

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 to 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, March 1 at 10 a.m.**

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

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

WALK-IN REGISTRATION

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

Non-Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Tuesday, 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 DVD, 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

163449 March 14
163450 March 21
163451 March 28
163452 April 4

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

163453 March 10
163454 March 17
163455 March 24
163456 March 31
163457 April 7

PUPPET & PLAYERS LITTLE THEATRE

Master puppeteers will bring puppetry to life in this hands-on workshop. Students will have an opportunity to build hand puppets, learn basic puppet manipulation skills and participate in an interactive scene where they use their puppets to depict emotions. Space is limited to 50 participants. For more information, call (562) 916-1388.

163499 Wed., Mar. 16 4-5:15 p.m. Ages 7-12
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. For more information, please call (562) 916-1388.

163459 Tues., Mar. 15 3:45-4:45 p.m. Ages 7-11
Art Studio

BEGINNING CHESS FOR KIDS

Children ages 6-13 are invited to learn how to play chess. This hour-long class is for beginners only. Participants will be given a brief introduction to the game of chess, including learning how pieces move and how the game can be won. Seating is limited to 10 participants. For more information, please call (562) 916-1343.

163500 Tues., Mar. 22 3:30-4:30 p.m. Ages 6-13
Art Studio

CREATIVE WRITING FOR KIDS

In this workshop, participants will learn the various aspects of creative writing, including character, plot and setting. Seating is limited to 27 participants.

163501 Wed., Mar. 23 3:30-5 p.m. Ages 7-12
Hi-Tech Lab

BOOKMAKING WORKSHOP

In conjunction with the special display of artists’ books throughout the Library, book art instructor Rachelle W. Chuang will present a free workshop on making a beautiful piano hinge book on Thursday, March 24. Learn the techniques for making this unique book and take home the finished product. Space is limited to 20 participants. For more information, call (562) 916-1388.

163999 Thurs., Mar. 24 5-6:30 p.m. Skyline Room
Age 15-adult

MAGIC WORKSHOP FOR KIDS

Participants will learn basic magic tricks and techniques in this hour-long hands-on class. Seating is limited to 25 participants. The fee per child is \$5. No refunds will be given. For more information, please call (562) 916-1388.

163508 Tues., Mar. 29 3:30-4:30 p.m. Ages 7-12
Skyline Room

For more information on the following storytimes, please call (562) 916-1388.

Please register for only one of the following 8-week storytimes. Class will not be held during the week of Spring Break (April 18-22).

STORIES FOR 2S & 3S

Children and adults will participate in stories, songs, rhymes and a simple craft activity. Class is limited to 22 participants.

163502 Tues., Apr. 5-May 31 10:30 a.m.
Ages 2-3 Art Studio

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY

This introduction to storytime features books, poems and music. Children will enjoy opportunities of self-expression as they sing, dance and move around. Class is limited to 30 participants.

163503 Wed., Apr. 6-June 1 11 a.m.
Ages 5 & under Little Theater

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Children and adults will participate in stories, songs, rhymes and a simple craft activity. Class is limited to 22 participants.

163504 Thurs., Apr. 7-June 2 10:30 a.m.
Ages 3-5 Art Studio

BABIES ‘N’ BOOKS

Children and caregivers participate in music, nursery rhymes, simple stories and books. Class is limited to 30 participants.

163505 Fri., Apr. 8-June 3 11 a.m.
Ages 25 months & under Little Theater

The following Library programs require advance registration:

STAR TEST PREP COURSE

This course will help students in grades 4 through 6 acquire the skills needed for the STAR test. Students will gain confidence by taking practice tests and reviewing their work with instructors. 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 session costs \$50 for residents and \$70 for non-residents. Space is limited to 20 students. For more information, call (562) 916-1388.

163510 Sat., Mar. 19, 26 & Apr. 2 9-11:30 a.m.
Grades 4-6 Hi Tech Lab

YOUNG REMBRANDTS WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN

Children can learn the finer points of art in this series of workshops presented by Young Rembrandts. Students will learn to create colorful American gothic designs using colored pencils. Seating is limited to 20. The fee is \$5. No refunds will be given. For more information, call (562) 916-1388.

163458 Tues., Apr. 5 3:30-4:30 p.m. Ages 6-12
Skyline Room

CHILD AND TEEN READ ALOUD

Children who can read are invited to participate in special read aloud sessions with teens. To be eligible for the program, all participants must attend the first day of class for testing. Space is limited to 15 participants for the Thursday session and 10 participants for the Friday session.

Please register for only one of the following two programs. Class will not be held during the week of Spring Break (April 18-22).

163506 Thurs., Apr. 7-June 2 3:30 p.m.
Ages 6-9 Little Theater

163507 Fri., Apr. 8-June 3 3:30 p.m.
Ages 6-9 Little Theater

S.A.T. ESSAY WRITING WORKSHOP

In collaboration with Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions, a free S.A.T. essay writing workshop will be held for students in grades 9-11 on Saturday, April 9. Space is limited to 50 students. In this workshop, students will write a practice essay under timed, test-like conditions. Students will get advice on what essay graders are looking for as well as strategies on writing effective essays. Graded essays can be picked up later. For more information, call (562) 916-1388.

