

September 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.gov

Cerritos Resident online registration for all programs listed begins **Sun., Sept. 1 at 11 a.m.**

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

PHONE REGISTRATION

Call (562) 916-1388

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

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

WALK-IN REGISTRATION

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

Non-Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Sun., Sept. 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 50 participants.

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

13399 Thurs., Sept. 12
13400 Thurs., Sept. 19
13401 Thurs., Sept. 26
13402 Thurs., Oct. 3

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

13403 Sat., Sept. 14

STICKER MAKING CLASS

Children will learn how to create 5D diamond stickers that can be used to decorate backpacks, water bottles, notebooks or any other surface. Space is limited to 20 participants.

13404 Tues., Sept. 10 4-5 p.m.
Ages 8-12 Skyline Room

AI ADVENTURE: UNLEASH THE FUTURE WITH CERRITOS CODER SCHOOL

Join us for an engaging exploration of artificial intelligence and its foundational principles. Participants will delve into key concepts, including machine learning, robotics and neural networks, acquiring a thorough understanding of AI's impact on our society. Space is limited to 22 participants.

13406 Mon., Sept. 16 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 8-12 Hi-Tech Lab

STAY & PLAY PROGRAM

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

13407 Fri., Sept. 20 11 a.m.-noon
Ages 2-5 Little Theater

BACK TO SCHOOL TOTES FOR TWEENS & TEENS

Tweens and teens will create a back-to-school themed canvas tote bag that is perfect for carrying library books! Materials will be provided. Space is limited to 12 participants.

13408 Fri., Sept. 20 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 11-17 Art Studio

RAINBOW SCRATCH ART

Children can use their creativity to create rainbow designs on ocean animals and coral reef scenes. Space is limited to 25 participants.

13409 Tues., Sept. 24 4-5 p.m.
Ages 7-12 Skyline Room A

SHOEBOX PIÑATA CREATION WORKSHOP

Join Juan Farris for an engaging demonstration of constructing piñatas using shoeboxes. All materials will be provided. Space is limited to 25 participants.

13410 Tues., Oct. 1 6-8 p.m.
Ages 13-Adult Skyline Room

AUTUMN PERLER BEADS FOR TWEENS & TEENS

Participants will create an autumn themed art piece using Perler beads. Space is limited to 10.

13411 Fri., Oct. 4 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 10-15 Art Studio

XFYD INTRODUCTION TO PYTHON FOR KIDS

XFYD is a student-led organization that aims to promote a space for the exchange of knowledge, inspiration and freedom of expression in the community. XFYD's five-week Python course offers engaging and practical lessons designed for elementary students with a basic understanding of the Python programming language. Space is limited to 18 participants.

13412 Fri., Oct. 4-Nov. 1 6 p.m.
Ages 8-12 Hi-Tech Lab

The following Library programs do not require advance registration:

ANIME FILM: "SPIRITED AWAY"

Join us for a screening of "Spirited Away," directed by Hayao Miyazaki. During her family's move to the suburbs, a sullen 10-year-old girl wanders into a world ruled by gods, witches and spirits, and where humans are changed into beasts. Popular Japanese snacks will be provided, while supplies last. This movie is rated PG and has a running time of 125 minutes.

Wed., Sept. 4 3:45 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

PENNYROYAL PLAYERS: FROM BATTLES TO BALLOTS

The Pennyroyal Players pay musical tribute to the 27 "Radical Women" who dared to fight for freedom and the right to vote. The story begins in 1591 in England and ends in Tennessee in 1920 with the final ratification of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution, providing all women the right to vote. In this fast-paced musical portrayal of the battles these women fought, you will learn of their struggles, tragedies and victories every step of the way.

Mon., Sept. 9 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR KIDS

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

Fri., Sept. 13 11 a.m.-12 p.m. & 5-6 p.m.
Ages 2-12 Art Studio

MEET THE AUTHOR: RAFAEL AGUSTIN

Writer and producer Rafael Agustin discusses his memoir, "Illegally Yours," a heartwarming, comical look at how a struggling Ecuadorian immigrant family bonded together to navigate Rafa's school life, his parents' work lives and their shared secret life as undocumented Americans. The book talk will be followed by a Q & A.

