

April 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.gov.

CLASSES/RACER ONLINE REGISTRATION TIPS

To check the availability or to register for classes, please visit the Cerritos website at cerritos.gov and look for the Classes/RACER link or scan the QR code below.



Scan the QR code to access the RACER Registration page.

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.gov

Cerritos Resident online registration for all programs listed begins **Tues., Apr. 1, at 11 a.m.**

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

PHONE REGISTRATION

Call (562) 916-1388

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

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

WALK-IN REGISTRATION

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

Non-Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Tues., Apr. 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. For more information, call (562) 916-1343. Space is limited to 40 participants.

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

14584 Thurs., Apr. 17
14585 Thurs., May 1

BOUTONNIÈRE & CORSAGE MAKING CLASS FOR TWEENS/TEENS

Learn how to design and arrange your very own corsage and boutonniere for your loved ones. Fresh-cut blooms and all necessary floral tools and materials will be readily available. Space is limited to 15 participants.

14586 Fri., Apr. 4 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Ages 12-17 Art Studio

WRITING CLASS FOR KIDS

Whitney High School student Tyler Liu will help participants improve their academic writing skills with guided essays, hands-on lessons and activities. Students will learn how to analyze prompts and passages, as well as how to brainstorm and organize ideas. Space is limited to 15 participants.

14587 Fri., Apr. 4-18 5-6 p.m.
& May 9 Hi-Tech Lab
Ages 8-12

UPCYCLED CRAFT

Join us as we create an upcycled craft for Earth Day. Space is limited to 20 participants.

14588 Mon., Apr. 7 5:15-6 p.m.
Ages 7-10 Art Studio

SPRING CELEBRATION STORYTIME

Come enjoy springtime stories, fun crafts, an egg hunt and a special surprise guest! Space is limited to 40 participants.

14589 Thurs., Apr. 10 11 a.m.-noon
Ages 5 and under Little Theater/
Art Studio

BOOKMARK ART CONTEST

Participants will create a bookmark design based on this year's Summer Reading Program theme: "Reading is Always in Style." 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.

14590 Fri., Apr. 11 3:30-5 p.m.
Ages 8-15 Art Studio

3D PRINTING CLASS

Explore the basics of 3D printing using TinkerCad to create a spring-themed project. Participants will each go home with a 3D preprinted surprise item. Space is limited to 10 participants. All participants must have a TinkerCad account.

14591 Tues., Apr. 15 4-5:15 p.m.
Ages 9-12 Hi-Tech Lab

LEGO DUPLO CLUB

Children will build LEGO DUPLO creations using DUPLO building blocks. Little ones will make and create while improving their motor skills. Space is limited to 12 participants.

14592 Fri., Apr. 18 11 a.m.-noon
Ages 2-4 Little Theater

SPRING BREAK MOVIES

The following movies will be shown at 2 p.m. in the Little Theater. All children and accompanying adults must be registered to attend. Space is limited to 35 participants.

14593 Mon., Apr. 21
"Despicable Me 4" (2024) (PG)
94 minutes
14594 Tues., Apr. 22
"Kung Fu Panda 4" (2024) (PG)
94 minutes
14595 Wed., Apr. 23
"The Wild Robot" (2024) (PG)
101 minutes

BIRD FEEDER CRAFT

Participants will build and decorate a small bird feeder. Supplies will be provided. Space is limited to 15 participants.

14596 Thurs., Apr. 24 11-11:45 a.m.
Ages 8-12 Art Studio

3D SPRING WIND CHIME CRAFT

Participants will create spring-themed wind chimes, using their creativity to paint fun and unique designs! Space is limited to 20 participants.

14597 Thurs., Apr. 24 4-5 p.m.
Ages 7-12 Art Studio

SPRING TOTES FOR TWEENS AND TEENS

Tweens and teens will create a spring-themed canvas tote bag that is perfect for carrying library books! Materials will be provided. Space is limited to 12.

14598 Fri., Apr. 25 11 a.m.-noon
Ages 10-17 Art Studio

MOTHER'S DAY CARD

Surprise mom on her special day with a handmade Mother's Day card. Space is limited to 20 participants.

14599 Mon., May 5 5:15-6 p.m.
Ages 8-12 Art Studio

Star Wars Celebration on Fri., May 2

Join us for a fun-filled Star Wars Celebration and enjoy activities, coloring, crafts, and more. Join in the festivities and be sure to register for the following programs.

STAR WARS STORYTIME

Join us for a Star Wars-themed storytime and dress up as your favorite character. Presented by Jedi and Sith from Saber Guild—Temple Prime. Space is limited to 40 participants.

14600 Fri., May 2 3:30-4 p.m.
Ages 8 and Under Little Theater

LIGHTSABER CRAFT

(Space is limited to 24 participants)

14601 (Pre-registered/Session 1)
Fri., May 2 4 p.m.
All Ages Art Studio
14602 (Pre-registered/Session 2)
Fri., May 2 4:30 p.m.
All Ages Art Studio

PADAWAN TRAINING

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

14604 6-6:30 p.m.
Ages 5-8 Skyline Room

SABER GUILD PRESENTS: THE TRIALS

Watch a live-action Star Wars show performance by Jedi and Sith from Saber Guild—Temple Prime!

Registration is not required.

5:30-6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

FINDING DARTH VADER: MON., APR. 28-SUN., MAY 4

Attention: The Rebel Alliance needs your help to stop Darth Vader from invading the Cerritos Library! Every day, he moves and hides in a different location. Children are encouraged to report Darth Vader's new location to the Children's Desk Staff each day for a small prize. Darth Vader only hides in the Children's Room of the library. Daily clues to locate Darth Vader will be provided at the Children's Desk. For children ages 4-12.

