CITY OF CERRITOS



November 2026

Cerritos Library News

Your Cerritos Digital Newsletter

We're pleased to present information about upcoming activities at the Cerritos Library.

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November Holiday Closures

Wednesday, Nov. 11 in observance of Veterans Day

Wednesday, Nov. 25: *Library will close at 5 p.m.*
and will be closed **Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27**
in observance of Thanksgiving

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	**11/12**	**11AM**	**5 & Younger**	**Little Theater**	**#18084**
Sat	**11/14**	**11:15AM**	**5 & Younger**	**Little Theater**	**#18086**
Thu	**11/19**	**11AM**	**5 & Younger**	**Little Theater**	**#18085**

STEM Afternoon with the SPACE Organization

SPACE, which stands for Science Programs for Access, Curiosity, and Education, is an organization founded by two recent college graduates who are dedicated to expanding access to STEM education for young people. Participants will take part in fun, interactive STEM activities focused on real-world topics, such as climate change. Space is limited to 22 participants.

Thu	**11/5**	**3:30PM**	**Ages 8-12**	**Little Theater**	**#18088**
Thu	**11/19**	**3:30PM**	**Ages 8-12**	**Little Theater**	**#18089**

Paper Squishy Program

Participants will design, decorate, and assemble their own soft squishes to take home. Space is limited to 15 participants.

Thu	**11/12**	**4-5PM**	**Ages 7-13**	**Art Studio**	**#18090**

Speech & Debate Workshop

Join members of the Whitney High School Debate Team for an introductory workshop on speech and debate. Space is limited to 25 participants.

Tue	**11/17**	**4-5PM**	**Ages 8-12**	**Little Theater**	**#18091**

Stay & Play Program

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

Fri	**11/20**	**11AM-12PM**	**Ages 2-4**	**Little Theater**	**#18092**

Retro Gaming Club

Step back in time and rediscover the golden age of video games. Participants will explore the history and evolution of interactive entertainment while playing classic gaming systems. Each session features a different retro console, offering a blend of hands-on fun, and educational insights into gaming's past. Space is limited to 8 participants. No class on Wednesday, November 25.

Wed	**11/18-12/16**	**3:45-4:45PM**	**Ages 8-12**	**Little Theater**	**#18087**

Programs: *Drop-In*

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

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Black Speculative Arts Movement Book Signing and Author Discussion

This event, held in partnership with the Department of Africana Studies at California State University, Long Beach, will bring together authors whose work aligns with Black Speculative Arts and its themes. Distinguished authors such as Reynaldo Anderson, John Jennings, Sheree Renee Thomas, Ben Caldwell, and Amiri Mahnzili will participate in a panel discussion on Africana Futurisms and their published works. Following the discussion, attendees will have an opportunity to exchange with the authors, purchase books, and have them signed. This event will serve as a precursor to the Black Speculative Arts Movement (BSAM) LA conference and community events titled, “Being Ourselves, Freeing Ourselves, and Building Our Future Grounded in Ancestral Intelligence” scheduled November 6-8, 2026, in Long Beach and Leimert Park.

Thu	**11/5**	**6PM**	**13+**	**Skyline Room**	**Drop-in**

Arts and Crafts for Kids

Children ages 2 through 12 are invited to participate in a free, hands-on Thanksgiving craft activity. This activity will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes to complete.

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

Meet Children's Author Marie Chan

Join us in celebrating local author Marie Chan. Her book, "Mamie Takes a Stand," received the Eureka! Gold Award for Excellence in Children's Nonfiction from the California Reading Association and was named one of the Center for the Study of Multicultural Children's Literature's Best Books of 2024. Chan will discuss her book and read excerpts from it. The event will conclude with a question-and-answer session and a Chinese calligraphy lesson. Copies of the book will be available for purchase.

Fri	**11/6**	**3:30PM**	**All Ages**	**Little Theater**	**Drop-in**

Video Game Day

Teens are invited to play their favorite games on a variety of gaming systems. Bring your friends and enjoy fun, friendly competition at the library.

Tue	**11/17**	**3:45-5:15PM**	**Ages 13-17**	**Skyline Room**	**Drop-in**

Book Club for Adults

The Book Club for Adults will meet for a book discussion. Participants will discuss the book "Wandering Stars" by Tommy Orange. For more information, please call (562) 916-1342.

