

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.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 **Tues., Jan. 3 at 11 a.m.**

Non-Resident online registration for all programs listed begins **Mon., Jan. 9 at 11 a.m.**

PHONE REGISTRATION

Call (562) 916-1388

Cerritos Resident phone registration for all programs listed begins **Wed., Jan. 4 at 11 a.m.**

Non-Resident phone registration for all programs listed begins **Mon., Jan. 9 at 11 a.m.**

WALK-IN REGISTRATION

Cerritos Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Tues., Jan. 3 at 11 a.m.**

Non-Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Mon., Jan. 9 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 15 participants.

Thursdays at 11 a.m. for ages 5 and under

9629	Thurs., Jan. 12
9630	Thurs., Jan. 19
9631	Thurs., Jan. 26
9632	Thurs., Feb. 2

Second Saturday of the month at 1:15 p.m. for ages 5 and under

9633	Sat., Jan. 14
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BABIES 'N' BOOKS

Children and caregivers participate in music, nursery rhymes, simple stories and books. The class is limited to 20 participants. Class will not be held on January 16 or February 20 due to holiday closures.

9634	Mon., Jan. 9-Mar. 20	11 a.m. Ages 6-25 months	Little Theater
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HOMEWORK HELP

An after-school homework help program will be offered for Cerritos residents. Students should bring their homework and a book to read. A parent or designated individual is required to sign students in and out of each class meeting. Space is limited to 10 participants per class.

9634	Mon., Jan. 9-Mar. 20	11 a.m. Ages 6-25 months	Little Theater
9635	Mon., Jan. 9-Mar. 20	3:30-4:30 p.m. Grades 1-3	Art Studio
9636	Wed., Jan. 11-Mar. 22	3:30-4:30 p.m. Grades 4-6	Art Studio

MUSIC AND MOVEMENT MONDAYS

Children and parents will participate in 30-45 minutes of songs and movement activities that enhance fine motor skills of the child. The class is limited to 20 participants.

9637	Mon., Jan. 9-Mar. 20	5:15 p.m. Ages 4-6	Little Theater
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PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Children and adults will participate in stories, songs, rhymes and a simple craft activity. The class is limited to 20 participants.

9638	Tues., Jan. 10-Mar. 21	11 a.m. Ages 3-5	Art Studio/ Little Theater
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MATH HOMEWORK HELP

An after-school mathematics homework help program will be offered for Cerritos residents. Students should bring their math homework and a book to read. A parent or designated individual is required to sign students in and out of each class meeting. Space is limited to 10 participants per class.

9639	Tues., Jan. 10-Mar. 21	3:30-4:30 p.m. Grades 3-5	Art Studio
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CHILD & TEEN READ ALOUD

Children who are able to read are invited to participate in special read aloud sessions. These children will be teamed up with energetic teens during this weekly program. To be eligible for this program, all participants must attend the first day of class for testing. Space is limited to 10 participants.

9640	Thurs., Jan. 12-Mar. 23	3:45-4:45 p.m. Ages 6-8	Little Theater
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WRITING CLASS FOR KIDS

Join us as Whitney High School student Tyler Liu helps participants improve their writing skills with guided essays and hands-on lessons and activities.

During each lesson, students will learn how to analyze prompts and passages, as well as how to brainstorm and organize their ideas correctly. Space is limited to 10 participants. Class will be held in the Hi-Tech Lab.

Fridays at 5 p.m. for ages 8-12

9641	Fri., Jan. 13
9642	Fri., Jan. 20
9643	Fri., Jan. 27
9644	Fri., Feb. 3

KINDNESS ROCKS

Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday by creating and painting your own kindness rocks. Space is limited to 15 participants.

9645	Fri., Jan. 13	3:30-4:30 p.m.	Art Studio
	Ages 7-12		

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.

9646	Fri., Jan. 20	3:30-4:30 p.m.	Art Studio
	Ages 7-12		

KABUKI SUSHI CLASS

Children are invited to enjoy a sushi demonstration featuring staff from the Benihana restaurant located in Downey. A chef will introduce participants to the fun of sushi making and provide hands-on instructions for assembling some signature Benihana rolls. Parents or guardians are 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 20 participants.

9648	Tues., Jan. 24	3:30-4:30 p.m.	Skyline Room
	Ages 7-12		

CRAFTS FOR ADULTS: YEAR OF THE RABBIT

Celebrate the Lunar New Year by crafting a Year of the Rabbit decoration using red envelopes. The fee is \$5. No refunds will be given. Space is limited to 18 participants.

9652	Thurs., Jan. 26	6 p.m.	Skyline Room
	Ages 18 & Over		

BIONERDS: LEARN IN A HEARTBEAT

Children will learn about the human heart and how it functions. Participants will dissect the heart of a pig and a chicken. The fee is \$5 per child. No refunds will be given. Space is limited to 20 participants.

9649	Fri., Jan. 27	3:30-4:30 p.m.	Skyline Room A
	Ages 8-12		

LUNAR NEW YEAR PAINTING CRAFT FOR TWEENS

Celebrate Lunar New Year by painting and decorating your own 3D Rabbit. Space is limited to 15 participants.

9650	Fri., Jan. 27	4:30-5:30 p.m.	Art Studio
	Ages 9-15		

GEARUP4YOUTH ROBOTICS AFTERNOON

Join us for hands-on robotics and engineering activities! GEARup4Youth has been partnering with community and public organizations, such as Boys and Girls Clubs, Girl Scouts, science museums, universities, major tech companies, schools, libraries, STEM fairs and STEM EXPOS to bring interactive STEM and technology to kids throughout Southern California. Space is limited to 35 participants.

