



CITY OF CERRITOS



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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.

Clay Decorating Class

Behind the Story Foundation is a student-led volunteer organization dedicated to raising awareness about chronic diseases and mental health conditions. Join the organization for a clay decorating workshop. Participants will transform clay into personalized works of art while receiving guidance and support from student volunteer instructors. Space is limited to 18 participants.

Fri	4/17	3:45-4:45PM	Ages 8-12	Art Studio	#17133
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Star Wars Scratch Coding Workshop

In this galaxy-inspired workshop, students will use Scratch software to bring their favorite Star Wars characters and scenes to life through coding. Participants will learn the basics of block-based programming as they design animations, create interactive mini-games, and explore concepts such as movement, events, and storytelling, all set in the Star Wars universe. Whether coding lightsabers, droids, or space adventures, students will build creativity, strengthen problem-solving skills, and gain confidence in coding while enjoying an out-of-this-world experience. Space is limited to 22 participants.

Mon	5/4	3:45-4:45PM	Ages 8-12	Hi-Tech Lab	#17138
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Join us as we celebrate National Library Week with the following programs:

Storytime with the Managers

Join us for engaging stories and songs led by our management team at the library. Registration is required. Space is limited to 30 participants.

Mon	4/20	3:30PM	Ages 2-7	Little Theater	#17136
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Totes for Tweens and Teens

Tweens and teens will create a canvas tote bag that is perfect for carrying library books! Materials will be provided. Space is limited to 14 participants.

Thu	4/23	3:30-4:30PM	Ages 10-16	Art Studio	#17140
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Bookmark Art Contest

Participants will create a bookmark design based on this year's Summer Reading Program theme: "Stars, Stripes, Stories." One design will be selected and printed as a bookmark to be given as a prize during the Summer Reading Program. Space is limited to 24 participants.

Fri	4/24	3:45-5:45PM	Ages 8-15	Art Studio	#17137
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Join us for a Star Wars celebration featuring activities, coloring, crafts, and more. Take part in the festivities by registering for the following programs.

Storytime

Join us for a special Star Wars-themed storytime and come dressed as your favorite character. Presented by Saber Guild Temple Prime. Registration is required. Space is limited to 40 participants.

Fri	5/1	3:30PM	All Ages	Little Theater	#17145
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Lightsaber Craft

Participants will use pool noodles to create their own lightsaber. Space is limited to 24 participants.

Pre-Registered/Session 1

Fri	5/1	4PM	All Ages	Art Studio	#17134
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Pre-Registered/Session 2

Fri	5/1	4:30PM	All Ages	Art Studio	#17135
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Lightsaber Training

Learn how to wield your lightsaber with help from the Saber Guild Temple Prime! Space is limited to 40 participants.

Pre-Registered/Session 1

Fri	5/1	4PM	All Ages	Art Studio	#17142
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Pre-Registered/Session 2

Fri	5/1	4:30PM	All Ages	Art Studio	#17143
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Star Wars Drawing Class

Children will learn how to draw two popular characters from Star Wars. Space is limited to 18 participants.

Fri	5/1	6-6:30 p.m.	All Ages	Art Studio	#17144
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Saber Guild Performance

Watch a live-action Star Wars performance by Saber Guild Temple Prime. Registration is not required.

Fri	5/1	5:30-6PM	All Ages	Skyline Room	Drop-in
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Programs: *Drop-In*

Drop-in programs do not require advance registration and space is limited

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Meet the Poet Nancy Lynée Woo

Celebrate poetry and the planet in this generative creative writing workshop. April is National Poetry Writing Month and Earth Month, and participants will explore eco-poetry through sample readings, discussion, and writing prompts, with time to write and share. Eco-poetry centers the Earth's ecosystems, including human communities as well as plants, animals, and the natural world, while acknowledging the ecological challenges we face. All experience levels are welcome. Whether you are a seasoned poet or have never written a poem, participants are invited to engage in a supportive and inspiring environment. Materials will be provided.

Wed	4/1	6PM	All Ages	Skyline Room	Drop-in
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Meet the Author David A. Romero

Horror and mystery writer David A. Romero will discuss his debut novel, "The Enemy Sleeps," including readings and an author signing. Romero is a Mexican American poet, novelist, and publisher from Diamond Bar. He is co-founder and editor-in-chief of El Martillo Press and the author of the poetry collections "My Name Is Romero" and "Diamond Bars 2." His work has appeared in literary magazines and anthologies in the United States and abroad, and he has shared stages with Ozomatli and La Santa Cecilia.

Thu	4/2	6PM	Ages 12+	Skyline Room	Drop-in
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Meet Authors Jennifer Coburn and Jill G. Hall

Jennifer Coburn, author of "Girls of the Glimmer Factory," and Jill G. Hall, author of "On a Sundown Sea," will discuss their writing process and the extensive research that must be undertaken to prepare for writing their novels. Guests will have the opportunity to ask questions at the end of the presentation. Books will also be available for purchase and signing following the Q&A.

Tue	4/7	6PM	Ages 18+	Skyline Room	Drop-in
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Arts and Crafts for Kids

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

Fri	4/10	11AM-12PM	Ages 2-12	Art Studio	Drop-in
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Fri	4/10	5-6PM	Ages 2-12	Art Studio	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 "The Sympathizer" by Viet Thanh Nguyen. For more information, please call (562) 916-1342.

