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Cerritos Library News

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We're pleased to present information about upcoming activities at the Cerritos Library.

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Programs: *Registration Required*

Registration programs require advance registration and space is limited

For more information call [\(562\) 916-1388](tel:5629161388), unless otherwise noted.

3D Print Program: Tinkercad

Participants are invited to get creative in our 3D printing program! Participants will learn the basics of 3D design using Tinkercad, a user-friendly digital modeling tool. Participants will explore how to design simple 3D objects. No prior experience is required — just bring your imagination. Participants will go home with a 3D-printed toy and will be able to retrieve their designs at a later time. Space is limited to 10 participants.

Tue	5/5	3:45-5PM	Ages 9-12	Hi-Tech Lab	#17201
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Paint and Decorate Ceramic Animal Pots

Participants will paint and decorate ceramic animal pots. Space is limited to 12 participants.

Thu	5/14	4PM	Ages 10-15	Art Studio	#17202
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Paint the Tiger and Magpie from KPop Demon Hunters

Participants will create a painting of the blue tiger, Derpy, and the six-eyed magpie, Sussy, from "KPop Demon Hunters." Artist Tayo Joyce will guide participants through this Minhwa-inspired project while explaining the cultural significance of these animals in Korean tradition. Space is limited to 15 participants.

Fri	5/15	3:45-4:45PM	Ages 8-12	Art Studio	#17203
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Flower Crown

Create a custom flower crown in this hands-on workshop. Participants will design and assemble their own crowns. Materials will be provided. Space is limited to 15 participants.

Tue	5/19	4PM	Ages 8-14	Art Studio	#17206
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Music and Movement with Chelsea Wong

Join us for an interactive program featuring live cello music, rhythmic games and creative movement. Children will explore rhythm, music history and musical styles while learning music fundamentals in a fun and engaging environment. Space is limited to 35 participants.

Thu	5/21	11-11:40AM	Ages 0-5	Little Theater	#17205
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Lei Making for Tweens & Teens

Participants are invited to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Participants will create ti leaf and ribbon leis. All materials will be provided. Space is limited to 20 participants.

Thu	5/21	4-5PM	Ages 10-16	Teen Studio	#17207
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Stay & Play Program

Join us as we move to music, play with toys, and make new friends. Space is limited to 15 participants.

Fri	5/22	11AM-12PM	Ages 2-4	Little Theater	#17208
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Storytime with the Mayor

Kick off summer with a special storytime with the City of Cerritos Mayor. Children will enjoy a fun and interactive storytime and be encouraged to participate in the Library's Summer Reading Program. Space is limited to 20 participants.

Sat	5/30	2PM	Ages 3-6	Little Theater	#17209
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Programs: *Drop-In*

Drop-in programs do not require advance registration and space is limited
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Arts and Crafts for Kids

A free hands-on Mother's Day craft will be held for ages 2-12. This craft will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes.

Fri	5/8	11AM-12PM	Ages 2-12	Art Studio	Drop-in
Fri	5/8	5-6PM	Ages 2-12	Art Studio	Drop-in

Meet Children's Author Brenda Lynne Sorensen

Brenda Lynne Sorensen is a professional singer and musician who has channeled her passion for storytelling and lyricism into writing picture books. She will present her debut children's book, "Heart of the Willow," a modern folktale that explores themes of love and hope, followed by a Q&A session. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

Fri	5/8	3:45PM	All Ages	Little Theater	Drop-in
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Silent Teen Trivia

A fun and interactive trivia competition designed for teens! Participants may join from their phones or computers and compete in real time without speaking. Players submit answers silently through their devices, making this an inclusive and accessible way to test knowledge, earn bragging rights, and potentially win a prize!

Tue	5/12	3:45-5PM	Ages 13-17	Teen Studio	Drop-in
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Friends of the Cerritos Library Book Sale

The Friends of the Cerritos Library will hold a book sale on Saturday, May 16. The sale will be held in the craftsman area inside of the library. 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.

Sat	5/16	11AM-4:30PM	All Ages	Craftsman Area	Drop-in
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Family Coloring Afternoon

Relax, socialize, and explore your creativity in a tranquil setting. A selection of spring coloring sheets, and art materials will be available for all ages, while supplies last. Space is limited.

