

CERRITOS LIBRARY NEWS

Library Hours - Monday through Friday: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday: 1 to 5 p.m.

A new, upgraded online registration system for Cerritos Library programs is now available. The new system, RACER Powered by CivicRec, provides excellent processing speed and capacity, so patrons will not experience a delay in the online registration process. To use the new system, patrons will need to first register for RACER (Register for Activities, Classes and Excursions Rapidly) accounts for themselves and their family members. Registration for RACER accounts is now open. For more information, please visit the City of Cerritos website at cerritos.us.

How to register for Cerritos Library programs

In order to register, patrons must be in the City's RACER registration database.

ONLINE REGISTRATION TIPS

To check the availability or to register for classes, please visit the Cerritos website at cerritos.us and look for the online registration link.

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.us

Cerritos Resident online registration for all programs listed begins **Sat., Dec. 1 at 10 a.m.**

Non-Resident online registration for all programs listed begins **Sat., Dec. 8 at 10 a.m.**

*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.

PHONE REGISTRATION

Call (562) 916-1388

Cerritos Resident phone registration for all programs listed begins **Sun., Dec. 2 at 1 p.m.**

Non-Resident phone registration for all programs listed begins **Sat., Dec. 8 at 10 a.m.**

WALK-IN REGISTRATION

Cerritos Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Sat., Dec. 1 at 10 a.m.**

Non-Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Sat., Dec. 8 at 10 a.m.**

WALK-IN REGISTRATION TIPS

Walk-in registration for Library programs will be held at the Library Reservation Desk. Registration will continue until classes are full.

The following Library programs require advance registration:

For more information, call (562) 916-1388 unless otherwise noted. Seating is limited for all programs.

STORYTIMES

These 30-45 minute storytimes incorporating stories and audience participation will be held in the Little Theater.

Mondays at 10:30 a.m. for ages 5 and under

2385 Dec. 10

2392 Dec. 17

2409 Jan. 7

Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. for ages 5 and under

2403 Dec. 15

2404 Dec. 22

DAVE BOATMAN/HODGEPODGE

This educational and creative hour of cartoon instruction will inspire and motivate students in their love of cartoons and drawing. Space is limited to 50 participants.

2405 Mon., Dec. 10 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 7-12 Skyline Room

STORYTIME WITH AUTHOR PAULA MASSADAS PEREIRA

Author, illustrator and songwriter Paula Massadas Pereira will present her latest picture book, "Matt Is a Normal Cat." Enjoy the journey with "Matt the Normal Cat" as he teaches about culture, aging, love, animal appreciation and other life lessons. Space is limited to 60 participants.

2406 Mon., Dec. 10 6-7 p.m.
Ages 5-8 Skyline Room

LEGO CLUB

Children will build, create and share their very own LEGO creations based on a chosen theme. The library will provide the LEGO, you provide the imagination! Space is limited to 20 participants.

2407 Tues., Dec. 11 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 5-9 Little Theater

"THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS"

Jack Skellington, king of Halloween Town, discovers Christmas Town, but his attempts to bring Christmas to his town cause confusion. This film is rated PG and has a running time of 76 minutes. Space is limited to 50 participants.

2408 Tues., Dec. 11 6-7:30 p.m.
All Ages Little Theater

GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING FOR TEENS

Get in the holiday spirit by decorating your own gingerbread house. We supply the house, icing and candy, you supply the imagination! The fee is \$5. No refunds will be given. Space is limited to 10 participants.

2455 Wed., Dec. 12 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Ages 12-18 Skyline Room B

LITTLEBITS WORKSHOP

Students will be introduced to littleBits, electronic building blocks that snap together and work together, allowing children to build and invent.

2456 Wed., Dec. 12 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 8-12 Art Studio

CHILD CREATIVITY LAB/ HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

Children will have the option of making 3D cardboard holiday ornaments. After cutting their stencils, children can decorate their ornaments using the supplied materials. The fee is \$5 per child. No refunds will be given. Space is limited to 20 participants.

2469 Thurs., Dec. 13 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 8-12 Skyline Room A

REINDEER CRAFT FOR CHILDREN

Children will create a festive reindeer craft for the holidays. The materials will include flower pots, chenille stems, googly eyes, markers and pom-poms. Space is limited to 24 participants.

2720 Thurs., Dec. 13 5-6 p.m.
Ages 4-8 Art Studio

FAMILY GIFT WRAPPING

Get into the holiday spirit by bringing gifts to wrap at the library. Perfect for the entire family and a great way to relax before the holidays! A holiday movie will be screened during the program. Wrapping paper and other supplies will be provided. Space is limited to 30 participants.