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

Frank Romero: In Conversation with David A. Romero

Join acclaimed Chicano painter and muralist Frank Romero, a founding member of the influential art collective Los Four, for a conversation with his nephew, poet and publisher David A. Romero of El Martillo Press. Together, they will explore family, artistic legacy, Chicano identity, and the role of art in the struggle for civil rights.

The program will feature a short documentary about Frank Romero's career, a poetry reading by David A. Romero inspired by his uncle's artwork, and an audience Q&A. Frank Romero's painting will also be on display for visitors to enjoy before the conversation.

Thu	**11/19**	**6PM**	**All Ages**	**Skyline Room**	**Drop-in**

Family Coloring Afternoon

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

Sat	**11/21**	**1-2PM**	**All Ages**	**Art Studio**	**Drop-in**

Anime Film: Jujutsu Kaisen 0 (2021)

Yuta is haunted by the cursed spirit of someone he once loved, who now harms those around him and drains his will to live. When Suguru Geto, a sorcerer who was once Gojo's classmate and close friend, seeks to obtain that power, the Jujutsu Sorcerers take Yuta in. With their help, he begins to realize that perhaps it's fine to keep on living. The movie has a running time of **105 minutes** and is rated **PG-13**.

Tue	**11/24**	**3:45PM**	**Ages 13+**	**Skyline Room**	**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. The program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Cerritos Library.

Wed	**12/2**	**6PM**	**All Ages**	**Skyline Room**	**Drop-in**

Arts and Crafts for Kids

Children ages 2 through 12 are invited to participate in a free, hands-on holiday craft activity. This activity will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes to complete.

Fri	**12/4**	**11AM-12PM**	**Ages 2-12**	**Art Studio**	**Drop-in**
Fri	**12/4**	**5-6PM**	**Ages 2-12**	**Art Studio**	**Drop-in**

Exhibitions

“All Creatures Great and Small” by Kathryn Hansen



In 2008, after years of setting her art aside while raising two young daughters and working full-time, Kathryn Hansen rediscovered her passion for drawing. Beginning with graphite, she gradually expanded into colored pencils and, most recently, pastel pencils. Hansen’s work is rooted in realism and inspired by a lifelong connection to animals and the natural world. Through detailed portrayals of wildlife and landscapes, she seeks not only to capture their beauty, but also to convey their spirit and inspire a deeper appreciation for the interconnectedness of all living things. “All Creatures Great and Small” will be on display through the months of November and December.

Oil Paintings by Padmini Prabhakar

A variety of oil paintings by retired librarian Padmini Prabhakar will be on display in the Multimedia Area through the end of December. Several portraits, landscapes, and flowers will be included.


CITY OF CERRITOS PRESENTS
SANTA'S SLEIGH DAY
AND
CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2026 • 2-5 PM
CERRITOS LIBRARY AND CERRITOS CIVIC CENTER
18025 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE
Greet Santa when he arrives at 2 PM!
Countdown to the lighting of the
City's Christmas tree at 5:15 PM!
Santa is coming to the Cerritos Library. Families are invited to an afternoon filled with holiday magic. Enjoy crafts, live performances, holiday music, storytime, and festive activities. Please bring a camera as photo opportunities with Santa Claus will be available. Light snacks and hot cocoa will be served, while supplies last.
For more information, please call the Community Services Division at (562) 865-8101.
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Special thanks to Gold Sponsor SCAN and Community Partner Athens Services for helping make this event possible.
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Celebrating Cerritos 70s Years

Registration Dates

Online Registration

Visit cerritos.gov/register

Browse classes and register with RACER Powered by CivicRec

Mon	11/2	11AM	Resident registration begins
Mon	11/9	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.

