

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.

“Cerritos Library News” is a monthly publication with information about the activities, classes and presentations offered at Cerritos Library. “Cerritos Library News” is included in the City of Cerritos’ newsletter “The Cerritos News.” To receive “Cerritos Library News” via e-mail, send an e-mail message to cerritos_library@cerritos.us.

Cerritos Library is a popular learning destination for the entire community. To best serve patrons’ needs, advance registration is required for some Cerritos Library programs. Please see the information below to learn how and when to register for the programs which require registration. For more information, please call Cerritos Library at (562) 916-1388.

How to register

In order to register, patrons must be in the City’s class registration database **AND HAVE OBTAINED A FAMILY ACCOUNT ACCESS PIN NUMBER AND INDIVIDUAL FAMILY MEMBER PERSONAL NUMBERS.**

ON-LINE REGISTRATION TIPS

To check the availability or register for classes, please visit the Cerritos website at www.cerritos.us and look for the on-line registration link. The program, **eConnect**, is best viewed with Internet Explorer. Before registering for classes on-line, print the eConnect User’s Guide for step-by-step instructions.

Only Visa and MasterCard will be accepted as payment. For additional information and/or to obtain the PIN numbers, please call the Library Reservation Desk at (562) 916-1388. Computers at the Cerritos Library may be used to access eConnect.

ON-LINE REGISTRATION

www.cerritos.us

Cerritos Resident on-line registration for all programs listed begins **Tuesday, December 1 at 10 a.m.**

Non-Resident on-line registration for all programs listed begins **Tuesday, December 8 at 10 a.m.**

*You will not receive confirmation by mail for classes registered on-line. Please print a receipt at the conclusion of your transaction and bring it with you to the first day of the event or class.

PHONE REGISTRATION

Call (562) 916-1388

Cerritos Resident phone registration for all programs listed begins **Wednesday, December 2 at 10 a.m.**

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

WALK-IN REGISTRATION

Cerritos Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Tuesday, December 1.**

Non-Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Tuesday, December 8.**

WALK-IN REGISTRATION TIPS

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:

HOLIDAY STORYTIMES

Cerritos Library’s 30-45 minute Holiday Storytimes incorporate stories, audience participation and a book-related video, and will be held in the Little Theater. For more information, call (562) 916-1388.

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

151249 December 14

151250 December 21

151251 December 28

151252 January 4

Thursdays at 12 p.m. for ages 5 and under

151253 December 10

151254 December 17

151255 December 31

151256 January 7

FAMILY NIGHT

Join us on Wednesday, December 9 for a special Family Night with Santa. Enjoy Santa’s storytelling and sing holiday songs. Parents will have an opportunity to take photos of their children with Santa. Please bring your camera. Seating is limited to 200.

151323 Wed., Dec. 9 7 p.m. All ages
Skyline Room



DIGITAL CAMERA WORKSHOP

Learn how to take better photographs with your digital camera at this hands-on workshop. Instructor Jason Galeener will discuss resolution, memory, digital zoom vs. optical zoom, printing and more. Participants should bring their digital camera, user’s manual and extra batteries. Space is limited to 20 participants. For more information, call (562) 916-1388.

151324 Wed., Dec. 9 6-9 p.m. Ages 18-Adult
Hi-Tech Lab

STORIES AND MOVIE

Children are invited to come and hear holiday tales and then watch a movie. This hour-long program will be held in the Little Theater. For more information, please call (562) 916-1343.

151257 Fri., Dec. 11 3:30 p.m. Ages 4 and up
Little Theater

151258 Fri., Dec. 18 3:30 p.m. Ages 4 and up
Little Theater



CERAMIC PAINTING WORKSHOP

This workshop presented by Color Me Mine offers a wonderful opportunity for children to learn ceramic painting and make a holiday gift for someone special. Participants will decorate a mug using non-toxic, lead-free paints. Seating is limited to 20. **The fee per child is \$5.** No refunds will be given. For more information, call (562) 916-1388.