Mon., Sept. 16 7 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

CEVICHE & SALSA MAKING WORKSHOP

Join us for a workshop led by Chef Vina, where we will learn to prepare two delicious homemade ceviches and salsas.

Tues., Sept. 17 6 p.m.
18 and over Skyline Room

BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

The Book Club for Adults will meet for a book discussion. Participants will discuss the book "The Loved One" by Evelyn Waugh. For more information, call (562) 916-1342.

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

MEET THE AUTHOR: LUIS I. REYES

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with author/TV personality Luis I. Reyes. Reyes will discuss his latest book "Viva Hollywood!" which celebrates the legacy of Latin and Hispanic artists in the Hollywood film industry. Reyes presents the achievements of Latin film artists from the present day (Jennifer Lopez, Pedro Pascal, Salma Hayek, Edward James Olmos, Jenna Ortega and Gina Rodriguez) back to the founding of the film industry in Hollywood. The book talk will be followed by a Q & A.

Thurs., Sept. 19 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

A HISTORY OF LA LOTERÍA

In this presentation, Dr. Gloria Arjona explores the origins of La Lotería and how it is traditionally played, incorporating music and offering a taste of the traditional gameplay. Known as "The Mexican Bingo," La Lotería is a tradition passed on from generation to generation for many Mexican and Central American descendants. Its eye-catching and provocative images are frequently recreated by artists worldwide, and scholarly research on this topic is quickly growing.

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

GAMETIME FOR TWEENS & TEENS

Join us for an afternoon of open play, featuring Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, Nickelodeon Kart Racer 3, Sonic Superstars and various board games. All games will be used on a first-come, first-served basis.

Wed., Sept. 25 4-5 p.m.
Ages 12-17 Teen Studio

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ANCIENT HOMELANDS: FAMILY PRESENTATION ON INDIGENOUS MUSIC OF NORTH, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA

Join us in an interactive musical experience that celebrates the indigenous music of North, Central and South America. Martin Espino, a scholar with expertise in this field, will lead this presentation. Participants will have the opportunity to join in singing simple songs and playing a variety of unique native percussion instruments that will be provided.

Wed., Sept. 25 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: "THE GRADUATE" (1967)

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of "The Graduate," starring Anne Bancroft, Dustin Hoffman and Katharine Ross, followed by a screening of the film. This film is rated PG and has a running time of 106 minutes.

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

MEET CHILDREN'S AUTHOR SUSIE JARAMILLO

Susie Jaramillo is the co-founder and Chief Creative Officer of Encantos Media Studios. She is also the visionary behind Encantos' inaugural brand, Canticos, which offers a bilingual baby and toddler experience inspired by Latino nursery rhymes. As a Venezuelan-American mother of two bilingual and bicultural children, Jaramillo developed Canticos to share her cultural heritage and language with her family. In her multifaceted role as author, artist and executive producer, Jaramillo oversees the multimedia brand, which encompasses books, digital applications and animated videos.

Fri., Sept. 27 11 a.m.
All Ages Little Theater

FAMILY LOTERÍA NIGHT

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with an evening of Lotería! Lotería is a traditional Latin American game of chance, similar to bingo, but using images on a deck of cards instead of plain numbers. Learn how to play this Mexican bingo-style game with the whole family. Space is limited to 35 participants.

Wed., Oct. 2 6-7 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

BALLET FOLKLORICO DANCE PERFORMANCE

Join us as students from the award-winning Grupo Folklórico Sabor de México from Torrance perform various traditional dances and showcase regalia and music.

Thurs., Oct. 3 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

CITY ARTWORK MAQUETTE INTERACTIVE EXHIBITION

To celebrate October Arts Month, Cerritos Library will showcase an interactive exhibition of the sculpture maquettes (models) from the City's Art in Public Places collection. Guests are encouraged to touch the maquettes, as volunteers describe the pieces. Participants will also have an opportunity to create artwork by sculpting with air-dry clay. Everyone is welcome to attend this one-day event, with special efforts made to be inclusive for visually impaired individuals.

