

December 2025

Cerritos Library News

The Cerritos Library is now closed on Sundays, a change that took effect on Sunday, November 9. The new hours of the Cerritos Library are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. As part of the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 budget review process, the City Council approved a change in the Cerritos Library's hours of operation due to budget constraints. For questions or assistance, please contact the Cerritos Library at (562) 916-1342 or visit library.cerritos.gov.

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Programs: Registration Required

Registration programs require advance registration and space is limited For more information call (562) 916-1388, unless otherwise noted.

Storytimes

Cerritos Library's 30 to 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 40 participants. For children ages 5 and younger.

Thu	12/11	11AM	5 & younger	Little Theater	#15975
Sat	12/13	11:15AM	5 & younger	Little Theater	#15976
Thu	12/18	11AM	5 & younger	Little Theater	#15977

Crafting Connections

Whitney High School student Tamanna Kurra will lead Crafting Connections, an art workshop that provides students a space to explore hands-on projects that foster creativity, confidence, and self-expression. Space is limited to 20 participants.

Thu	12/4	4-5:30PM	Ages 7-12	Art Studio	#15978
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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	12/5	11AM-12PM	Ages 2-4	Little Theater	#15979

Gingerbread House Decorating

Get in the holiday spirit by decorating your own gingerbread house. We supply the house, icing, and candy; you supply the imagination! **The class fee is \$6. No refunds will be given.** Space is limited to 10 participants.

Wed 12/10 5:15-6:15PM Ages 7-11 Art Studio #15980

Holidays From Around the World

Participants are invited to celebrate the holiday season through crafts representing Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa. Space is limited to 15 participants.

Thu 12/11 3:30-4:30PM Ages 8-12 Art Studio #15981

LEGO® Holiday Ornaments

Build your own personalized LEGO® ornament for the holiday season! Space is limited to 12 participants.

Fri 12/12 3:45-4:45PM Ages 8-14 Art Studio #15982

Bead Making with Polymer Clay

Steve Bay will lead a family workshop on making beads using polymer clay. Participants will receive a brief introduction to the Beads of Courage organization and how beads are used to support children in hospitals with serious health conditions. Bay will then demonstrate how to use the clay and tools to create several styles of beads. Participants will use shared supplies to make their own beads. All clay and tools will be provided. Space is limited to 20 participants.

Mon 12/15 3:45-5:30PM Ages 8-13 Art Studio #15983

Labubu Blind Box Craft

Participants will create and personalize their own paper Labubu and blind box. Limited to 20 participants.

Tue 12/16 4-5PM Ages 9-14 Art Studio #15984



Parol: A Christmas Lantern Craft

The star-shaped Parol is a hallmark of Filipino Christmas celebrations. Traditionally made from bamboo and paper, it represents and symbolizes both hope and light. Modern versions feature capiz shell or plastic frames illuminated by electric lights. **The class fee is \$5. No refunds will be given.**Space is limited to 50 participants. The City of Cerritos recently approved the establishment of a Sister City relationship with the City of San Carlos, Philippines.

Sat	12/20	11:30AM	All Ages	Skyline Room	#16352
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Babies 'N' Books

Children and caregivers will participate in music, nursery rhymes, simple stories, and books. The class is limited to 20 participants. *No class on January 19 and February 16.*

Mon 1/12-3/9 11AM	Ages 6-25 mos. Little Theater	#15985
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Preschool Storytime

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

Tue	1/6-3/10	11AM	Ages 3-5	Art Studio	#15986	
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Homework Help

An after-school homework help program will be offered. 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 10 participants per class. Please register for only one of the following sessions.

Tue	1/6-3/10	3:45PM	Grades 1-5	Art Studio	#15987
Wed	1/7-3/11	3:45PM	Grades 1-5	Art Studio	#15988

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, participants must attend the first day of class for testing. Participants must be able to stay for the entire class. Space is limited to 15 participants.

Wed 1/7-3/11 3:45PM Ages 6-10 Little Theater #15989



Christmas Holiday Closure

The Library will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 24 and Thursday, Dec. 25 in observance of Christmas.



Programs: Drop-In

Drop-in programs do not require advance registration and space is limited For more information call (562) 916-1388, unless otherwise noted.

Kiehl's Holiday Skincare Class

Join us for a fun and informative holiday skincare class with experts at Kiehl's, Los Cerritos. Learn how to keep your skin healthy and glowing throughout the winter season. Don't miss this chance to pamper yourself and get the latest skincare tips.

Mon	12/1	6-7PM	Ages 10+	Skyline Room A	Drop-in

Family Storytime with Santa

Join us for a fun evening of stories, songs, and crafts with a special guest from the North Pole.

Wed	12/3	6PM	All Ages	Skyline Room	Drop-in	
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Arts and Crafts for Kids

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

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

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 County Continuing Education's Older Adults Program. Director Lee Lassetter is a local educator, organist, and music therapist. The choir is composed of older, retired adults who love to share their joy of singing with the community.

Tue 12/9 6PM All Ages Skyline Room Drop-in

Lofi Study Hall for Teens

The Teen Lofi Study Hall creates a relaxed, focused environment for teens who need a calm backdrop for homework, reading, or creative projects. The program features a livestream of soothing, lyric-free beats and gentle animation, transforming the teen studio into a cozy study lounge.

Thu 12/11 3:30-4:45PM Ages 13-17 Teen Studio Drop-in

Book Club for Adults

The Book Club for Adults will meet for a book discussion. Participants will discuss the book "The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store" by James McBride. For more information, please call (562) 916-1342.

