

# March 2026

## LIBRARY NEWS

Please note this is an interim newsletter to present information about the activities offered at the Cerritos Library during March 2026.

### Programs: *Registration Required*

**Registration programs require advance registration and space is limited**

For more information, please call (562) 916-1388 unless otherwise noted.

#### **Boutonnière & Corsage Making Class for Tweens/Teens**

Learn how to design and create your own corsage and boutonnière for a loved one. Fresh-cut blooms floral tools, and materials will be provided. Space is limited to 15 participants.

**Tue 3/10 3:45-4:45PM Ages 12-17 Skyline Room B #16501**

#### **Tasty Dips Workshop**

Discover how to make fun and yummy dips like Greek yogurt ranch, hummus, and a delicious chocolate fruit dip. Space is limited to 24 participants.

**Mon 3/16 3:45PM Ages 8-15 Skyline Room A #17066**

#### **Babies 'N' Books**

Little ones and their caregivers gather for music, nursery rhymes, and simple stories, enjoying books and special moments together. The class is limited to 20 participants. **No class on April 6.**

**Mon 3/23-5/11 11AM Ages 6-25 mos. Little Theater #16503**

#### **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 April 6.**

**Mon 3/23-5/11 3:45-4:45PM Grades 1-6 Art Studio #16504**

#### **Preschool Storytime**

Children and adults will participate in stories, songs, rhymes, and a simple craft activity. The class is limited to 18 participants. **No class on April 7.**

**Tue 3/24-5/12 11AM Ages 3-5 Art Studio #16505**

#### **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 4/14-5/12 3:45PM Grades 1-5 Art Studio #16506**

**Wed 4/15-5/13 3:45PM Grades 1-5 Art Studio #16507**

#### **Child & Teen Read Aloud**

Children who are able to read are invited to participate in special read-aloud sessions. Each child will be paired with an energetic teen during this weekly program. **To be eligible, all 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. **No class on April 8.**

**Wed 3/25-5/13 3:45PM Ages 6-10 Little Theater #16508**

### **Bugs and Spiders Storytime**

DoodleBugs Animal Adventures presents a storytime during which participants learn about the importance of bugs and spiders. Children will listen to exciting stories, sing songs, and interact with live animals. Space is limited to 30 participants.

**Thu 3/26 11AM-12PM Ages 0-5 Little Theater #16509**

### **Spring Break Movies: "A Minecraft Movie"**

Participants are invited to attend a showing of "A Minecraft Movie" in celebration of Spring Break. The film is **rated PG** and has a running time of **101 minutes**. All children and accompanying adults must be registered to attend.

**Mon 4/6 2PM All Ages Little Theater #16511**

### **Spring Break Movies: "Gabby's Dollhouse: The Movie"**

Participants are invited to attend a showing of "Gabby's Dollhouse: The Movie" in celebration of Spring Break. The film is **rated G** and has a running time of **85 minutes**. All children and accompanying adults must be registered to attend.

**Tue 4/7 2PM All Ages Little Theater #16512**

### **Spring Break Movies: "The Bad Guys 2"**

Participants are invited to attend a showing of "The Bad Guys 2" in celebration of Spring Break. The film is **rated PG** and has a running time of **104 minutes**. All children and accompanying adults must be registered to attend.

**Wed 4/8 2PM All Ages Little Theater #16513**

### **Matter Matters Workshop**

Join us for an interactive workshop in which students explore the basics of materials science in a fun and creative way. Matter Matters is a student-led nonprofit organization dedicated to helping communities better understand materials science. The organization aims to inspire curiosity about emerging materials technologies while emphasizing sustainability and environmental responsibility. Participants will transform an old T-shirt into a reusable bag as part of the activity. Space is limited to 20 participants.

