



July 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.gov.

CLASSES/RACER ONLINE REGISTRATION TIPS

To check the availability or to register for classes, please visit the Cerritos website at cerritos.gov 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 **Tues., July 1, at 11 a.m.**

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

PHONE REGISTRATION

Call (562) 916-1388

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

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

WALK-IN REGISTRATION

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

Non-Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Tues., July 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 40 participants.

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

15424 Mon., July 14
15425 Mon., July 21
15426 Mon., July 28
15427 Mon., Aug. 4

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

15428 Thurs., July 10
15429 Thurs., July 17
15430 Thurs., July 24
15431 Thurs., July 31

Saturdays at 11:15 a.m. for ages 5 and under

15432 Sat., July 12
15433 Sat., July 26

DISCOVERY CUBE PIG HEART DISSECTION

Students will explore the pathway of blood throughout the body in this pig heart dissection workshop. Participants will gain an understanding of how the heart functions and sustains life. Space is limited to 20 participants.

15434 Tues., July 8 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 10-13 Skyline Room B

PARENT AND CHILD RAINBOW LOOM

Children, along with a parent, will learn how to weave and create their own colorful Rainbow Loom rubber band bracelets. Space is limited to 12 participants. Registration is not required for parents.

15436 Wed., July 16 2-3 p.m.
Ages 9-14 Skyline Room A

PERLER BEADS

Tweens and Teens will create a summer art piece using Perler beads. Space is limited to 12 participants.

15437 Thurs., July 17 2-3 p.m.
Ages 10-15 Art Studio

THE DINOSAUR WHO CRIED "ASTEROID!" PUPPET SHOW

Join Hey, Hey, Entertainment for a new dinosaur puppet show! Discover the significance of friendship and the importance of telling the truth. Space is limited to 200 participants. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

15438 Thurs., July 17 3:30 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

SLIME MAKING CLASS FOR KIDS

Join us for an afternoon of slime-making. Space is limited to 15 participants.

15439 Fri., July 18 2-3 p.m.
Ages 7-9 Art Studio

SPOTLIGHT STORYTIME: MINECRAFT

Join us for a fun storytime filled with Minecraft books and fun, followed by a Minecraft-inspired craft! Space is limited to 20 participants.

15440 Sat., July 19 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Ages 4-9 Little Theater/Art Studio

FLORAL WORKSHOP FOR TEENS

Join us for a hands-on floral workshop designed for teens. Space is limited to 12 participants.

15441 Tues., July 22 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Ages 13-17 Teen Studio

CHRISTOPHER T. MAGICIAN

Join Christopher T. Magician as he blends magic, comedy, and excitement into a celebration of popular children's books. Space is limited to 200 participants. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

15448 Thurs., July 24 3:30 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

LEGO® DUPLO® 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.

15449 Fri., July 25 11 a.m.-noon
Ages 2-4 Little Theater

STAY & PLAY PROGRAM

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

15450 Fri., August 1 11 a.m.-noon
Ages 2-5 Little Theater

The following Library programs do not require advance registration:

SUMMER CRAFTS FOR KIDS

Free hands-on crafts featuring a summer theme for children ages 2-12 will be held in the Skyline Room from 11 a.m. to noon. These glue-and-go crafts take approximately 10 to 15 minutes.

Wed., July 9
Wed., July 16
Wed., July 23
Wed., July 30

FAMILY LOTERÍA AFTERNOON

Lotería is a traditional Latin American game of chance, like bingo, but using images on a deck of cards instead of plain numbers. Learn how to play this Mexican bingo-style game with the entire family. Space is limited to 35 participants.

Mon., July 14 3:30-4:30 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

GAMES & MORE FOR TWEENS & TEENS

Join us for an afternoon of open play featuring Mario Cart, Super Smash Brothers, and various board games. All games will be used on a first-come, first-serve basis. Snacks will be provided.

