

CERRITOS LIBRARY NEWS

Library Hours - Monday through Friday: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday: 1 to 5 p.m.

How to register

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.

CLASSES/RACER ONLINE REGISTRATION TIPS

To check the availability or to register for classes, please visit the Cerritos website at cerritos.us and look for the Classes/RACER link. 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 **Thurs., Jan. 2 at 10 a.m.**

Non-Resident online registration for all programs listed begins **Wed., Jan. 8 at 10 a.m.**

PHONE REGISTRATION

Call (562) 916-1388

Cerritos Resident phone registration for all programs listed begins **Fri., Jan. 3 at 10 a.m.**

Non-Resident phone registration for all programs listed begins **Wed., Jan. 8 at 10 a.m.**

WALK-IN REGISTRATION

Cerritos Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Thurs., Jan. 2 at 10 a.m.**

Non-Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Wed., Jan. 8 at 10 a.m.**

Walk-in registration for Library programs will be held at the Library Reservation Desk. Registration will continue until classes are full.

The following Library programs require advance registration:

For more information, call (562) 916-1388 unless otherwise noted. Seating is limited for all programs.

STORYTIMES

These 30-45 minute storytimes incorporating stories and audience participation will be held in the Little Theater.

Mondays at 10:30 a.m. for ages 5 and under

5760 Jan. 27
5761 Feb. 3

Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. for ages 5 and under

5762 Jan. 11
5763 Jan. 18
5764 Feb. 1
5765 Feb. 8

PERLER BEAD ARTS

Children will create an art piece of their choice using Perler beads. Space is limited to 18 participants.

5775 Thurs., Jan. 9 4 p.m.
Ages 9-13 Art Studio

CODING POWER 101 & 201

Participants will learn basic and intermediate coding elements used in computer programming in this fun and hands-on class. This workshop will be taught by volunteers from Oxford Academy, Cerritos High School and Los Alamitos High School. Space is limited to 20 participants.

5776 Sat., Jan. 11-Mar. 28 10-11:30 a.m.
Ages 12-17 Hi-Tech Lab

GYMBOREE PLAY & MUSIC

Staff from Gymboree Play & Music will support participants through a 45-minute uninterrupted time where they will listen to stories, play, explore and learn. Through play, children will be challenged physically, socially and cognitively, building crucial skills to support a lifetime of learning. Space is limited to 40 participants.

5766 Mon., Jan. 13 10:30-11:30 a.m.
Ages 5 and under Skyline Room A

DAVE BOATMAN/ CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS

This educational and creative hour of cartoon instruction will inspire and motivate students in their love of cartoons and drawing. Space is limited to 50 participants.

5767 Tues., Jan. 14 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 7-12 Skyline Room

CRAFTS FOR ADULTS: LUNAR NEW YEAR ENVELOPES

Participants will make one-of-a-kind red envelopes for the Year of the Rat using tassels, inks, rubber stamps and even a little macramé. Each student will have the opportunity to create up to three envelopes. The fee is \$5. No refunds will be given. Space is limited to 20 participants.

5768 Tues., Jan. 14 7 p.m.
Ages 18 and over Skyline Room

SCIENCE-N-PLAY

Students will be introduced to littleBits, electronic building blocks that snap and work together, allowing children to build and invent. Space is limited to 20 participants.

5769 Thurs., Jan. 16 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 6-7 Art Studio

CREATIVE WRITING FOR KIDS

Children will learn about various aspects of story writing. Space is limited to 27 participants.

5772 Tues., Jan. 21 3:30-5 p.m.
Ages 7-12 Hi-Tech Lab

BLUEPRINT TO FINDING THE RIGHT COLLEGE FOR YOU

Educator Hervey Malone II will teach students how to build a list of colleges they are interested in, as well as the next steps in the selection process. This workshop will provide students the opportunity to think critically about their college options. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children. Space is limited to 30 participants.

5770 Mon., Jan. 27 7 p.m.
Ages 14-18 Skyline Room A

ORIGAMI FOR KIDS

Children will learn to create an origami piece to carry with them and share with family and friends. Space is limited to 20 participants.