**Wed 4/8 11AM-12PM Ages 8-12 Art Studio #16510**

## **Programs: *Drop-In***

### **Matcha Making Class with Ten Ten Roasters**

Matcha has experienced a significant rise in popularity across the United States in recent years. In this session, participants will explore its rich history, examine the evolution of Matcha to the present day, and learn the proper techniques for preparing it.

**Tue 3/10 6PM Ages 18+ Skyline Room Drop-in**

### **Arts and Crafts for Kids**

A free hands-on St. Patrick's craft will be held for children ages 2-12. This craft will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes.

**Fri 3/13 11AM-12PM Ages 2-12 Art Studio Drop-in**

**Fri 3/13 5-6PM Ages 2-12 Art Studio Drop-in**

### **Meet Children's Author Katrina Carter-Journet**

With a Master of Science in biophysics from Cornell University and professional experience at NASA's Johnson Space Center, Virgin Galactic, Blue Origin, and VAST, Katrina Carter-Journet brings a background rooted in science, innovation, and exploration. Her signature affirmation, "Brilliant. Bold. Boundless. You can do it!" reflects her commitment to inspiring young people through STEM engagement, youth mentorship, and storytelling. Writing under the pen name K. L. Carter, she has published children's books focused on affirmation and reflection. Join us for a discussion of her debut book, *Let's Chase the Moon*, followed by a hands-on craft activity.

**Fri 3/13 3:45 PM All Ages Little Theater Drop-in**

### **Book Club for Adults**

The Book Club for Adults will meet for a book discussion. Participants will discuss the book "Anita De Monte Laughs Last" by Xochitl Gonzalez. For more information, please call (562) 916-1342.

**Wed 3/18 11AM Ages 18+ Board Room Drop-in**

### **Making Space for Joy: Curating Asian Pacific American History at the Smithsonian**

What goes on behind the scenes at the world's largest museum? Join curator Theodore S. Gonzalves for an engaging talk that pulls back the curtain on curatorial work at the Smithsonian Institution—and on how objects, stories, and communities shape what we remember as history. As part of the Smithsonian's *Making History, Making Change* Lecture Series, Gonzalves discusses his award-winning book—*Smithsonian Asian Pacific American History, Art, and Culture in 101 Objects*—that rethinks Asian Pacific American history through everyday things like sports, art, popular culture, and play. The program wraps up with a lively look at the book's chapter focused on "Joy," where surfing, skateboarding, baseball, toys, and humor reveal how joy has always been part of Asian Pacific American life—even in times of struggle. This talk invites audiences to see history in a new way and to consider how creativity, play, and joy help us imagine more expansive futures. Participants will have an opportunity to purchase Dr. Theodore Gonzalves's book and have it signed following his presentation. The *Making History, Making Change* Lecture Series is organized by Smithsonian Affiliations as part of the Smithsonian's Our Shared Future: 250. It is supported in part by the Dreier Family, Johanna and Ken Kim Family, Vaishali Shah Chadha and Family, and Michael Vu & Meridel Bulle-Vu.

Learn more: <https://affiliations.si.edu/making-history-making-change/>

**Thu 3/19 6PM All Ages Skyline Room Drop-in**

### **Family Coloring Afternoon**

Relax, socialize, and explore your creativity in a tranquil setting. A selection of spring-themed coloring sheets and art materials will be available for all ages, while supplies last. Participation is limited.

**Sat 3/21 2-3PM All Ages Art Studio Drop-in**

### **Music And Movement Mondays**

Children and parents will participate in 30 to 40 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 April 6.**

**Mon 3/23-5/11 5:15PM Ages 3-6 Little Theater**

### **West African Kora Concert**

Sean Gaskell will give a performance and educational demonstration on the kora, an ancient 21-stringed harp from West Africa. He will feature traditional songs that form the core of the kora's musical repertoire, along with several of his own original compositions.

