

May 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 or scan the QR code below.



Scan the QR code to access the RACER Registration page.

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 **Wed., May 1 at 11 a.m.**

Non-Resident online registration for all programs listed begins **Wed., May 8 at 11 a.m.**

PHONE REGISTRATION

Call (562) 916-1388

Cerritos Resident phone registration for all programs listed begins **Tues., May 2 at 11 a.m.**

Non-Resident phone registration for all programs listed begins **Wed., May 8 at 11 a.m.**

WALK-IN REGISTRATION

Cerritos Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Wed., May 1 at 11 a.m.**

Non-Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Wed., May 8 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. Space is limited to 35 participants.

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

- 12790 Thurs., May 9
- 12791 Thurs., May 16
- 12792 Thurs., May 23
- 12793 Thurs., May 30

Second Saturday of the month at 11:15 a.m. for ages 5 and under

- 12794 Sat., May 11

CHESS FOR KIDS

Students from Whitney High School will teach chess basics to beginning players. Techniques from simple movements of the pieces to complicated moves of castling and en passant will be taught. Seating is limited to 12 participants. Class will not be held on May 24.

- 12795 Fri., May 10-June 7 4-5 p.m.
Ages 8-11 Art Studio

MANGA MAYNIA

Test your knowledge of manga against our librarians in Manga MAYnia Trivia: Staff vs Teens. Participants will be assigned to a team of three players. Teams will compete in three rounds of challenging manga trivia questions. The team with the most correct answers at the end of the game will be crowned the Manga MAYnia Trivia Masters!

- 12796 Wed., May 15 4:30 p.m.
Ages 13-17 Hi-Tech Lab

LEI MAKING FOR TEENS/ADULTS

Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month by creating your own ti leaf and ribbon leis. All materials will be provided. Space is limited to 20 participants.

- 12797 Wed., May 15 6-7 p.m.
Ages 13 & Over Skyline Room A

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT: YAYOI KUSAMA

Students will learn about Japanese contemporary artist Yayoi Kusama and create their own artwork. Space is limited to 20 participants.

- 12798 Thurs., May 16 3:30-4:20 p.m.
Ages 8-12 Art Studio

DUPLO LEGO CLUB

Children will build and create LEGO DUPLO creations using DUPLO building blocks. Little ones will make and create while improving their motor skills. Space is limited to 12 participants.

- 12799 Fri., May 17 11 a.m.-noon
Ages 2-4 Little Theater

MANGA PANEL GLASS ART

Learn how to paint your favorite manga character on a glass frame! Space is limited to 12 participants.

- 12800 Fri., May 17 5-6 p.m.
Ages 9-15 Art Studio

LANTERN & PAPER FAN CRAFT

Join us as we celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with fun crafts. Space is limited to 16 participants.

- 12801 Mon., May 20 5-6 p.m.
Ages 7-12 Art Studio

RAINBOW SCRATCH BOOKMARK ART

Children will create bookmarks and art using rainbow scratch paper. Space is limited to 20 participants

- 12802 Thurs., May 30 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 7-12 Art Studio

READ FOR THE GOLD TOTES FOR TWEENS/TEENS

Participants will create a one-of-a-kind canvas tote bag that's perfect for summer! Canvas bags, stencils and markers will be provided. Space is limited to 12 participants.

- 12803 Thurs., June 6 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 10-15 Art Studio

The following Library programs do not require advance registration:

POLYNESIAN DANCE PERFORMANCE

Experience the Aloha spirit and join us for an evening of Polynesian dancing with students from Nonosina Polynesia. Nonosina Polynesia's mission is to teach, perpetuate and celebrate Polynesian culture, values and arts through practice, protocol and performance.

- Wed., May 1 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR KIDS

A free hands-on Mother's Day craft will be held in the Art Studio for children ages 2-12. This craft will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes. For more information, call (562) 916-1343.

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

"THE LIFE AND TIMES OF A. EINSTEIN"

This delightful one-woman play starring Kres Mersky presents a day in the life of Albert Einstein as seen through the eyes of his secretary. Einstein has agreed to an interview with the press and doesn't show. His secretary is left to explain his Theory of Relativity, the Theory of Simultaneity and much more. Mersky has had a long career in television, theater and film.

- Tues., May 14 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

The Book Club for Adults will meet for a book discussion. Participants will discuss the book "Illegally Yours" by Rafael Agustin.

- Wed., May 15 11 a.m.-noon Board Room

MEET THE AUTHOR: ROD PULIDO

Meet author Rod Pulido for a reading of his debut novel "Chasing Pacquiao." The novel was named one of the Best Teen Books of 2023 by Book Riot and the Chicago Public Library. After the reading, DJ Jackson will lead a discussion with Pulido. Pulido is an author and filmmaker who grew up in Cerritos. Pulido's stories aim to uplift and entertain while highlighting the Filipino American experience.

- Mon., May 20 7 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

VIOLIN AND PIANO SPRING CONCERT

Violinist Paul Stein, a member of the Los Angeles Philharmonic for 36 years, and pianist Michelle Do will perform duet classical pieces. Do is a graduate of the University of Southern California, where she received a Doctorate of Musical Arts in Piano Performance.

- Tues., May 21 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

PICKLING DEMONSTRATION

Chef Vina will show you how to create shelf-stable pickled produce safely. This project is supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the California State Librarian.

- Wed., May 22 6 p.m.
18 and Over Skyline Room

NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: "THUNDERBALL" (1965)

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of "Thunderball," followed by a screening of the film. This film is rated PG and has a running time of 130 minutes.