Sat	5/16	2-3PM	All Ages	Art Studio	Drop-in
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Writing Workshop: Ode to Comfort Food with Xochitl-Julisa Bermejo

In this workshop, Xochitl-Julisa Bermejo will share readings of three poems from her series, "Ode to Comfort Food" published in "Incantation: Love Poems for Battle Sites," and will help participants write their own odes to their favorite foods. Using Pictionary as a brainstorming activity, guests will draw, guess, and share their favorite foods to begin the writing process.

Mon	5/18	6PM	Ages 13+	Skyline Room	Drop-in
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Video Game Tournament: Super Smash Bros.

Join us for an exciting Super Smash Bros. Tournament filled with fast-paced, friendly competition. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a first timer, everyone is welcome to test their skills. Don't miss this chance to demonstrate your skills, connect with fellow gamers, and enjoy a great time at the library! Snacks will be provided while supplies available.

Tue	5/19	3:45-4:45PM	Ages 13-17	Hi-Tech Lab	Drop-in
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Book Club for Adults

The Book Club for Adults will meet for a book discussion. Participants will discuss the book “Born a Crime” by Trevor Noah. For more information, please call [\(562\) 916-1342](tel:5629161342).

Wed	5/20	11AM	Ages 18+	Board Room	Drop-in
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Improvicelli Cello/String Performance

Improvicelli, founded by cellist Paul Hyun, is a professional concert series in which cellists and string musicians perform ensemble pieces, and engage in onstage musical “battles.” The program offers an interactive experience through prompts and games, inviting the audience to help shape the performance atmosphere. The program will include improvisation games, musical challenges, and selections from movie soundtracks arranged by Hyun. Improvicelli aims to elevate, educate, and innovate concert experiences for audiences of all ages.

Wed	5/20	6:30PM	All Ages	Skyline Room	Drop-in
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Night at the Movies “My Man Godfrey” (1936)

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of “My Man Godfrey,” starring William Powell and Carole Lombard, followed by a screening of the film. This film is not rated with a running time of 94 minutes.

Thu	5/21	6PM	Ages 18+	Skyline Room	Drop-in
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Bunun Lucky-Charm Bead Bracelet Craft Workshop

Participants are invited to attend this family-friendly activity and craft a lucky charm bracelet inspired by Bunun traditions, using Job's Tears seeds and colorful beads. Through this hands-on experience, children and adults can learn about Indigenous culture while creating a meaningful keepsake to take home. This activity takes approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. Supplies will be provided.

Sat	5/23	11:30AM	All Ages	Art Studio	Drop-in
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A Treat of Bunun's Myths, Music, and Costumes

Participants are invited to attend this family-friendly introduction to the Bunun people of Taiwan. This activity will explore Bunun myths, traditional songs, and cultural costumes. Participants may also try on traditional Bunun costumes and take photos together. Children and adults are welcome to learn, experience, and celebrate Indigenous culture in an interactive and enjoyable way.

Sat	5/23	2:00PM	All Ages	Little Theater	Drop-in
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Anime Film: Wolf Children

College student Hana falls in love with a “wolf man” and together they have two half-human, half-wolf children, Ame and Yuki. The young family’s happy but humble life comes to an abrupt end when the father is tragically killed during a hunt. After struggling to raise her children in the busy city, Hana boldly decides to move to a dilapidated house in the countryside, in hopes that her children may one day decide their own path to happiness — whether “human” or “wolf.”

Tue	5/26	3:45PM	Ages 13-17	Skyline Room	Drop-in
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Artists at Play: “California Gold”

Participants are invited to experience the live play California Gold by Katherine Chou. Commissioned and developed through Artists at Play’s Playwrights Group: The Neighborhood Project, the production explores the rich cultural histories and social fabric of Asian American enclaves across Los Angeles County. The story follows Noor, Sameera, Radhika, and Jennifer — four friends determined to save the world and stay inseparable — until a ritual gone wrong exposes deep fractures in their bond. As ghosts from both past and present emerge in the streets of Cerritos and Artesia, the girls confront outside pressures, uncertain futures, and inherited histories, forcing them to question who they are and who they will become.