Wed	4/15	11AM	Ages 18+	Board Room	Drop-in
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Night at the Movies "Casablanca" (1942)

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of "Casablanca," starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, followed by a screening of the film. This film is rated PG with a running time of 102 minutes.

Thu	4/30	6PM	Ages 18+	Skyline Room	Drop-in
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Join us as we celebrate Earth Day on Saturday, April 18, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with the following programs:

Storytime

Join us for a special Earth Month-themed storytime. Registration is required. Space is limited to 40 participants.

Sat	4/18	11AM	Ages 0-7	Little Theater	#17139
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Cardboard Bird Craft

Learn how to transform upcycled cardboard into a craft inspired by a California native bird. This craft will be led by students from the STEM Up 4 Youth Mission Evergreen organization. While supplies last.

Sat	4/18	11AM	All Ages	Library Entrance	Drop-in
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Waves of Change

Waves of Change is a student-led initiative dedicated to raising awareness about water quality challenges in the Southern California community. The group will present an interactive EnviroScape model, a 3-by-3-foot replica of a community that demonstrates how various pollutants affect local water sources.

Sat	4/18	11AM	All Ages	Library Entrance	Drop-in
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Succulents 101

Learn about the importance of succulents, then decorate a biodegradable pot and plant your own. While supplies last.

Sat	4/18	11AM	All Ages	Library Entrance	Drop-in
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UV Bracelet

Join us to create an ultraviolet light detection bracelet. While supplies last.

Sat	4/18	11AM	All Ages	Library Entrance	Drop-in
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Bear Craft

Join us to create a bear using recycled magazines and newspapers. While supplies last.

Sat	4/18	11AM	All Ages	Library Entrance	Drop-in
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Join us as we celebrate the new public artwork, “Milking Time — A Tribute to Dairy Valley,” with the following programs:

“Milking Time” Storytime

Please join us for a special “Milking Time” storytime in celebration of the City of Cerritos’ 70th anniversary. Two 30-minute drop-in sessions will be available.

Sat	4/25	11:30AM	Ages 0-7	Skyline Room	Drop-in
Sat	4/25	12:30PM	Ages 0-7	Skyline Room	Drop-in

Petting Zoo

Join us for a small petting zoo featuring pigs, goats, sheep, ponies, and rabbits. A parent or guardian must accompany children at all times. Registration is not required.

Sat	4/25	11AM-1PM	All Ages	Library Entrance	Drop-in
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Cow-Themed Crafts

Join us as we celebrate the City's 70th anniversary with cow-themed crafts.
Registration is not required.

Sat	4/25	11:30AM-1PM	All Ages	Library Entrance	Drop-in
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StoryCorps: "Voices of Cerritos — A Celebration of 70 Years"

In honor of the City of Cerritos' 70th anniversary, the Cerritos Library invites community members to take part in "Voices of Cerritos — A Celebration of 70 Years," a special StoryCorps storytelling program celebrating the people and moments that have shaped our hometown. Participants will have the opportunity to record meaningful conversations with family, friends, colleagues, or neighbors, preserving personal memories and community history for future generations. Recording sessions will consist of two participants, guided by trained library staff, following the StoryCorps model of open-hearted dialogue and shared storytelling. Each recording session will take 30 to 40 minutes. The first session of recordings will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, in the Library's Board Room. To reserve an interview time, please contact Library Services Manager Eric Cardoso at [\(562\) 916-1342](tel:5629161342). Select recordings will be added to the Library's local history collection and submitted to the StoryCorps Archive at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. Join us to honor Cerritos' journey—from its early days to the vibrant community it is today—and ensure every voice becomes part of our shared story. "Voices of Cerritos — A Celebration of 70 Years" was developed as a companion to the "Making History, Making Change Lecture Series," organized by Smithsonian Affiliations as part of the Smithsonian's "Our Shared Future: 250."



Exhibitions

“S.O.S.” by Claudio Garzón

This collection features an array of marine life artwork designed to serve as a conversation starter. The topic: “SAVE OCEANS + SEAS” (“S.O.S.”) and how can we help protect ocean life.

Each piece is meticulously crafted using discarded materials that wash into our oceans and waterways. As we pollute the planet, our defenseless neighbors absorb this debris as it breaks down into microplastics and indigestible waste.

Claudio is an accomplished Long Beach artist whose works have been featured on the Discovery Channel and National Geographic, and exhibited in numerous institutions, including the Monterey Bay Aquarium, San Francisco’s Exploratorium, the Aquarium of the Bay, Pixar’s Animation Studios, Intel, and Googleplex.

“S.O.S.” will be exhibited in the main lobby of the library through April 27, 2026.

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Online Registration

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Wed	4/1	11AM	Resident registration begins
Wed	4/8	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)

Wed	4/1	11AM	Resident registration begins
Wed	4/8	11AM	Non-Resident registration begins

Walk-In Registration

Thu	4/1	11AM	Resident registration begins
Wed	4/8	11AM	Non-Resident registration begins

For More Information

Visit library.cerritos.gov or call the Cerritos Library at [\(562\) 916-1350](tel:5629161350).



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Monday–Friday

11 a.m.–7 p.m.

Saturday

11 a.m.–5 p.m.

Sunday

Closed

Library Closures

No April holiday closures