**Wed 3/25 7PM All Ages Skyline Room Drop-in**

### **Astronomy Night**

Participants are invited to enjoy an evening of stargazing with family and friends. Telescopes will be set up on the terrace for viewing, along with astronomy related-crafts and presentations in the Skyline Room. Guests can view photos by local astrophotographers Trung Nguy and Wally Pacholka and create their own astrophotos using NASA's Micro observatory.

**Mon 3/30 6PM All Ages Skyline Room, Hi Tech Lab, and Terrace Drop-in**

### **Night at the Movies "To Catch a Thief" (1955)**

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of "To Catch a Thief," starring Cary Grant and Grace Kelly, followed by a screening of the film. This film is **rated PG** with a running time of **106 minutes**.

**Tue 3/31 6PM Ages 18+ Skyline Room Drop-in**

## **MANGA MADNESS**

### **Video Game Tournament: Dragon Ball Xenoverse 2**

Participants are invited to take part in an exciting Dragon Ball Tournament filled with fast-paced, friendly competition. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a first-timer player, everyone is welcome to test their skills. Don't miss a chance to demonstrate your abilities, connect with fellow gamers, and enjoy a great time at the library! Snacks will be provided while supplies last.

**Tue 3/10 3:45PM Ages 13-17 Hi-Tech Lab Drop-in**

### **March Art Madness**

The ultimate manga art competition is here! Participants are invited to create an original manga scene based on a theme revealed on the day of the class. No prior art experience is required. All are welcome to participate and compete for prizes!

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

### **Anime Photocard Decorating Program**

Participants will have an opportunity to get creative and personalize their gear in this hands-on class. Tweens and teens will design and decorate their own plastic ID or badge holder using a wide variety of decorative stickers. Participants can express their individual style, mix and match designs, and take home a personalized accessory. All stickers and badge holders will be provided. Space is limited to 20 participants.

**Fri 3/13 4:00-5:00PM Ages 11-17 Teen Studio #16514**

### **Spotlight Storytime: Pokémon**

Join us as we read some stories about your favorite fictional creatures that you love to catch, train, and battle. After the storytime, enjoy a small craft in the Art Studio. Space is limited to 20 participants.

**Sat 3/14 11:15AM Ages 4-9 Little Theater #16516**

### **Anime Split Coloring Page Program**

Participants will work together to create a single piece of art by dividing one coloring page into sections. Each person will color their section in their unique style, and the pieces will then be combined to reveal a collaborative masterpiece. This relaxed, collaborative program encourages creativity, teamwork, and artistic expression. Supplies will be provided.

**Tue 3/17 3:30-5:00PM Ages 11-17 Teen Studio Drop-in**

### **Video Game Tournament: My Hero Academia: My Hero One's Justice**

Participants are invited to take part in an exciting My Hero Academia Tournament featuring fast-paced, friendly competition! Whether you're a seasoned pro or a first-timer, everyone is welcome to test their skills. Don't miss a chance to show off your abilities, connect with fellow gamers, and enjoy a great time at the library! Snacks will be provided while supplies last.

**Tue 3/17 3:45PM Ages 13-17 Hi-Tech Lab Drop-in**

### **Manga Panel Keychains**

Participants will create keychains featuring their favorite manga panels using Shrinky Dinks! Space is limited to 12 participants.

**Fri 3/20 3:45-4:45PM Ages 8-15 Art Studio #16515**

### **Silent Manga Trivia**

Participants are invited to test their knowledge in a fun trivia challenge displayed on the TV screens. Participants may play silently on their own smartphone or use library computers in the teen studio by scanning a QR code or visiting the website URL displayed on screen. No talking is aloud during the contest. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

**Tue 3/24 3:45PM Ages 13-17 Teen Studio Drop-in**

### **Anime Film: My Hero Academia: World Heroes Mission**

When a cult of terrorists devastates a city by releasing a toxin that causes people's abilities to spiral out of control, Japan's greatest heroes spread around the world to track down the mastermind and bring him to justice. This movie is **rated PG** and has a running time of **101 minutes**. Japanese snacks will be provided while supplies last.