Tue	5/26	5PM	All Ages	Skyline Room B	Drop-in
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Summer Reading Program Kickoff

Kick off the Summer Reading Program with activities for children, teens, and adults. Enjoy games, crafts, and family-friendly activities throughout the first floor, and be among the first to register for the Summer Reading Program. The Art Studio, where participants can sign up for the Summer Reading Program, will open at 11 a.m. Programs and activities will begin at 11:30 a.m.

Mon	6/1	11:30AM-1:30PM	All Ages	First Floor	Drop-in
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Summer Reading Program

51st SUMMER READING PROGRAM: Stars, Stripes, and Stories!

Cerritos Library cardholders are invited to participate in the Cerritos Library's Stars, Stripes, and Stories! 51st Summer Reading Program. Children, teens, and adults are encouraged to read throughout the summer. Participants will earn a book prize and tote bag for completing the program, which is sponsored by the Friends of the Cerritos Library.

Option 1 — Online Registration: Pre-registration will be available through the Cerritos Library's Beanstack service from Monday, June 1 through Saturday, June 13. To access and sign-up for a Beanstack account, please visit the library's website at library.cerritos.gov. Each participant must have a valid Cerritos Library card. Participants can log and track their reading progress in Beanstack and will need to complete their reading from June 1 through June 28. Children will need to log 30 minutes of reading per day and will earn digital badges for completing 210 minutes of reading each week. Adults and Teens will earn digital badges for every book logged (four books total).

Option 2 — In-Person Registration: Patrons can also register in person beginning on Monday, June 1 through Saturday, June 13. Patrons who register in person need to bring their valid Cerritos Library card to the Children's Art Studio in the Cerritos Library. Each participant must be present to register, or their valid Cerritos Library card must be presented. A separate form will need to be completed for each person who signs up to receive their reading log. Prizes and Programs: Children up to age 12 who read 30 minutes per day (210 minutes per week) during the program will earn a book prize and Summer Reading Program Tote Bag (while supplies last). Teens, ages 13 to 17, and adults, ages 18 and older, must complete four books, either fiction or non-fiction, in any language to earn the book prize and tote bag. Once every reading goal is met, you can visit the Children's Art Studio in the Cerritos Library to receive your book prize and tote bag beginning Monday, June 29 through Saturday, July 11. (Using the Beanstack mobile App, please show library staff the digital completion badge earned on your mobile device. If participants registered in person, please present completed reading log.) Each participant must be present to receive their book prize and tote bag. Please visit library.cerritos.gov for links to other Cerritos Library programs for kids and teens.



Exhibitions

Taiwan in Austronesian Culture — A Journey of Millennia

To Celebrate 2026 AAPI Heritage Month and Taiwan Day, the Cerritos Library will present a special exhibition, “Taiwan in Austronesian Culture — A Journey of Millennia,” from Monday, May 18, to Saturday, May 23. Poster displays along the library’s Main Street will explore the origins and expansion of Austronesian cultures from Taiwan across the Pacific, highlight the vibrant traditions of Taiwan’s Amis and Bunun peoples, and examine the lasting influence of Indigenous Taiwanese culture in modern society.

“Where Nature Speaks” by Kanae Kwan

This nature-themed exhibition of acrylic paintings reflects the sense of calm Kwan experiences in nature, breathing slowly, letting go of everyday thoughts and feeling her spirit lift. Kwan is honored to share this exhibit during Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. She grew up in the countryside of Japan, surrounded by mountains, rice fields and clear rivers, where she developed a deep connection to nature and a strong sense of pride in Japanese culture and spirit, which continue to inspire her work. “Where Nature Speaks” will be exhibited in the main lobby of the library May 4 through June 29, 2026.



Registration Dates

Online Registration

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Fri	5/1	11AM	Resident registration begins
Fri	5/8	11AM	Non-Resident registration begins

Online Registration Tips

To check the availability or to register for classes, please visit cerritos.gov/register. 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](tel:5629161388). Computers at the Cerritos Library may be used to access RACER.

Phone Registration

Call [\(562\) 916-1388](tel:5629161388)

Fri	5/1	11AM	Resident registration begins
Fri	5/8	11AM	Non-Resident registration begins

Walk-In Registration

Sat	5/2	11AM	Resident registration begins
Fri	5/8	11AM	Non-Resident registration begins

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Monday–Friday

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Saturday

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Mon., May 25 in observance of Memorial Day