- Thurs., May 23 6 p.m.
Ages 18 & Over Skyline Room

Calendar of Events

- April 19 • **Filipino Seniors of Cerritos**, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on May 3 and 17. Contact Mayette Centeno at (562) 331-0938.
- April 20 • **Cerritos Certified Farmers' Market**, 8 a.m.-noon, northwest parking lot of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Also on April 27, May 4, 11, 18 and 25.
- April 22 • **Cerritos Gadabouts**, 9 a.m.-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on May 6, 13, 20 and 27. Contact Richard Taylor at (323) 712-0392.
- April 23 • **Cerritos Chinese-American Senior Citizens Association**, 1-4 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on May 7, 14, 21 and 28. Contact Katie Yen at (562) 833-6711.
- **Cerritos Folk Dancers**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on May 7, 14, 21 and 28. Contact Julith Neff at (562) 881-9504.
- **The "Original" Happy Seniors of Cerritos**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on May 7, 14, 21 and 28. Contact Victoria Ilano at (562) 862-2842.
- April 24 • **68th Anniversary of the City's Incorporation**
- April 25 • **Cerritos Optimist Club**, 7 a.m., Denny's, 16907 Pioneer Blvd., Artesia. Also on May 2, 9 and 23. Contact Manilal Fernando at (562) 402-4700.
- **Cerritos (Mid-City) Korean-American Senior Citizens Association**, 9 a.m.-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on May 2, 9, 16 and 23. Contact Kyo Kim at (562) 900-9382.
- **Cerritos Indo-American Seniors**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on May 2, 9, 16 and 23. Contact Arvind Patel at (562) 322-0085.
- **Da' Hawaii Seniors Club**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also May 9 and 23. Contact Carmelita Tiongson at (562) 305-7995.
- **Formosa Senior Association**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on May 2, 9, 16 and 23. Contact Christine Lee at (213) 219-1430.
- April 27 • **Spring Fling & Fireworks Spectacular Celebrating the City's 68th Anniversary**, 4-8:30 p.m., Cerritos Sports Complex.
- April 28 • **Iron-Wood Nine Golf Course Driving Range hours change to 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.**
- **Woman's Club of Artesia-Cerritos**, 11 a.m., Cerritos Park East. Contact Sue Verway at (562) 926-2660.
- **Bellflower Unified School District Board** meeting, 6 p.m., 16703 S. Clark Avenue, Bellflower. Also on May 23.
- May 1 • **Planning Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- May 2 • **Parks and Recreation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- May 4 • **Recreation Services Youth Soccer resident registration**, 10 a.m., online at cerritos.us.
- **Friends of the Library book sale**, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Cerritos Library.
- May 9 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- May 14 • **Cerritos Republican Club**, 7-9 p.m. Contact Dean Grose for location at (562) 241-0235 or deanlosal@gmail.com or visit cerritos-republican.org.
- May 15 • **Community Safety Committee** meeting, 7 p.m., Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center
- May 16 • **Fine Arts and Historical Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- **La Palma-Cerritos American Association of University Women**, 6:30 p.m., ABC Adult School at Cabrillo Lane School, 20122 Cabrillo Lane, Cerritos. Contact Gail Ross at gailross1947@gmail.com.
- May 18 • **Recreation Services summer basketball resident registration**, 10 a.m., online at cerritos.us.
- May 22 • **Let Freedom Ring Committee**, 7 p.m., Cerritos Sheriff's Station/Community Safety Center.
- May 23 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- May 27 • **Memorial Day**
- **City Hall, City Clerk/Treasurer's Office, Library, Senior Center, Community Gymnasiums and CCPA Ticket Office closed.**
- **Memorial Day Ceremony**, 10 a.m. Civic Center.
- May 28 • **Property Preservation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.

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AN EVENING WITH NITYASHETRA DANCE SCHOOL

Bharatanatyam dance is characterized by clean, deliberate movements, exuberant leaps and bends, subtle neck and eye movements and crisp, intricate footwork. Join us as students from Nityashetra Dance School share the art of this ancient dance form.

Tues., May 28 7 p.m.

All Ages Skyline Room

MEET THE AUTHOR: NAMRATA PODDAR

Namrata Poddar, a first-generation Asian American writer of both fiction and non-fiction, will discuss the presence of the South Asian diaspora in Los Angeles and Orange County. Her award-winning novel, "Border Less," focuses on the lives of a global, 21st-century South Asian community.

Thurs., May 30 6 p.m.

All Ages Skyline Room

MEET THE AUTHOR: MICHAEL MAGRANN

Join author Michael Magrann as he reads from his debut book "Miles Per Gallon," which is based on actual events. Magrann takes us on a journey with a group of friends as they travel through North America during the band CH3's summer tour in 1983. After the reading, Magrann will perform songs from his band, CH3.

Wed., June 5 6 p.m.

13 & Over Skyline Room

BOOK SALE SET FOR MAY 4

The Friends of the Cerritos Library will hold a book sale on Saturday, May 4. 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. Come early for the best selection.

Library Displays

SMALL EDENS

Artist Linda Garcia-Dahle's oil paintings that show differing light and shadow effects in outdoor and indoor places will be displayed. This exhibition will be featured in the main library lobby from May 6 through June 28.

SAKADAS: FIRST OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (1906-1946)

This exhibition of photos and artifacts depicts the struggles and triumphs of the Sakadas, or Filipino contract workers, who braved the unknown when they migrated to work the sugarcane and pineapple plantations in Hawaii from 1906-1946. This exhibit will be in the Local History Room and in the Craftsman area during the month of May.

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