Sat., Oct. 5 2-4 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

CHILDREN'S ART & SHORT STORY CONTEST

The Friends of the Cerritos Library will conduct the 21st Annual Art Contest for children in grades K-6 and a Short Story Contest for children in grades 3-6. "What Would You Do If You Were the Principal for a Day?" is the theme for the short story contest and "Design Your Dream or Fantasy Elementary School" is

the theme for the art contest. Participants must have a valid Cerritos Library card. The deadline to turn in all entries is Friday, October 11 before 7 p.m. Draw or paint a picture of "Design Your Dream or Fantasy Elementary School." Artwork must be no larger than 12" x 18" and unmounted. Only one art entry is allowed per child. Short stories about "What Would You Do If You Were the Principal for a Day?" must be original, using no more than 500 words and preferably typed on white letter-sized paper. Only one short story entry is allowed per child. Application forms are available at the Children's Help Desk and on the Library's website. Winners will receive gift cards from Target at a special reception on Thursday, December 5 at 7 pm. For more information, contact Librarian Curita Tinker at (562) 916-1343.

Library Displays

WRITERS' ALLEY

Comic book writers are master storytellers. Their inventive creativity and vivid power with a pen have captivated generations of readers and inspired dozens of films and television series. The Cerritos Library is delighted to exhibit works by some of the most influential and groundbreaking comic book writers. These works from comic book history will be on display throughout the library in the main lobby, local history room, and the multimedia area from September 11 to October 31. This exhibition features many pieces from Cerritos resident Allen Montgomery's collection.

Follow traffic safety tips as children return to school

Thousands of local children returned to school in August. The following school safety tips are provided by the National Safe Routes to School Program and the City of Cerritos Community Safety Division.

- Slow down and obey all traffic laws and speed limits. This may be the most important safety tip to observe around schools.
- Comply with school drop-off and pick-up procedures. Many schools in Cerritos have student valet or parking lot transition programs and should be used if possible.
- Avoid double parking and stopping in crosswalks or in people's driveways to let children out of the car. Do not allow children to cross the street mid-block, and teach them to use crosswalks. Cerritos Sheriff's deputies have been directed to issue citations for these violations.

- Stop for a school bus when red overhead lights are flashing or a stop sign has been activated on the street side of the bus. Violating this law may result in a very expensive citation.
- Watch for children crossing streets near schools or at nearby corners. Pedestrians have the right-of-way when in marked or unmarked crosswalks. (Any intersection has an unmarked crosswalk unless a posted sign says otherwise.)
- Watch for children on sidewalks when backing out or entering a driveway.
- Pay attention to the directions of crossing guards, and take the time to thank them occasionally. These guards put themselves at risk every day to protect the kids. ■

City ordinance regulates use of leaf blowers

Under City ordinance, the use of gas-operated leaf blowers in any residential area and in commercial areas within 400 feet of any residential area in the City is restricted to the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays and legal holidays. The City ordinance regulating these hours was designed to protect residents from excessive noise caused by such equipment.

Leaf blowers should not direct debris onto adjacent parcels or lots. Such debris should be removed and disposed of properly to prevent dispersion by wind or other similar means. Piles of leaves left in the gutters can clog storm drains and cause flooding. In addition, leaves in storm drains decompose and grow bacteria that can travel into the ocean. ■

Short-term rentals banned in Cerritos

Cerritos residential property owners are reminded that the City of Cerritos prohibits short-term rentals.

Short-term rentals refer to leasing or renting a single-family residential dwelling unit (in whole or in part) for 31 days or fewer. The most common

types of short-term rentals are vacation rentals and home-sharing rentals, which are both prohibited. The Sheraton Cerritos Hotel located in the commercially zoned Cerritos Towne Center is not considered a short-term rental under the ordinance.

The ban strives to protect Cerritos residential neighborhoods from the noise, nuisances, added traffic and other adverse factors that can arise with short-term rentals. Appropriate enforcement measures will be taken against those who violate the City ordinance. ■