151259 Mon., Dec. 14 3:30 p.m. Ages 6-13
Skyline Room

DRAWING FOR KIDS

Participants will learn basic art or drawing techniques in this hour-long hands-on class which is limited to 24 participants.

151260 Tues., Dec. 15 3:30-4:30 p.m. Ages 7-11
Skyline Room

AFTERNOON TRIVIA FOR KIDS

Kids, test your skills at a trivia game. Join the fun and answer questions related to math, history, science, entertainment and literature. This program is limited to 30 participants.

151261 Tues., Dec. 22 3:30 p.m. Ages 6-9
Little Theater

Cerritos Library features on-line databases

The Cerritos Library subscribes to a wide variety of on-line databases for its patrons. Friendly staff members are on hand seven days a week to help users find the information they need by accessing the databases at the Library or from home.

The databases described below can be accessed through the Library's website (unless otherwise noted) at <http://catalog.ci.cerritos.ca.us> by entering a Cerritos Library card number. The databases are located in the left column on the screen under the Reference heading.

Students at all levels can find a wealth of information in on-line databases that cover a range of subjects. Kids InfoBits, Grolier, Searchasaurus and Social Studies Fact Cards are intended for elementary and middle school projects. SIRS Knowledge Source, Ebsco's History Reference Center and Gale's Opposing Viewpoints, Science and Literature Resource Centers provide essential information for high school and college students working on projects or writing papers.

To help students with test preparation, the LearningExpressLibrary database provides interactive practice exams for school, civil service, military, and professional licensing and certification. The database also offers self-guided tutorials of Microsoft Office applications and Internet Explorer, and U.S. Citizenship preparation.

Genealogy researchers have access to ProQuest's Ancestry Library Edition, a database that covers census, vital, church, court, and immigration records, as well as records from Canada, the U.K. and other areas. The database is easy to search and includes key collections such as U.S. Federal Census images and indexes from 1790 to 1930; the Social Security Death Index; Federal Slave Narratives; and a strong Civil War collection. Ancestry Library Edition updates continually, with more indexes and original images added to the database. Due to copyright restrictions, Ancestry Library Edition is accessible in the Library only.

Patrons who want to research newspaper and journal articles have a choice of databases that are much easier to search than microfiche or microfilm. NewsBank includes full-text articles from many local, regional and national newspapers including the "Long Beach Press-Telegram" and the "Orange County Register." These do not include advertisements. ProQuest features full-text coverage of "Los Angeles Times" articles from 1985 to the present. The Historical L.A. Times covers the period from 1881 to 1985 and is available in the Library only.

Ebsco's Masterfile Premier has full-text articles and abstracts from more than 1,810 journals on reference, business, consumer health, science and multi-cultural periodicals.

Cerritos Library subscribes to a variety of other subject-specific databases:

- Reference USA contains information about 14 million businesses, 210 million residents and 855,000 health care providers in the United States.
- Gale Business Resource Center provides information on companies and industries.
- Ebsco Auto Repair Reference Center is a collection of illustrated auto repair manuals and covers most models from 1945 to the present.
- Columbia Granger's World of Poetry includes 250,000 poems and 450,000 poetry citations, in addition to commentaries, biographies, bibliographies and more. Individuals can research poets and find poems for all occasions through this database.
- CollegeSource Online contains complete catalogs of more than 49,000 two-year, four-year, graduate, professional and international schools.
- Ebsco's NoveListPlus is a reader's advisory service containing more than 100,000 fiction and non-fiction titles. Readers can search by subject matter, plot or series, and consult reading lists and book club choices.

For more information on these databases and how to use them, visit the Information and Reference Desk on the second floor of the Cerritos Library, or call (562) 916-1342.

The following Library programs do not require registration:

MEET AUTHOR JOHN JUNG

On December 3, John Jung, a retired professor from California State University, Long Beach, will talk about Chinese life in the American South before the civil rights movement. Jung will discuss his books "Chopsticks in the Land of Cotton," about the lives of Chinese grocers in the Mississippi River Delta, and "Southern Fried Rice," about experiences growing up in his parents' laundromat in Macon, Georgia, where they were the only Chinese people in town. Very few in number and caught between the racial conflicts, Chinese in the Deep South held fast to their cultural values to not only endure but overcome racial barriers.