Wed 12/17 11AM Ages 18+ Board Room Drop-in

Night at the Movies "White Christmas" (1954)

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of "White Christmas," directed by Michael Curtiz and starring Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, and Rosemary Clooney, followed by a screening of the film. This film is **not rated** with a running time of **120 minutes**.

Thu 12/18 6PM Ages 18+ Skyline Room Drop-in



Ellie the Elf: Lost in the Library

Wednesday, Dec. 17 – Tuesday, Dec. 23

Our elf, lovingly known as Ellie, has arrived at the library and is jumping from shelf to shelf. She has started a new game at the library. Each day, she moves and hides in a different location. Children are welcome to visit, locate Ellie, and submit their answer to receive a small prize. Ellie hides in the Children's Room of the library. Daily clues to locate Ellie will be provided at the Children's Desk. This activity is intended for children ages 2-12.

Math Homework Help

An after-school mathematics homework help program will be offered. 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 19 and February 16.*

Mon	1/5-3/9	3:45-4:45PM	Grades 1-6	Art Studio	Drop-in
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Music and Movement Mondays

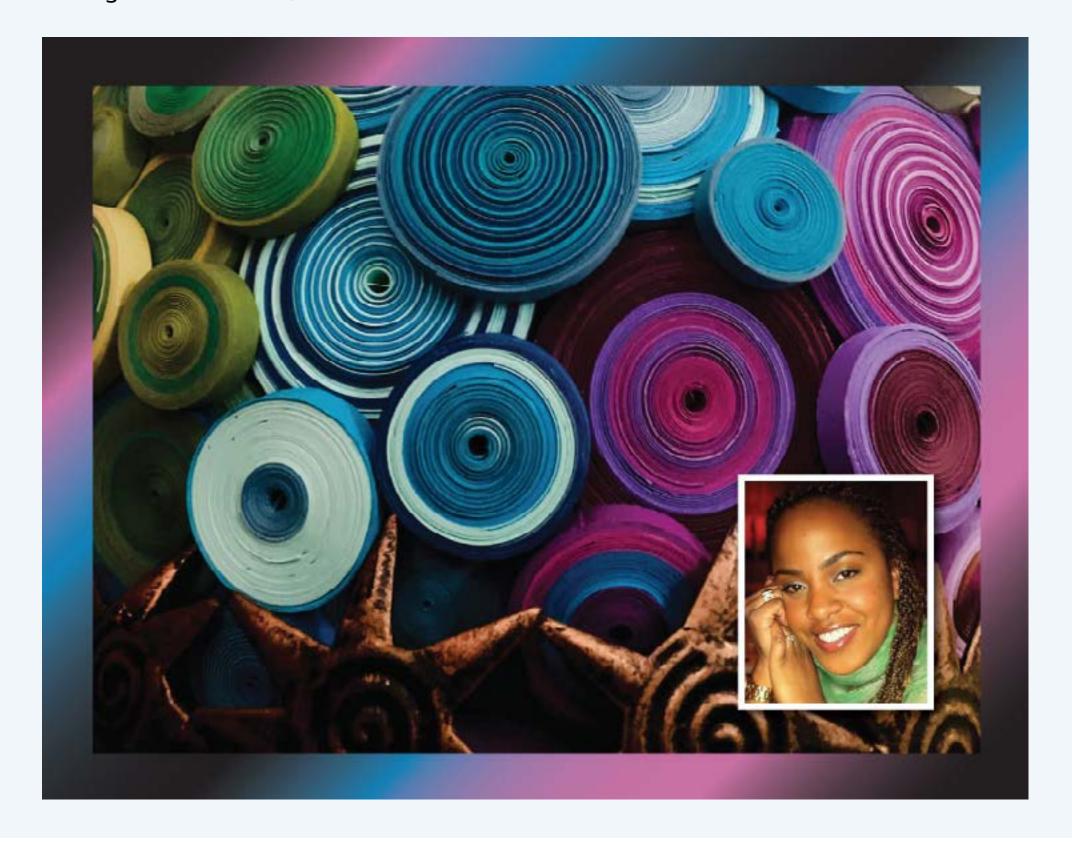
Children and parents will participate in 30 to 40 minutes of songs and movement activities that enhance a child's growth and fine motor skills. The class is limited to 20 participants. *No class on January 19 and February 16.*

Mon	1/5-3/9	5:15PM	Ages 3-6	Little Theater	Drop-in
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Exhibition

LIFE: Threads of Humanity Holding Us Together

LIFE is a solo exhibition by acclaimed paper quill artist Patrice Monteiro who is known for transforming delicate strips of paper into intricate visual narratives. Monteiro invites viewers on a contemplative journey that explores what sustains us as individuals and as a collective society. The exhibit will be on display in the main library lobby through December 30, 2025.





Registration Dates

Online Registration

Visit cerritos.gov/register



Mon	12/1	11AM	Resident registration begins
Mon	12/8	11AM	Non-Resident registration begins

Online Registration Tips

To check the availability or to register for classes, please visit <u>cerritos.gov/register</u>. You will not receive confirmation by mail for classes registered online.

For additional information, please call the Library Reservation Desk at (562) 916-1388. Computers at the Cerritos Library may be used to access RACER.

Phone Registration

Call (562) 916-1388

Tue	12/2	11AM	Resident registration begins
Mon	12/8	11AM	Non-Resident registration begins

Walk-In Registration

Mon	12/1	11AM	Resident registration begins
Mon	12/8	11AM	Non-Resident registration begins

For More Information

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Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

Saturday

11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday

Closed

Library Closures

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Wed., Dec. 31 at 5 p.m.