



# December 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](http://cerritos.us).

### CLASSES/RACER ONLINE REGISTRATION TIPS

To check the availability or to register for classes, please visit the Cerritos website at [cerritos.us](http://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 **Fri., Dec. 1 at 11 a.m.**

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

### PHONE REGISTRATION

#### Call (562) 916-1388

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

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

### WALK-IN REGISTRATION

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

Non-Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Fri., Dec. 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. Only children registered for storytime may be brought to the program. Space is limited to 25 participants.

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

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| 11824 | Thurs., Dec. 14 |
| 11825 | Thurs., Jan. 4  |

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

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| 11842 | Sat., Dec. 9 |
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### SUCCULENT TREE DECORATING FOR TWEENS/TEENS

Participants will design their very own succulent tree. Learn about the care and maintenance of succulent cuttings and make an arrangement with winter foliage and succulents using sustainable floral materials and elements. Miniature ornaments and ribbons will be provided to help spread the holiday cheer! Space is limited to 15 participants. This program was 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 in California by the State Librarian.

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| 11826 | Mon., Dec. 11 | 4-5 p.m.   |
|       | Ages 11-17    | Art Studio |

### GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING

Get in the holiday spirit by decorating your own gingerbread house.

We supply the house, icing and candy, you provide the imagination! The class fee is \$5. No refunds will be given. Space is limited to 10 participants.

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| 11828 | Tues., Dec. 12 | 3:30-4:15 p.m. |
|       | Ages 7-10      | Art Studio     |
| 11829 | Mon., Dec. 18  | 4-4:45 p.m.    |
|       | Ages 11-15     | Art Studio     |

### WINTER BULB PLANTING

Join us for an exciting presentation by Kay Begum, a Los Angeles County Master Gardener and a graduate of the University of California Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Learn all about planting bulbs for the winter season. Planting materials, bulbs and tools for use in class will be provided. Limited to 18 participants. This program was 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 in California by the State Librarian.

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| 11830 | Wed., Dec. 13  | 6 p.m.       |
|       | Ages 18 & Over | Skyline Room |

### HOLIDAY PAINT PARTY FOR KIDS

Celebrate the holiday season and paint a festive holiday scene. The class fee is \$5. No refunds will be given. Space is limited to 15 participants.

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| 11832 | Thurs., Dec. 14 | 3:30-5 p.m. |
|       | Ages 8-12       | Art Studio  |

### CRAFTS FOR ADULTS: WOOD AND FIBER NECKLACE

Learn how to make a modern, understated and playful wood and fiber necklace. Give it as a gift or keep for yourself! The fee is \$5. No refunds will be given. Space is limited to 12 participants.

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| 11843 | Thurs., Dec. 14 | 6 p.m.     |
|       | Ages 18 & Over  | Board Room |

### STAY & PLAY PROGRAM

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

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| 11831 | Fri., Dec. 15 | 11 a.m.-noon   |
|       | Ages 2-5      | Little Theater |

### CARDBOARD GINGERBREAD HOUSE AND UGLY SWEATER ORNAMENT CRAFTS FOR TWEENS/TEENS

Join us as we create mini cardboard gingerbread houses and ugly sweater ornaments. All supplies will be provided. Space is limited to 12 participants.

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| 11833 | Fri., Dec. 15 | 4-5 p.m.   |
|       | Ages 11-15    | Art Studio |

### PERCY JACKSON'S DEMIGOD TRAINING DAY

Calling all Percy Jackson fans! Join us for fun Camp Half Blood related activities. Receive a prophecy, make your own shields, compete with your fellow campers and more! Space is limited to 20 participants.

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| 11834 | Fri., Jan. 5 | 1-3 p.m.     |
|       | Ages 8-12    | Skyline Room |

### BABIES 'N' BOOKS

Children and caregivers participate in music, nursery rhymes, simple stories and books. The class is limited to 20 participants. For more information, call (562) 916-1343. No class on January 15 and February 19.

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| 11835 | Mon., Jan. 8-Mar. 18 | 11 a.m.        |
|       | Ages 6-25 mos.       | Little Theater |

### 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 20 participants per class. No class on January 15 and February 19.

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| 11836 | Mon., Jan. 8-Mar. 18 | 3:30-4:30 p.m. |
|       | Grades 3-5           | Art Studio     |

### MUSIC AND MOVEMENT MONDAYS

Children and parents will participate in 30-45 minutes of songs and movement activities that enhance both the growth and fine motor skills of the child. The class is limited to 20 participants. No class on January 15 and February 19.

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| 11837 | Mon., Jan. 8-Mar. 18 | 5:15 p.m.      |
|       | Ages 4-6             | Little Theater |

### PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Children and adults will participate in stories, songs, rhymes and a simple craft activity. The class is limited to 18 participants.

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| 11838 | Tues., Jan. 9-Mar. 19 | 11 a.m.    |
|       | Ages 3-5              | Art Studio |

### 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 15 participants per class. Please register for only one of the following sessions.

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| 11839 | Tues., Jan. 9-Mar. 19 | 3:30-4:30 p.m. |
|       | Grades 1-6            | Art Studio     |
| 11840 | Wed., Jan. 10-Mar. 20 | 3:30-4:30 p.m. |
|       | Grades 1-6            | Art Studio     |

### 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.

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| 11841 | Wed., Jan. 10-Mar. 20 | 3:45-4:45 p.m. |
|       | Ages 6-8              | Little Theater |

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## The following Library programs do not require advance registration:

### KIEHL'S HOLIDAY SKINCARE CLASS

Join us for a fun and informative holiday skincare class from expert staff from Kiehl's Los Cerritos. Learn how to keep your skin healthy and glowing throughout the winter season.