Thurs., Dec. 3 7 p.m. Skyline Room

AQUARIUM PROGRAM

Join us for the monthly aquarium study session for all ages and learn about the fish in the Library's aquarium. For more information, call (562) 916-1343.

Wed., Dec. 9 3:30 p.m. Children's Library

HOLIDAY CRAFTS FOR KIDS

A free hands-on craft featuring a holiday theme will be offered on Wednesday, December 9 and Wednesday, December 16. These "glue and go" crafts take approximately 10 to 15 minutes. For more information, please call (562) 916-1343.

Wed., Dec. 9 11 a.m. Ages 12 and under
Art Studio

Wed., Dec. 16 11 a.m. Ages 12 and under
Art Studio

SCREENING OF "RAGA UNVEILED" & A DISCUSSION WITH THE DIRECTOR

On Sunday, December 13, a shortened version of the documentary "Raga Unveiled" (2009) will be screened in the Skyline Room. The film is an inspiring and sweeping look at the history and essence of North Indian classical music. The film features eloquent commentaries by musicians, Vedic scholars and musicologists. Musicians featured in the film include Ravi Shankar, Ali Akbar Khan, Alla Rakha, Zakir Hussein, Shivkumar Sharma, Bismillah Khan and more. After the screening, director/producer/writer Gita Desai will discuss the making of the film and answer questions. If you are a lover of music, passionate about the culture of India, or just want to know more about this fascinating topic, "Raga Unveiled" is a film not to be missed. The film is rated G and has a running time of 130 minutes.

Sun., Dec. 13 1:30 p.m. All ages Skyline Room

CHANSON DU SOIR CONCERT

Soprano Chelsea Camille and classical guitarist David Isaacs will perform on Monday, December 14 at 7 p.m. in the Skyline Room. The concert will include pieces in four languages from the Renaissance to the 20th Century. For more information, call (562) 916-1342.

Mon., Dec. 14 7 p.m. Skyline Room

BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

The Book Club for Adults will meet for coffee and a discussion of "Skipping Christmas" by John Grisham. For more information, call Marie Furrows at (562) 916-1346.

Wed., Dec. 16 10 a.m.-noon Board Room

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY ART & WRITING CONTESTS

In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the City of Cerritos is offering art and writing contests for students with Cerritos Library cards. The theme is "I Have a Dream: Honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Legacy of Justice, Equality and Peace." Only one entry is allowed per student per category. All entries must be turned in to the Children's Help Desk at the Library before Monday, January 4 at 9 p.m. The winning entries will be on display during the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ceremony on Monday, January 18 and at the Library until the end of February.

Fliers and application forms are available at the Cerritos Library and other City facilities. For more information, call Padmini Prabhakar at (562) 916-1389.

Art Contest

The Art Contest is open to students in grades K-12. Contestants are encouraged to create an imaginative picture using paints, crayons or any other medium. All artwork must be no larger than 12" x 18" and should not be mounted.

Writing Contest

The writing contest is open to students in grades 7-12. Entries, either a poem or an essay, must be original, no more than 300 words, and preferably typed on white letter-size paper.

Library Displays



ART OF THE BOOK: CALIFORNIA ARTISTS

A selection of artists' books by California artists will be on display throughout the Library until the end of December. The books are created with special types of paper, metal and a variety of other materials. The display is one of the ongoing displays planned to showcase the unique pieces from the Library's special collection of artists' books.

PASTEL PAINTINGS BY BRAD FAEGRE

Several outstanding pastel paintings by Brad Faegre will be on display in the Local History Museum and lobby area until the end of December. Designated as a "Master Pastelist" by the Pastel Society of America in 1992, Faegre's paintings in watercolor, pastels, acrylics and oils have been featured in numerous magazines and books.

MAQUETTES DISPLAY

A variety of artwork beautifies civic, retail and office developments throughout Cerritos. Small models (called "maquettes") of some of these sculptures will be on display in the Young Adult area until the end of December.



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