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)

Mon	11/2	11AM	Resident registration begins
Mon	11/9	11AM	Non-Resident registration begins

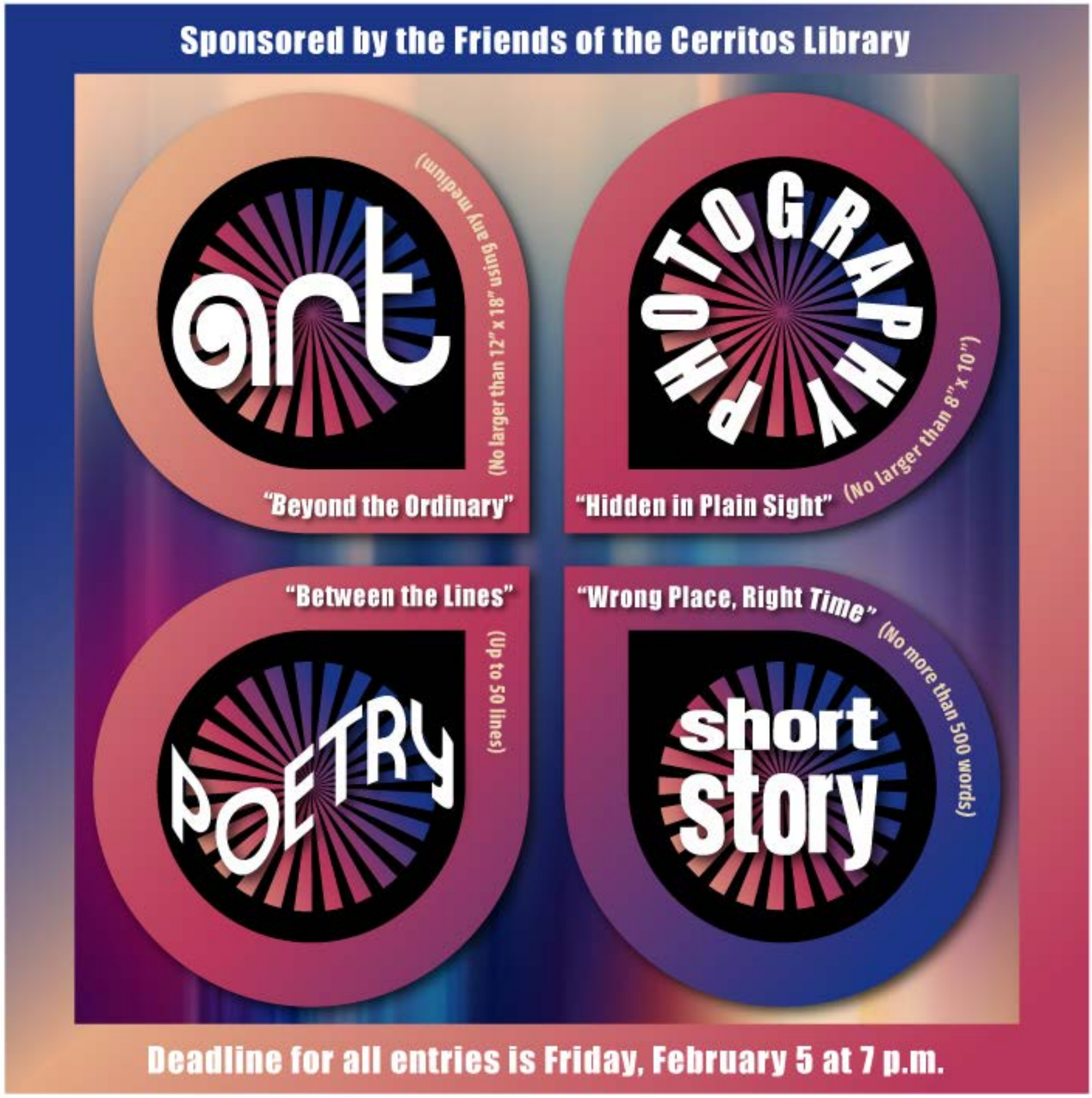
Walk-In Registration

Tue	11/3	11AM	Resident registration begins
Mon	11/9	11AM	Non-Resident registration begins

For More Information

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

27th Annual Teen Contests



The 27th Annual Teen Contests are open to all students in grades 7 through 12 with valid Cerritos Library cards. All entries must be original. One entry per person is allowed for each category. Bookstore gift certificates will be presented to the winners at a reception in March. For more information, contact Librarian Pedro Orellana at (562) 916-1342.

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Monday–Friday
11 a.m.–7 p.m.

Saturday
11 a.m.–5 p.m.

Sunday
Closed

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