5771 Tues., Jan. 28 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 6-12 Art Studio

LEGO CLUB

Children will build, create and share their very own LEGO creations based on a chosen theme. The library will provide the LEGO, you provide the imagination! Space is limited to 20 participants.

5773 Tues., Jan. 28 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 5-9 Little Theater

ART-IN-SCIENCE WORKSHOP

Students will create and build their own planetary lander with shock absorbers. Students will compete to see who can keep their marshmallow astronauts from crash landing. Space is limited to 20 participants.

5777 Thurs., Jan. 30 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 8-12 Art Studio

YOUNG REMBRANDTS/ GRANT WOOD

Students will learn about American painter Grant Wood and the influence of his famous portrait, "American Gothic," on art and popular culture. Participants will draw their own version of the "American Gothic." The fee is \$5. No refunds will be given. Space is limited to 20 participants.

5774 Tues., Feb. 4 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Ages 6-12 Skyline Room

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The following program requires advance registration:

SAT PRACTICE TEST

Students ages 14-18 are invited to take the SAT practice test and return for results and a test explanation from C2 Education. Students must bring two pencils and a calculator (only battery-operated, handheld equipment can be used for testing). There will be one break during the program, and students are encouraged to bring a light snack. Space is limited to 25 participants.

SAT Practice Test

5778 Sat., Feb. 8 1:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 14-18 Hi-Tech Lab

SAT Practice Test Scores

Sat., Feb. 15 Noon-1 p.m.
Hi-Tech Lab

The following programs do not require registration:

**A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES:
"THE SEA HAWK" (1940)**

Did you know that Warner Bros. built the largest, most modern maritime soundstage in the film industry at the time to shoot the movie? Or that a full-scale British warship and a full-scale Spanish galleass were built and placed side by side on the soundstage? Learn behind-the-scenes facts and trivia as Theo Siegel discusses the making of "The Sea Hawk," starring Errol Flynn, followed by a screening of the classic film. This film is not rated and has a running time of 127 minutes.

Fri., Jan. 17 6 p.m. All Ages
Skyline Room

FAMILY NIGHT FLYING CANINES

Enjoy an action-packed show featuring the most exceptional canine athletes in the world! This presentation will demonstrate the bond that can be established between canines and humans, as well as inspire others to spend more time with their animal friends. This program is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Cerritos-Artesia.

Wed., Jan. 22 7 p.m. All Ages
Skyline Room

**CHINESE FOLK & CLASSICAL
DANCE PERFORMANCE**

Students from Ling's Dance Academy will perform a variety of award-winning Chinese folk and classical dances.

Thurs., Jan. 23 6 p.m. All Ages
Skyline Room

**LUNAR NEW YEAR
HAND DRAGON CRAFT**

A free hands-on Lunar New Year craft will be held in the Art Studio for children ages 2-12. This craft will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes.

Fri., Jan. 24 10-11 a.m. & Ages 2-12
5-6 p.m. Art Studio

POETRY WRITING WORKSHOP

Poet Mike Sonksen will lead a poetry writing workshop. Sonksen will introduce different ways of writing poetry. No poetry writing experience is necessary. Notebooks and writing utensils will be provided, though participants are welcome to bring their own materials.

Mon., Jan. 27 7 p.m. Ages 13 and over
Skyline Room B

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!

Wed., Jan. 29 7 p.m. All Ages
Skyline Room

**FROM CERRITOS TO BROADWAY:
THE MAKING OF A MUSICAL**

Writer, composer and Cerritos resident James Chiao will discuss his new Broadway-quality musical "Mannequin Man by Day, Tenor by Night." Chiao will share intriguing inside stories of the production and give a live performance preview of his acclaimed musical. "Mannequin Man by Day, Tenor by Night" will be performed in its entirety at the Cerritos Center for Performing Arts (CCPA) on Friday, April 3 and Saturday, April 4. Tickets for these performances may be purchased online, by phone or at the CCPA Ticket Office.