9651	Fri., Feb. 3	4:30-6 p.m.	Art Studio/ Little Theater
	Ages 9-15		

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The following Library programs do not require advance registration:

GEOGRAPHIC LITERACY WRITING WORKSHOP

Poet Mike Sonksen will lead a presentation about the California State Parks. He will then lead a writing workshop focusing on geographical spaces. Notebooks and writing utensils will be provided, although participants are welcome to bring their own materials. This program is supported in whole or in part by funding provided by the State of California, administered by the California State Library. The program is offered as part of the California State Library Parks Pass project.

Mon., Jan. 9 6 p.m.
Ages 13 & Over Skyline Room

WEST AFRICAN KORA CONCERT

Sean Gaskell will give a performance on the kora, an ancient 21-stringed harp from West Africa. He will feature traditional songs that are the heart and soul of the kora's musical repertoire in addition to some of his own personal compositions.

Wed., Jan. 11 7 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

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.

Fri., Jan. 13 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 "A Long Petal of the Sea" by Isabel Allende. For more information, call Jo-Anne Alvarez at (562) 916-1340.

Wed., Jan. 18 11 a.m.-noon Board Room

RANCHO LOS CERRITOS ORCHARD HISTORY AND RESTORATION

In a talk titled "Native Plants for the Home Garden," Rancho Los Cerritos horticulturist Marie

Barnidge-McIntyre will share a presentation about some of the best California native plants for residential gardens. The discussion will include maintenance and watering of drought-tolerant plants and the types of pollinators the plants might attract. This program is supported in whole or in part by funding provided by the State of California, administered by the California State Library.

Wed., Jan. 18 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: "NORTH BY NORTHWEST" (1959)

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of "North by Northwest," starring Cary Grant and Eva Marie Saint, followed by a screening of the film. This film is not rated and has a running time of 136 minutes.

Fri., Jan. 20 6 p.m.
Ages 18 & Over Skyline Room

MEET POET RITA RAY

Poet Rita Ray will read from her book "From the Shadows." Her poetry reflects principles of love, loss and struggle. Copies of her book will be available for purchase.

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

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!

Mon., Jan. 30 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS CAMPING AND HIKING TIPS

Learn camping and hiking safety tips from a California State Parks Interpretive Specialist. This program is supported in whole or in part by funding provided by the State of California, administered by the California State Library. The program is offered as part of the California State Library Parks Pass project.

Wed., Feb. 1 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

"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 children who are not yet reading on their own. The challenge takes place from Mon., Jan. 9 through Mon., Feb. 6 and registration is through Beanstack. The coupon is limited to one per child and is available while supplies last.

BOOK SALE SET FOR FEBRUARY 25 & 26

The Friends of the Cerritos Library will hold a book sale on Saturday, February 25 and Sunday, February 26. 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 25. On Sunday, February 26, 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 Exhibition

ABSTRACT PAINTINGS: "ORDER OUT OF CHAOS"

"Order Out of Chaos," a collection of abstract paintings by David Hylton, will be exhibited in the main lobby from Saturday, January 7 through Sunday, February 26. Hylton's paintings fuse extemporaneous brushstrokes with intricately painted, metaphorical patterns. The interplay between these seemingly incongruous approaches provides the viewer with both the opportunity to navigate the paintings and to make new, personally charged associations. Hylton's artwork has been exhibited internationally, and he is a professor in the Department of Art at California Polytechnic University, California.

Contracts awarded for Cerritos Park East room improvements

The Cerritos City Council has awarded contracts for various upgrades to the California Room at the Cerritos Park East (CPE) Community Center. Work at the 6,578-square-foot facility includes replacing the floor and moveable walls and installing a hearing loop.

Pacific Sound Control of Santa Ana was awarded a contract in the amount of \$246,680 to replace the moveable walls inside the California Room.

A \$38,963.25 contract was awarded to Arizona-based Otojoy to install a hearing loop system in the California Room. Otojoy previously installed systems at the Cerritos Senior Center, Cerritos Library and Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts.

A \$111,102.81 contract was awarded to Commercial Interior Resources of Irvine, which recently completed flooring for the Cerritos Library.

Scheduled to begin in January, the improvements are expected to be completed in April. ■

City Council approves curb and sidewalk repairs

The Cerritos City Council has authorized the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to upgrade curbs and sidewalks.

The City will allocate roughly \$230,000 to construct and retrofit accessible curb ramps and make necessary sidewalk repairs along Towne Center Drive in the Cerritos Towne Center. The work will begin in Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

The federally funded CDBG program requires the money to be used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income people with the goal of revitalizing neighborhoods, improving community facilities, preventing or eliminating blight and/or improving accessibility for handicapped or disabled individuals. ■

Council Chambers audio/video equipment to be upgraded

The City of Cerritos has awarded a \$501,730.81 contract to Western Audio Visual to upgrade the audio/video equipment in the City Council Chambers to provide a state-of-the-art experience. The Council Chambers was last upgraded in 1993.

Based in the City of Orange, Western Audio Visual will upgrade all audio/video equipment to enhance the viewing experience for members of the public attending in-person, streaming and watching televised meetings. The Council Chambers conference room, lobby and lighting audio/video technology will also be improved to support the most optimal viewing experience.

The project includes the installation of two 85-inch ultra-HD screens and additional screens positioned throughout the Council Chambers; updating all audio and video equipment and adding new speakers; putting in an ergonomic control room desk; and upgrading the room control system. The work also includes improving the signal distribution and switching systems, broadcast systems, control systems, agenda management systems and miscellaneous components.

The project is expected to conclude by April. ■