

# 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.cerritos.us)

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

Non-Resident on-line registration for all programs listed begins **Monday, March 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 **Tuesday, March 2 at 10 a.m.**

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

### WALK-IN REGISTRATION

Cerritos Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Monday, March 1.**

Non-Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Monday, March 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:

### STORYTIMES

Cerritos Library’s 30-45 minute 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

**153199** March 15  
**153200** March 22  
**153201** March 29  
**153202** April 5

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

**153203** March 11  
**153204** March 18  
**153205** March 25  
**153206** April 1  
**153207** April 8

### CREATIVE WRITING FOR KIDS

At these workshops, children will learn various aspects of the creative writing process, including character, setting and plot. Each workshop is limited to 27 participants. For more information, please call (562) 916-1388.

#### Please register for only one of the following:

**153253** Wed., Mar. 17 4-5 p.m. Ages 7-12  
 Hi-Tech Lab  
**153254** Wed., Mar. 31 4-5 p.m. Ages 7-12  
 Hi-Tech Lab



### S.A.T. PRACTICE TEST

In collaboration with Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions, a free full-length SAT practice test will be held for students in grades 9-11 with Cerritos Library cards on Saturday, March 6. Space is limited to 50 students. Test takers are encouraged to eat a hearty breakfast and arrive by 8:45 a.m. to sign in. Please bring a calculator, two No. 2 pencils, and snacks to eat during the short breaks.

#### The test will be given on Saturday, March 6

**152649** Skyline Room 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

#### Score Report Night

On Thursday, March 11 between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. all test takers will receive a detailed score report showing their strengths and weaknesses. Information about test taking strategies will also be offered. Parents are encouraged to attend this workshop in the Hi-Tech Lab. For more information, contact Padmini Prabhakar at (562) 916-1389.

### 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. For more information, call (562) 916-1388.

**153208** Tues., Mar. 9 3:30 p.m. Ages 6-9  
 Little Theater

**153209** Tues., Mar. 23 3:30 p.m. Ages 6-9  
 Little Theater

### MICROSOFT WORD INTERMEDIATE

In this three-hour class, instructor Jason Galeener will teach participants how to use Microsoft Word at an intermediate level. The class is limited to 27 participants who are familiar with the basic functions of Microsoft Word. For more information, call (562) 916-1388.

**153255** Wed., Mar. 10 6-9 p.m. Ages 18-Adult  
 Hi-Tech Lab

### STAR TEST PREP COURSE

This special course will help students in grades 4 to 6 acquire the skills needed for the STAR test. Students will gain confidence by taking practice tests and reviewing their work with teachers. Applicable homework will be assigned. Several test-taking strategies will be discussed, including efficient use of time, understanding and following detailed written directions, placing answers correctly on the answer sheet, checking answers, problem solving tactics, and practice with questions that contain the terms “none of the above,” “all of the above,” “not here,” negative wording, and true/false statements. The three-week course costs \$50 for residents and \$70 for non-residents. Space is limited to 20 students. For more information, call (562) 916-1388.

**153257** Sat., Mar. 13, 20 & 27 9-11:30 a.m.  
 Grades 4-6 Hi Tech Lab

### HOMEWORK TIME

Do your children need help with their homework? Cerritos Library offers Homework Time, an after-school homework help program for Cerritos resident students in grades three through six. The sessions will run Monday through Thursday from 3:15 to 5:15 p.m. in the Art Studio of the Children’s Library. Space is limited to 12 participants. The course fee is \$25. Parents must make sure that students bring to each class meeting homework and a book to read or their library card to check out reading materials. A parent or a designated individual is required to sign students in and out of each class meeting. For more information, call (562) 916-1388. Classes will not be held from April 5 to 9 due to Spring Break.

**153258** Mon., Mar. 15-29, Apr. 12-May 3  
 3:15-5:15 p.m. Art Studio

**153259** Tues., Mar. 16-30, Apr. 13-May 4  
 3:15-5:15 p.m. Art Studio

**153260** Wed., Mar. 17-31, Apr. 14-May 5  
 3:15-5:15 p.m. Art Studio

**153261** Thurs., Mar. 18-25, Apr. 1-May 6  
 3:15-5:15 p.m. Art Studio

## DRAWING FOR KIDS

Participants will learn basic art or drawing techniques in this hour-long hands-on class which is limited to 24 participants. For more information, call (562) 916-1388.

**153210** Tues., Mar. 16 3:30-4:30 p.m. Ages 7-11  
Skyline Room

## BOOKMAKING WORKSHOP

In conjunction with the special display of artists' books throughout the Library, a free bookmaking workshop will be presented by book art instructor Rachelle W. Chuang. Participants will use colorful flags to make and take home a truly original artist's book with a seasonal theme. Bring your own collage material, such as stickers, pens, pencils, etc. to personalize your book. Space is limited to 20 participants. For more information, call (562) 916-1388.

**153256** Thurs., Mar. 25 6:30 p.m. Ages 18 & over  
Skyline Room



## ARTS & CRAFTS FOR KIDS

A free hands-on craft featuring a spring theme for children ages 2 to 12 will be held in the Art Studio. These "glue and go" crafts take approximately 10 to 15 minutes. For more information, please call (562) 916-1388. Space is limited to 24 participants.