Mon., Dec. 4 6 p.m.  
Ages 11 & Over Skyline Room A

### HOLIDAY CONCERT BY THE CYPRESS SENIOR CHORUS

Enjoy the sounds of the season as the Cypress Senior Chorus shares beautiful holiday selections. Your spirits will be lifted by the lovely choral sounds of this class from North Orange Continuing Education's Older Adults Program. Director Lee Lassetter is a local educator, organist and music therapist. The choir is comprised of older, retired adults who love to share their joy of singing with the community.

Wed., Dec. 6 7 p.m.  
All Ages Skyline Room

### NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: "IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE" (1946)

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of "It's A Wonderful Life," starring James Stewart and Donna Reed, followed by a screening of the film. This film is rated PG and has a running time of 130 minutes.

Thurs., Dec. 14 6 p.m.  
Ages 18 & Over Skyline Room

### BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

The Book Club for Adults will meet for a book discussion. Participants will discuss the book "State of Terror" by Hillary Clinton and Louise Penny. For more information, call (562) 916-1340.

Wed., Dec. 20 11 a.m.-noon  
Board Room

### FAMILY KWANZAA CELEBRATION

Kwanzaa is a Pan-African holiday celebrated by millions throughout the global African community. Join us as the African American Cultural Center presents a presentation and discussion on Kwanzaa: A Celebration of Family, Community and Culture.

Thurs., Dec. 28 6 p.m.  
All Ages Skyline Room

### ELLIE THE ELF: LOST IN THE LIBRARY SUN., DEC. 17-SAT., DEC. 23

Our elf, lovingly known as Ellie, has arrived at the library and is jumping from shelf to shelf. Ellie has started a new game at the library. Every day she is moving and hiding in a different location. Children are welcome to come in, find Ellie's location and submit the answer to receive a small prize. Ellie only hides in the Children's Room of the library. Daily clues to locate Ellie will be provided at the Children's Desk. For children ages 2-12.

## Library Displays

### FORMER FIRST LADY PATRICIA NIXON DISPLAY

A special exhibit of photographs and memorabilia highlighting the life of former First Lady Patricia Nixon will be on display in the Local History Room through December. During her childhood she lived in Dairy Valley, the city that would become Cerritos.

### WHITE HOUSE ORNAMENTS

Ornaments from the White House Historical Association will be displayed on the second floor landing near World Traditions through December.

### "ART OF THE BOOK: THE BOOK AS ART"

A display of animal-themed book art from the Cerritos Library's "Art of the Book: the Book as Art" special collection will be featured in the first floor lobby through December.

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ceremony and contests planned

In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the City of Cerritos will host a special celebration on Monday, January 15 at 10 a.m. in the Sierra Room of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA). The public is invited to attend this free event, which will include remarks by the Cerritos City Council and community involvement through songs and comments.

As part of the City's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration, the Cerritos Library is sponsoring art and writing contests for students. The art contest is open to students in kindergarten through grade 12. Participants may submit one art entry, no larger than 12" x 18," using any drawing or painting materials.

The writing contest is open to students in grades 7 through 12. Participants may submit one writing entry, which may be a poem or an essay with no more than 300 words, preferably typed on letter-size paper.

All art and writing contest entries should represent the theme of "Living the Dream: It Starts With Me – Spreading Hope, Courage and Unity." Contest entry forms are available at the Cerritos Library and on the City's website at [cerritos.us](http://cerritos.us). Completed art and writing entries must be dropped off at the Cerritos Library by 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 3.

Selected entries will be recognized at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day ceremony and on the City's website. For more information, call the Community Participation Division at (562) 865-8101. ■

## City to help fund Cerritos Auto Square sign upgrades

The Cerritos City Council has agreed to help pay for upgrades to the existing Cerritos Auto Square digital sign, which serves as an advertising mechanism for the center.

Under an agreement with the Cerritos Auto Square Dealer's Association, the City will provide financial assistance not to exceed \$892,191 for improvements to the sign along the San Gabriel Freeway (I-605). Fifty percent of the total project costs will be reimbursed to the City with interest over a five-year term.

The sign was last upgraded in 2013. The existing digital display panels are operating at less than half their brightness levels due to age. Furthermore, the parts needed to maintain the panels are difficult to procure and are no longer under manufacturer's warranty. The average lifespan of high-quality digital display panels is typically between seven and 10 years.

The Cerritos Auto Square generates about \$1.5 billion in sales annually, with the City receiving approximately \$14.8 million sales tax revenues yearly. ■

## Tree maintenance contract awarded

The Cerritos City Council recently awarded a \$2,754,250 four-year tree-maintenance contract to Golden West Arbor Services, Inc.

The Pomona-based company will trim approximately 27,230 trees during the four-year term. This tree-trimming cycle is consistent with the International Society of Arboriculture standards.

The contract covers essential tree-related maintenance services in addition to basic contract tree trimming. Essential contract services include emergency after-hour tree removal and trimming services, necessary tree planting and specialized tree trimming. ■



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