163509 Sat., April 9 10 a.m.-noon Ages 14-18
Skyline Room

The following Library programs do not require registration:

GAME TIME

On Monday, March 7, the library will sponsor a free gaming event for youth from ages 8 to 18. Join us for open play featuring games such as Lips and Super Smash Brothers Brawl. For more information, call (562) 916-1342.

Mon., Mar. 7 3:30-5 p.m. Skyline Room

The following Library programs do not require registration:

MEET CHILDREN'S AUTHOR OLIVER CHIN

On Monday, March 7, author and artist Oliver Chin will discuss his children's book “Year of the Rabbit” which is part of the popular annual series “Tales from the Chinese Zodiac.” Chin was called “an expert on Pacific Rim pop culture” by the “San Jose Mercury News” and has written several books for children. Copies of his books will be available for purchase at the event. For more information, call (562) 916-1343.

Mon., Mar. 7 7 p.m. Skyline Room

BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

The Book Club for Adults will meet for coffee and a discussion of the book “Far North” by Marcel Theroux on Wednesday, March 9. For more information, call Marie Furrows at (562) 916-1346.

Wed., Mar. 9 10 a.m.-noon Board 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., Mar. 9 3:30 p.m. Aquarium

FAMILY NIGHT

Enjoy Jumbo Shrimp's “Circus in a Box,” featuring unicycling, clowning, magic, juggling, audience participation and much more on Wednesday, March 9. Please arrive early as doors close at 7:15 p.m. No registration is required. For more information, call (562) 916-1343.

Wed., Mar. 9 7 p.m. Skyline Room

ARTS & CRAFTS FOR KIDS

A free hands-on craft for children ages 2-12 will be held in the Art Studio on Friday, March 11 and Friday, April 1. These “glue and go” crafts take approximately 10 to 15 minutes. No registration is required. For more information, call (562) 916-1343.

Fri., Mar. 11 10-11 a.m. & 5-6 p.m. Art Studio
Ages 2-12 St. Patrick's Day theme

Fri., Apr. 1 10-11 a.m. & 5-6 p.m. Art Studio
Ages 2-12 Spring theme

FRIDAY AT THE MOVIES

On Friday, March 11, the film “Secretariat” (2010) will be screened in the Skyline Room. Based on a true story, this film chronicles the spectacular journey of the 1973 Triple Crown winner. Housewife and mother Penny Chenery agrees to take over Meadow Stables from her ailing father, despite her lack of horse-racing knowledge. Against all odds, Chenery navigates the male-dominated business, ultimately fostering the first Triple Crown winner in 25 years. The film is rated PG and has a running time of 116 minutes. For more information, call (562) 916-1342.

Fri., Mar. 11 6 p.m. Skyline Room

MEET PROMINENT 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, including Daniel Armstrong, Flora Brown, Shirley and Bernard Kinsey, Attica Locke, Gary Phillips, Paul Woodring and more. Interesting panel discussions and book signings will be included in the event. For more information, all Padmini Prabhakar at (562) 916-1389.

Sun., Mar. 13 2-4 p.m. Skyline Room

MEET THE AUTHOR JENNY CHO

Author Jenny Cho will discuss her book “Chinatown and China City in Los Angeles” on Tuesday, March 22. The book tells the history of Chinatown and China City through historic postcards. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the event. For more information, call (562) 916-1342.

Tues., March 22 7 p.m. Skyline Room

SPRING BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Cerritos Library will hold its spring book sale in the Skyline Room of the Cerritos Library on Saturday, April 2. “FILL A BAG FOR \$2” will be held on Sunday, April 3 and the Members Only Presale will be held on Friday, April 1. Membership to the Friends' group will be available at the door on Friday evening. The cost of memberships for individuals is \$10, family \$15, organization and corporations \$25, and life membership is \$100. A great selection of fiction and nonfiction books will be available at bargain prices. Come early for the best selection. For more information, call Padmini Prabhakar at (562) 916-1389.

The book sale events will be held in the Skyline Room

“Members Only” presale **Fri., Apr. 1 6-8 p.m.**

Book sale **Sat., Apr. 2 9 a.m.-3 p.m.**

“FILL A BAG FOR \$2” Sale **Sun., Apr. 3 1:30-3 p.m.**

Library Displays



ART OF THE BOOK: CALIFORNIA ARTISTS

A selection of artists' books made by California artists will be on display throughout the Library until the end of March. This display is part of the ongoing showcase of the unique pieces from the Library's special collection of artists' books.

BOOKS SIGNED BY VISITING AUTHORS

Cerritos Library has had the privilege of hosting several best-selling authors throughout the years. In celebration of National Library Week, a display of books signed by visiting authors will be on display in the Local History Museum, the Young Adult area and the Library's lobby until the end of April. The display includes books signed by Ray Bradbury, Meg Cabot, Stephen Cannell, Earlene Fowler, Cornelia Funke, Sue Grafton, Denise Hamilton, Faye Kellerman, John Lescroart, and more.

AMERICAN RED CROSS DISPLAY

The Greater Long Beach Chapter of the American Red Cross is celebrating American Red Cross month in March with a Community Outreach Tour. Vintage uniforms and other Red Cross memorabilia will be on display in the Library's lobby through the end of March. An Emergency Response Vehicle containing historical items, photographic displays of local community disasters and disaster preparedness literature will be available for viewing in the Library's parking lot on Saturday, March 12 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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