*Please register for only one of the following:*

**153249** Fri., Apr. 9 11 a.m. Ages 2-12  
Art Studio  
**153250** Fri., Apr. 9 11:30 a.m. Ages 2-12  
Art Studio  
**153251** Fri., Apr. 9 3:30 p.m. Ages 2-12  
Art Studio  
**153252** Fri., Apr. 9 4 p.m. Ages 2-12  
Art Studio

## Library Displays



### ART OF THE BOOK: ASIAN INFLUENCES

A selection of artists' books with Asian influences, in addition to portfolio, pop-up, scroll and tunnel books, will be on display throughout the Library until the end of March. This display of books is one of the ongoing exhibits showcasing the unique pieces from the Library's special collection of artists' books.

### BOOKS SIGNED BY VISITING AUTHORS

In celebration of National Library Week, a display of books signed by visiting authors such as Sue Grafton, Ray Bradbury, Meg Cabot, Denise Hamilton, Stephen Cannell, Cornelia Funke and Faye Kellerman will be on display in the Local History Museum, the Young Adult area and the Library's lobby until the end of April.



## The following Library programs do not require registration:

### GAME TIME

Join us for some fast-paced gaming action. Games such as Rock Band 2 and Super Smash Brothers Brawl will be featured. For more information, please call (562) 916-1342.

Tues., Mar. 2 Skyline Room 4-5:30 p.m.  
Ages 8-18

### SUNDAY MOVIE MATINEE

On Sunday, March 7 the film "Remains of the Day" (1993) will be screened in the Little Theater. In the film, a butler sacrifices everything to serve his employer and realizes too late how misguided his loyalty has been. The film is rated PG and has a running time of 134 minutes. For more information, call (562) 916-1342.

Sun., Mar. 7 Little Theater 2 p.m.

### 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., Mar. 10 Aquarium 3:30 p.m.

### FAMILY NIGHT

On Wednesday, March 10 children's book author Annie Banannie will use balloon costumes and props to unleash children's imaginations while inspiring them to read, write and accomplish anything they can dream up! Please arrive early as doors close at 7:15 p.m. For more information, please call (562) 916-1343.

Wed., Mar. 10 Skyline Room 7 p.m.

### CRAFTS FOR KIDS

A free hands-on craft featuring a St. Patrick's Day theme for children ages 2 to 12 will be held in the Art Studio on Friday, March 12 at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. These "glue and go" crafts take approximately 10 to 15 minutes. For more information, please call (562) 916-1343.

Fri., Mar. 12 Art Studio 10 a.m. & 5 p.m.  
Ages 2-12

### MEET NOTED AFRICAN AMERICAN AUTHORS

The Links, Incorporated Orange County Chapter is partnering with the National Black MBA Association Los Angeles Chapter and the Cerritos Library to offer a special opportunity to meet several prominent African American authors. Participating authors are: Gar Anthony Haywood, Ivan Houston, Christopher Johnson, Whitney LeBlanc, Samella Lewis, Attica Locke, Gary Phillips, Pamela Samuels-Young and Paula Woods. Actress Denise Nicholas will also be attending. Interesting panel discussions and book signings will be included in the event. For more information, call (562) 916-1342.

Sun., Mar. 14 Skyline Room 2-4 p.m.

### BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

The Book Club for Adults will meet for coffee and a discussion of the book "A Mercy" by Toni Morrison. For more information, call Marie Furrows at (562) 916-1346.

Wed., Mar. 31 Board Room 10 a.m.-noon

### PAJAMA NIGHT

Children of all ages are invited to dress in their pajamas and bring a favorite stuffed toy to Pajama Night on Wednesday, March 31. Enjoy stories, songs and a short video. Don't forget to bring your pillows and blankets! Parents are also welcome to wear pajamas. Please call (562) 916-1343 for more information.

Wed., Mar. 31 Skyline Room 7 p.m.

### KIDS' BOARD GAME NIGHT

Come to the library on Monday, April 5 to play a variety of board games. Bring your own game or play the ones at the Library, which include Monopoly, Trivial Pursuit, Clue and more.

Mon., Apr. 5 Skyline Room 6-8 p.m.  
Ages 6-16

### BLOOD DRIVE

Due to a critically low local blood supply and severe shortages of blood across the nation, the City of Cerritos and The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Thursday, April 8 in the parking lot of the Cerritos Library from noon to 6 p.m. Every donor will be entered into a regional drawing to win movie passes for a year. Any healthy person age 17 or older and weighing at least 110 pounds may be eligible to donate blood. Schedule an appointment to donate by calling (714) 427-2605 or visit [www.givelife.org](http://www.givelife.org) and use sponsor code: COC.

Thurs., Apr. 8 Parking Lot 12-6 p.m.  
Ages 17 & over

### CONTESTS FOR TALENTED TEENS

The Friends of the Cerritos Library will conduct the 12th Annual Teen Contests to encourage teens to explore their talents. The contests in Art, Photography, Poetry and Short Story are open to all students in grades 7 through 12 with valid Cerritos Library cards. All entries must be original. Only one entry per person is allowed for each category. Gift certificates to a local bookstore will be presented to the winners at a reception in May. Entry forms are available at the Library. The deadline for entries is Friday, March 12 at 9 p.m. For more information, call Padmini Prabhakar at (562) 916-1389.

The themes for the contests are:

**Art:** "Nature's Beauty" (No larger than 12"x 18" and using any medium.) Three-dimensional art will be accepted.

**Photography:** "Happiness is..." (no larger than 8" by 10")

**Poetry:** "Escape" (up to 50 lines)

**Short Story:** "Heroes" (no more than 500 words)

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