**Tue 3/31 3:45PM Ages 13+ Skyline Room Drop-in**

### **Meet Authors Jennifer Coburn and Jill G. Hall**

Jennifer Coburn, author of *Girls of the Glimmer Factor*, 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**

### **Contests For Talented Teens**

In celebration of the City of Cerritos' 70th year of incorporation, the 27th Annual Teen Contests are open to all students with valid Cerritos Library cards in grades 7 through 12. This year's contest themes are inspired by Cerritos' history, community, and future. All entries must be original. One entry per person is allowed for each category. Gift certificates to a bookstore will be presented to the winners at a reception in May. The contests are sponsored by the Friends of the Cerritos Library. The deadline for all entries is Friday, March 27 at 7 p.m. For more information, please contact Librarian Pedro Orellana at (562) 916-1342.

### **Themes and Specifications:**

Art: "Cerritos: Past, Present, Future" (No larger than 12" x 18" and using any medium)

Photography: "Life in Cerritos" (No larger than 8" x 10")

Poetry: "Heart of Cerritos" (Up to 50 lines)

Short Story: "Cerritos in the Future" (No more than 500 words)

### **Cerritos Library STEAM Kits for Check-Out**

The Cerritos Library is pleased to offer Penworthy STEAM to go! Kits. These STEAM kits include resources in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math, designed to support parents and encourage critical thinking, problem solving, and creativity. Each kit may be borrowed for up to three weeks, with a late fee of \$1.00 per day for overdue returns. Patrons are asked to check out and return these items at the Circulation Desk. Please note that only one kit may be checked out per family. Items can be reserved at the Children's Help Desk or Reference Desk and will be held at the Circulation Desk for up to three days. Patrons can check-out STEAM kits beginning on Monday, March 2. Fines may be assessed for missing or damaged items. For additional information, please contact the library at 562-916-1343.

### **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 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. 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*.

### **Writers Festival Presented by Friends of the Cerritos Library**

The Friends of the Cerritos Library third annual Writers Festival will be presented from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 28, in the Library's Skyline Room. The event features a high tea experience, and an author panel discussion followed by a book signing. Registration is \$65 for members of the Friends of the Cerritos Library and \$75 for non-members. Featured authors include Nikki Erlick ("The Poppy Fields"), Joss Richard ("It's Different This Time"), Nayantara Roy ("The Magnificent Ruins"), Zahida Sherman ("Writer's Block"), and Soo Jin Lee and Linda Yoon ("Where I Belong"). Registration for members of the Friends begins on Sunday, February 15, and registration for non-members opens on Sunday, March 1. Guests can register online with [friendsofthecerritoslibrary.eventbrite.com](http://friendsofthecerritoslibrary.eventbrite.com) or by mailing a check to **Friends of the City of Cerritos Library P.O. Box 3876 Cerritos, CA 90703**. Payments submitted by check should include a note of the guests' names and phone number or email address. Proceeds from this event will support the Friends of the Cerritos Library's mission to promote the library in the community and raise funds for library programs and services. For more information, please contact the Friends President Shiva Bhatt at (562) 714-4480 or email [ShivaBhatt@gmail.com](mailto:ShivaBhatt@gmail.com).

## Exhibits

### "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 March 4, 2026, through April 27, 2026.

## Registration Information

### Online Registration

Visit [cerritos.gov/register](https://cerritos.gov/register)

Mon 3/2 11AM Resident registration begins

Mon 3/9 11AM Non-Resident registration begins

### Online Registration Tips

To check the availability or to register for classes, please visit the Cerritos website at [cerritos.gov](https://cerritos.gov) 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.

### Phone Registration

Call **(562) 916-1388**

Tue 3/3 11AM Resident registration begins

Mon 3/9 11AM Non-Resident registration begins

### Walk-In Registration

Mon 3/2 11AM Resident registration begins

Mon 3/9 11AM Non-Resident registration begins