. This film is rated PG and has a running time of 115 minutes.

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| Thurs., Jan. 23 | 6 p.m. | Ages 18 and Over Skyline Room |
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EMOTIONAL WELLBEING AND STRESS WORKSHOP

Los Angeles County Mental Health will lead a workshop exploring causes of stress, its effects on your body and how to cope with it. Participants will learn about the impact stress can have on mental and physical health and how to manage stress in a healthy and productive way.

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| Mon., Jan. 27 | 6 p.m. | Ages 18 & Over Skyline Room |
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PAJAMA NIGHT

Come in your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed toy! Enjoy stories, songs and a short DVD. Don't forget to bring your pillows and blankets. Parents, wear your pajamas too!

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| Wed., Jan. 29 | 6 p.m. | All Ages Skyline Room |
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CHINESE FOLK AND CLASSICAL DANCE

Students of all ages from Ling's Dance Academy will perform various award-winning Chinese folk and classical dances. The academy is well-known in the Chinese Dance community for its regular performances and student achievement in regional and national dance competitions.

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| Fri., Jan. 31 | 7 p.m. | All Ages Skyline Room |
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CHOCOLATE TRUFFLE DEMONSTRATION

Attention chocolate lovers! Join us for a fun demonstration where you can learn to make chocolate truffles with Chef Vina.

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

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| Fri., Feb. 7 | 11 a.m.-noon & 5-6 p.m. | Ages 2-12 Art Studio |
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“LUNAR NEW YEAR: READ WITH ME” READING CHALLENGE

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. Parents or guardians may read with their children who are not yet reading on their own. The challenge takes place Friday, January 10 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

Please join the Cerritos Library as we 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. These lectures will examine the extensive history of various forms of African American resistance labor in the United States, including abolitionist efforts, civil rights activism, and student movements. We will explore these as examples of liberation work and cultural movements that encompass the broader African diaspora.

“PUTTING IN THE WORK”: AFRICAN AMERICAN LABOR AND RESISTANCE – USING THE PAST AND PRESENT AS A BLUEPRINT FOR THE FUTURE

This presentation provides an overview of the various iterations of African American resistance labor in the United States, i.e., abolitionist, civil rights, and student activism, as models of liberation work. This first panel is dedicated to minister Malcolm X in recognition of the anniversary of his martyrdom and commitment to liberation work. This discussion will include a brief introduction of the subsequent Black History Month presentations.

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

AFRICAN AMERICAN LITERATURE AS LABOR AND RESISTANCE: AN EXPLORATION OF THE LITERARY WORKS OF FREDERICK DOUGLASS AND HARRIET JACOBS

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 [an

Enslaved] 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 Georgia Gilmore and her “Club From Nowhere.” Presented by Dr. Alice Nicholas.

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

FROM EMMETT TILL TO BREONNA TAYLOR AND BEYOND: 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 inside the library, near the Craftsman Area. 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. 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.

Library Displays

“CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY” EXHIBIT BY ARTIST TAYO JOYCE

“Celebrating Black History” highlights noteworthy African Americans who are not widely known. This exhibit features those who acted bravely, pioneered, and excelled in their fields and spread joy to others. The acrylic paintings by Tayo Joyce are infused with colors that help set a mood, as well as lines and shapes that depart from the black-and-white source photos that inspired them. May this exhibit uplift, inform and inspire those who view it. The exhibit will be in the main lobby January 6 through February 24.

Community feedback sought regarding Cerritos Library and Cerritos Senior Center hours of operation

The City of Cerritos invites all residents and patrons to complete surveys regarding their preferences for the hours of operation for the Cerritos Library and Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park.

The surveys are posted on the City’s website at cerritos.gov and physical copies are also available at the Cerritos Library and the Cerritos Senior Center. The surveys were developed in response to input received through the City’s Strategic Plan Community Workshops and will remain open until Friday, January 10, 2025.

Feedback from the community is encouraged and appreciated. ■



Scan the QR code to learn more about the surveys at cerritos.gov/communitysurveys

City to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

The public is invited to join in celebrating the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during a special ceremony on Monday, January 20 at 10 a.m. in the Sierra Room of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA). The free event will include remarks by the Cerritos City Council and community involvement through songs, youth performances, and spoken word poetry. The CCPA is located at 18000 Park Plaza Drive in Cerritos.

As part of the City’s Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration, the Cerritos Library is sponsoring art and writing contests for students. The art contest is open to students in kindergarten through grade 12. Participants may submit one art entry, no larger than 12” x 18,” using any drawing or painting materials.

The writing contest is open to students in grades 7 through 12. Participants may submit one writing entry, which may be a poem or an essay with no more than 300 words, preferably typed on letter-size paper.

All art and writing contest entries should represent the theme of “More Than a Dream.” Contest entry forms are available at the Cerritos Library and on the City’s website at cerritos.gov. Completed art and writing entries must be dropped off at the Cerritos Library by 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8. The library is located at 18025 Bloomfield Avenue.

After judging, selected entries will be recognized at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ceremony and on the City’s website. For more information about the art and writing contests, call the children’s desk at the Cerritos Library at (562) 916-1343. ■

Parking enforcement resumes on January 6

The City’s overnight parking restrictions and enforcement will resume on Monday, January 6. Permits are required to park on City streets between 3 and 5 a.m. to help keep streets clear and allow residents and deputies to quickly spot suspicious vehicles.

For more information, call the Community Safety Division at (562) 916-1266. ■

Renew annual parking permit online

Cerritos residents can renew their annual parking permit for 2025 or request an overnight parking permit 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week, online at safercerritos.us.

City parking permits are free of charge and must be clearly displayed on the driver’s side dashboard of the vehicle (left corner) from 3 a.m. until 5 a.m. A vehicle displaying a valid California DMV Disabled Person Placard does not require an overnight parking permit. A parking permit does not exempt a vehicle from the City’s street sweeping ordinance (10.12.065 CMC), which states: “The parking of any vehicle on

any street during designated days and times for street sweeping is prohibited.”

The parking permit criteria allow two-car garage households with five vehicles and four licensed drivers to qualify for a second annual parking permit. Three-car garage households with seven vehicles and six licensed drivers qualify for a second parking permit.

For more information, contact the Community Safety Division at (562) 916-1266. ■



Scan the QR code to access the Parking Permits page on the Safer Cerritos site