Tues., July 15 2-3:30 p.m.
Ages 11-17 Skyline Room

BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

The Book Club for Adults will meet for a book discussion. Participants will discuss the book "The Wright Brothers" by David McCullough. For more information, call (562) 916-1340.

Wed., July 16 11 a.m.-noon Board Room

MEET CHILDREN'S AUTHOR HEIDI ZHANG

Heidi Zhang is a Chinese American professional and working mother based in Los Angeles. Zheng created the "Are YOU" series, which aims to inspire children to become virtuous global citizens, foster an appreciation for diversity through shared humanity, and encourage positive contributions to their communities and the environment. Join us for a special storytime and discussion of her book, "Are YOU a Princess?" Copies of books by Zhang will be available for purchase.

Fri., July 18 3:30 p.m.
All Ages Little Theater

INSTRUMENT PETTING ZOO

This hands-on fun-with-instruments class presented by volunteers from the Long Beach Symphony Orchestra will explain the different string, woodwind, brass, and percussion instruments. Children will get up close and personal with orchestral instruments. Come enjoy this hour of unique opportunity for children and parents alike.

Mon., July 21 3:30-4:30 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

CROCHETING FOR TEENS

Join us for our crocheting workshop, where guidance and step-by-step instructions will be provided as participants work on a simple project. Materials will be provided.

Thurs., July 24 2:30 p.m.
Ages 13-17 Teen Studio

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NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: “THE HUSTLER” (1961)

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of “The Hustler,” starring Paul Newman and Jackie Gleason, followed by a screening of the film. This film is not rated and has a running time of 134 minutes.

Thurs., July 24 6 p.m.
Ages 18 & Over Skyline Room

**MEET CHILDREN’S AUTHOR
ALEXANDRA ADLAWAN**

Alexandra Adlawan is an author, illustrator, and animator on the autism spectrum, passionate about storytelling and creative expression. Diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder at the age of 15, she views her unique perspective and experiences as vital to her identity. Through her work, Adlawan aims to inspire others to embrace their creative passions and dream big. Join us for a special storytime and discussion of her book, “Sub Journey.” Copies of books by Adlawan will be available for purchase.

Fri., July 25 3:30 p.m.
All Ages Little Theater

DUBAI CHOCOLATE DEMONSTRATION

Chef Vina will demonstrate how to prepare the popular Dubai chocolate confection from the comfort of your home.

Mon., July 28 6 p.m.
Ages 18 & Over Skyline Room

BOARD GAMES FOR ALL

Everyone is invited to play board games provided by the library with friends, family, or teen volunteers. Children ages 6 and under are recommended to bring a parent with them to help with the games. For more information, call (562) 916-1343.

Tues, July 29 2-3 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

FAMILY MOVIE & CRAFT NIGHT

Join us for a screening of “Dogman” and a selection of two glue-and-go crafts.

Thurs., July 31 5:30 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

Library Displays

DELVERS GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY EXHIBIT

The Cerritos Library will host an exhibit by the Delvers Gem and Mineral Society, featuring a variety of minerals, gems, and paleontological specimens from members’ personal collections. The display will be available in the Library’s main lobby throughout July and August.

Cerritos Library seeks teen volunteers

The Cerritos Library Volunteen program is seeking responsible, dependable, and enthusiastic teens to help with Library programs, shelving, and monitoring of computer workstations.

Applications for the 2025 Fall session will be available starting Monday, July 14, 2025. The session runs from Tuesday, September 2, 2025, through Friday, December 19, 2025.