Fri., Jan. 31 7 p.m. All Ages
Skyline Room

**WEST AFRICAN KORA FAMILY
PRESENTATION**

Sean Gaskell will give an educational demonstration of the kora, an ancient 21-stringed harp from West Africa. Sean will explain the different qualities of the kora and some of the similarities the kora shares with items children are already familiar with. Sean will educate participants about life in the Gambia, including what people eat and what is expected of children in the home. This educational demonstration is for families, and audience engagement is encouraged.

Wed., Feb. 5 3:30 p.m. All Ages
Skyline Room

WEST AFRICAN KORA CONCERT

Sean Gaskell will give a performance and educational demonstration of the kora, an ancient 21-stringed harp from West Africa. The audience will learn about the kora and listen to its unique melodic, peaceful sound. Traditionally played by oral and musical historians known as griots, the kora is only 300 years old, but some commonly played songs can be traced back 800 years, telling ancient stories of war, hardship and praise. This performance will feature traditional songs in addition to some of Gaskell's original compositions.

Wed., Feb. 5 7 p.m. All Ages
Skyline Room

ROBOTIC DEMONSTRATION NIGHT

The Cerritos Library, in partnership with Valley Christian High School, Whitney High School and Cerritos High School robotics clubs, is hosting a robotics and engineering demonstration. Participants will have the opportunity to control robots designed by high school students and participate in simple hands-on activities.

Fri., Feb. 7 6 p.m. All Ages
Skyline Room

**VOLUNTEENS SOUGHT
FOR SPRING SESSION**

The Cerritos Library Volunteer program is seeking dependable teen volunteers for a variety of tasks. The session runs from Monday, January 13 to Saturday, June 6. Volunteer duties include shelving library materials, helping with arts and crafts projects, monitoring the children's computer workstations, operating the Friends Bookstore, assisting with birthday party packages and participating in the Child and Teen Read Aloud program. Volunteer applications are open to students at least 13 years old in grades 7 through 12. Applicants must have a Cerritos Library card in good standing and are required to successfully pass a criminal background assessment in accordance with City policy, which includes a live scan records check, prior to their start date. Applications are available at the Circulation Desk. For more information, call (562) 916-1338 or email volunteer@cerritos.us.

The following programs do not require registration:

BLOOD DRIVE

Due to a critically low blood supply and reserve shortage of blood collections across the nation, the City of Cerritos and American Red Cross will hold a blood drive in the parking lot. Schedule an appointment by calling (714) 427-2605 or go to redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code COC.

Thurs., Jan. 2 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Parking Lot

ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR KIDS

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

Fri., Jan. 3 10-11 a.m. & Ages 2-12
5-6 p.m. Art Studio

FAMILY ONLINE SAFETY

Learn how to protect your family's online activity and navigate the internet safely. Tips for avoiding online scams will also be discussed. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children. This workshop will be presented by retired Sergeant Rocky Costa of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department High-Technology Task Force.

Tues., Jan. 7 7 p.m. All Ages
Skyline Room



BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

The Book Club for Adults will meet for coffee and a book discussion. Participants will discuss a biography of their choice. For more information, call Jo-Anne Alvarez at (562) 916-1340.

Wed., Jan. 15 10 a.m.-noon Board Room

MEET AUTHOR TORI ELDRIDGE

Author Tori Eldridge will discuss her latest book "The Ninja Daughter," an action-packed thriller about a Chinese-Norwegian modern-day ninja with "Joy Luck Club" family issues who fights the Los Angeles Ukrainian mob, sex traffickers and her own family to save two desperate women and an innocent child. Copies of Eldridge's book will be available for purchase.

Thurs., Jan. 16 7 p.m. Skyline Room

Library Displays

**PHOTOGRAPHER
STEVEN DOUGLAS WRIGHT**

In celebration of African American history month, a photographic exhibition by professional freelance photographer Steven Douglas Wright will be displayed in the main lobby of the Cerritos Library throughout January and February. Wright began working as a freelance photographer in 1989 and received formal training from the UCLA extension photography program. His artwork has been displayed in Hollywood and Miami. Wright's goal is to introduce his unique style of abstract art and inspire the imagination of viewers as they explore beyond the barriers of reality.