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The following Library programs do not require advance registration:

BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

The Book Club for Adults will meet for a book discussion. Participants will discuss the book "The Demon of Unrest" by Erik Larson.

Wed., Apr. 16 11 a.m.-noon Board Room

MARVEL VS CAPCOM TOURNAMENT

Show off your skills and compete in a high-energy, friendly competition against fellow gamers. Space is limited to 16 participants.

Wed., Apr. 16 3:45-5 p.m.
Ages 13-17 Hi-Tech Lab

NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: "BALL OF FIRE" (1941)

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of "Ball of Fire," starring Gary Cooper and Barbara Stanwyck, followed by a screening of the film. This film is not rated and has a running time of 111 minutes.

Thurs., Apr. 17 6 p.m.
Ages 18 & Over Skyline Room

Earth Month Celebration on Sat., April 19

April is Earth Month, a time to celebrate and protect our planet. Join us for fun activities while celebrating the Earth!

Sat., Apr. 19 11 a.m.-1 p.m. All Ages

STORYTIME

Join us for a special Earth Month-themed story-time. Space is limited to 40 participants.

Sat., Apr. 19 11 a.m.
Ages 1-8 Little Theater

Sat., Apr. 19 Noon
Ages 1-8 Little Theater

PRESSED FLOWER BOOKMARKS

Participants will design a pressed flower bookmark. This craft will be led by students from the STEM Up 4 Youth Mission Evergreen organization. While supplies last.

Sat., Apr. 19 11 a.m.
All Ages Outside Library Entrance

PLANET EARTH ROCKS!

Celebrate Earth Month by decorating and painting a rock for your garden or space. Add messages or symbols to show your love and care for the planet. While supplies last.

Sat., Apr. 19 11 a.m.
All Ages Outside Library Entrance

RECYCLED FLOWER CRAFT

Join us as we create an adorable flower using recycled water bottles. While supplies last.

Sat., Apr. 19 11 a.m.
All Ages Art Studio

SUCCULENTS 101

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

Sat., Apr. 19 11 a.m.
All Ages Outside Library Entrance

UV BRACELET

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

Sat., Apr. 19 11 a.m.
All Ages Outside Library Entrance

KOALA CRAFT

Join us as we create a koala using recycled magazines and newspapers. While supplies last.

Sat., Apr. 19 11 a.m.
All Ages Outside Library Entrance

DIY PINWHEEL MAKING CRAFT

Participants will customize and assemble their personalized paper pinwheels. This craft will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes. While supplies last.

Tues., Apr. 22 11 a.m.-noon
Ages 4-12 Art Studio

FAMILY COLORING AFTERNOON

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

Sat., Apr. 26 1-2 p.m.
All Ages Art Studio

Library Displays

THE COSMOS — AS SEEN FROM CERRITOS

Photographer Trung Nguy presents a cosmic photo gallery of astronomical images photographed from his home in Cerritos. Nguy captures interstellar images using advanced techniques to minimize the effects of light pollution. The exhibit will be on display in the main lobby of the Library through the end of April.

City unveils Gridley Park playground renovations

Visitors to Gridley Park can now enjoy a newly renovated playground on the east side of the park.

The Cerritos City Council celebrated the completion of renovations to the Gridley Park east playground as part of a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, March 21.

Renovations to the park's east playground included the removal and replacement of equipment that had been damaged by an arson fire, with funding for the nearly \$255,000 project paid by an insurance settlement.

Visitors of multiple ages can play across two playground structures, one designed for ages 2-5 and another for ages 5-12, atop rubberized surfacing. Additional features include a Tri Runner that allows for seated spinning and a swing structure.

For more information, please call the Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254. ■

Arbor Week poster contest entries sought

The City of Cerritos is hosting an Arbor Week art poster contest with the theme "Trees Build Communities." The contest is open to Cerritos residents ages 5 to 14 and students in the ABC Unified School District, Valley Christian Schools, or Bellflower Unified School District.

Entries must be original artwork, no larger than 11 inches by 17 inches, and may feature any drawing or painting materials (pencils, chalks, pastels, crayons, watercolors and/or acrylics). Do not mat, mount or frame the posters. Include the artist's name, age, address, and phone number on the back of the poster or use the official entry form (available at cerritos.gov). Completed entries must be dropped off at the Recreation Services Division at City Hall by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 4.

Winning artwork will be displayed on the City's website at cerritos.gov starting Monday, April 28, through Monday, May 26. For more information, call the Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254. ■

**PLEASE DO NOT
FEED THE WILDLIFE**



**HELP KEEP CITY PARKS CLEAN
AND THE ANIMALS HEALTHY**

Cerritos Library and Recreation Services Division seek volunteers

The Cerritos Library Volunteer program and the City's Recreation Services Division are recruiting dependable teen volunteers.

Library Volunteer applications are currently available. The Summer Session will run from Monday, June 2, through Friday, August 1.

Volunteer duties include shelving library materials, helping with arts and crafts projects, monitoring the children's computer workstations, and operating the Friends Bookstore.

Volunteer positions are open to students at least 13 years old in grades 7 through 12. Applicants must have a Cerritos Library card in good standing and are required to successfully pass a criminal background assessment in accordance with City policy, which includes a live scan records check, prior to their start date.

Applications will be available at the Circulation Desk. For more information, call (562) 916-1338 or email volunteer@cerritos.us. Cerritos Library is open

from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

The Recreation Services Division's volunteer program also offers ample opportunities for adults and teens, age 13 and older, who would like to serve their community.

The Application/Waiver is available online at cerritos.gov/recvolunteer or at any Cerritos community center. Volunteers younger than 18 must obtain approval from their parent or guardian.

For more information, call Heritage Park at (562) 916-8570. ■