The program is open to students ages 13 years and older attending grades 7-12 during the Fall 2025 school year. Applicants must have a Cerritos Library card in good standing and are required to pass a criminal background assessment, in accordance with City policy. For more information, call (562) 916-1338 or email volunteen@cerritos.gov. ■

Building permits required for home improvements

City approval and a building permit are required for most home-improvement projects in Cerritos. City staff and inspectors ensure that updates to a property enhance its value and are appropriate for the neighborhood and safe for residents. Among the projects that require a permit are:

- Air conditioners
- Dishwashers
- Electrical changes
- Landscaping
- New block walls
- New fences
- New wood siding
- New windows/trim
- Painting
- Patios/Patio covers
- Paving
- Plumbing changes
- Roofing
- Room additions
- Spas
- Sprinkler systems
- Stucco work
- Swimming pools
- Water heaters

If you are considering any other home-improvement projects, contact the Department of Community Development at (562) 916-1201 to find out if there are any City requirements that apply. For more information, visit cerritos.gov/buildingpermits. Planning approval and building permits are available online. ■



Scan the QR code for more about City permits at cerritos.gov/buildingpermits

Keep pets safe this summer

Hot summer months can be uncomfortable and dangerous for pets. Here are some tips for keeping pets safe in the heat:

- Never leave pets in a parked car, even with cars running and air-conditioners on. Temperatures inside a vehicle can rise rapidly to dangerous levels. On an 85-degree day, the temperature inside a vehicle with the windows slightly cracked open can reach 102 degrees within 10 minutes. After 30 minutes, the temperature could reach 120 degrees. Such heat may cause death or irreversible organ damage in pets.
- Watch the humidity. Dogs pant to cool down, but high humidity prevents them from doing so, causing their body temperature to soar to dangerous levels quickly.
- Limit exercise on hot days. Walk dogs in the early morning or late at night. Pay special attention to pets with white-colored ears (as they are more susceptible to skin cancer) and short-nosed pets, which typically have difficulty breathing. Dogs absorb and release heat through their feet, therefore,

walk them on grass or use doggy boots. Bring water to keep pets from dehydrating.

- Don’t rely on fans, which don’t cool off animals as effectively as they do people. If you don’t have air-conditioning, lay down a wet towel for your dog to lie on or simply set up a fan in front of a pan of ice.
- Provide clean water and protection from heat and the sun when dogs are outdoors. Add ice to water. A doghouse does not provide relief from heat. Tree shade and tarps are ideal because they don’t obstruct air flow.
- Watch for signs of heatstroke, including heavy panting, glazed eyes, a rapid heartbeat, difficulty breathing, excessive thirst, lethargy, fever, dizziness, lack of coordination, profuse salivation, vomiting, a deep red or purple tongue, seizure, and unconsciousness. If a dog is suffering from heatstroke, move it into the shade or an air-conditioned area. Apply ice packs or cold towels to its head, neck and chest or run cool (not cold) water over the pet. Give it small amounts of cool water or ice cubes to lick. Take the dog to the veterinarian. ■

City Adds Pickleball Courts at Liberty Park and Cerritos Park East

Pickleball enthusiasts now have access to eight new courts at Liberty Park in Cerritos, and another four at Cerritos Park East following improvement projects recently completed by the City.

At Liberty Park, two new dual-use courts were unveiled on May 12, with each allowing for conversion from one tennis court to four pickleball courts. At Cerritos Park East, another four new dual-use courts were unveiled on June 23. The City Council directed the changes in April and May in response to requests from Cerritos residents for additional pickle-

ball courts. Pickleball has seen a dramatic rise in play and demand for space locally.

With the opening of eight new courts, patrons at Liberty Park now have 13 pickleball courts to choose from, and a total of 17 outdoor courts at the City’s parks. Additionally, ten courts are located at Los Angeles County’s Don Knabe Community Regional Park. Pickleball is also offered on a drop-in basis from 2 to 6 p.m. on Sundays at the Community Gymnasium at Whitney High School.

The new courts are available for use on a drop-in, first-come, first-served basis unless otherwise desig-

nated for a City special event, program, or activity. Courts are dual-use and intended for pickleball or tennis play only. They are open to the public Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the fall and winter, and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the spring and summer. Court time is limited to 30 minutes if other players are waiting.

Liberty Park is located at 19211 Studebaker Road. Cerritos Park East is located at 13234 E. 166th Street.

For more information, please contact the Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254. ■