2470 Thurs., Dec. 13 6-8:30 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room B

EASY HOLIDAY HORS D'OEUVRES

Celebrate the holiday season by learning to make simple and delicious hors d'oeuvres. Whether for an intimate gathering or a large crowd, this memorable and delicious food will make the season enjoyable and entertaining for you and your guests. The fee is \$5 per person. Space is limited to 25 participants.

2471 Thurs., Dec. 13 7-8 p.m.
Ages 18 and over Skyline Room A

MRS. CLAUS AND FRIENDS STORY HOUR

Join us as Mrs. Claus reads stories and sings holiday songs with some of her closest holiday friends. The program will conclude with a fun "glue and go" craft. Space is limited to 25 participants.

2472 Fri., Dec. 14 6-7 p.m.
Ages 2-8 Little Theater

The following Library programs require advance registration:

ART INNOVATORS/ WINTER WONDER-CASTLE

Students will design, build and decorate a festive castle brimming with holiday cheer! Participants will construct castles using clay and decorate them with shapes, colors and a variety of miniature holiday ornaments. Students will focus on identifying three-dimensional shapes in structures and learn about form, depth and coordinating patterns. The fee is \$5 per child. No refunds will be given. Space is limited to 20 participants.

2473 Tues., Dec. 18 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 6-10 Art Studio

YOUNG REMBRANDTS/ GREAT WALL OF CHINA

Children will illustrate the Great Wall of China. This lesson will highlight important concepts like perspective, foreshortening and texture. The class is \$5 per child. No refunds will be given. Space is limited to 20 participants.

2474 Tues., Jan. 8 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Ages 6-12 Skyline Room

HOMEWORK HELP

An after-school homework help program is offered for Cerritos resident students. Students should bring their homework and a book to read to each class meeting. A parent or a designated individual is required to sign students in and out of class. Space is limited to 12 participants. Please register for only one of the following sessions.

2489 Mon., Jan. 7-Apr. 15 3:30-5 p.m.
Grades 3-6 Art Studio
No class Jan. 21 & Feb. 18

2490 Wed., Jan. 9-Apr. 17 3:30-5 p.m.
Grades 3-6 Art Studio
No class Jan. 23 & Feb. 20

The following Library programs do not require registration:

HOLIDAY CONCERT BY THE CYPRESS SENIOR CHORUS

Listen to the sounds of the season when the Cypress Senior Chorus shares beautiful selections, such as "Swingin' St. Nick," "The Little Drummer Boy," "Carol of the Bells," "Amen! Tell It on the Mountain" and many more. 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 comprised of older, retired adults who love to share their joy of singing with the community.

Tues., Dec. 4 7 p.m. All Ages
Skyline Room

SAT VS. ACT: WHICH TEST SHOULD YOUR STUDENT TAKE?

Parents and students are invited to this informative presentation by C2 Education on the differences between the SAT and the ACT. Participants will gain a better understanding of these tests and learn which test might better suit a student's academic strengths.

Thurs., Dec. 6 6:30 p.m. All Ages
Skyline Room

ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR KIDS

A free hands-on holiday craft will be held in the Art Studio for children ages 2-12. This craft will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes.

Fri., Dec. 7 10-11 a.m. & Ages 2-12
5-6 p.m. Art Studio

FAMILY NIGHT: ANNIE BANANNIE'S CHRISTMAS STORIES

Christmas is almost here, so bring in the holiday cheer Balloon Storyteller style with goofy holiday stories, silly Christmas magic and spectacular balloon fun! This 45-minute show is packed full of laughter, surprises and of course, awesome balloons. The biggest surprise is saved for the FINALE! Participants will watch in wonder as Annie Banannie creates the Giant Human Snow Globe!

Wed., Dec. 12 7 p.m. All Ages
Skyline Room

TEEN UGLY SWEATER ORNAMENTS

Teens, bring your creativity and create an "ugly sweater" ornament that you can keep or give as a gift. All materials will be provided.

Tues., Dec. 18 4-5 p.m. Ages 12-17
Skyline Room A

The following Library programs do not require registration:

FAMILY COLORING NIGHT

Bring the whole family for a fun night of coloring. Explore your creativity while spending time with loved ones. A selection of coloring sheets and art materials will be available for all ages.

Tues., Dec. 18 7-8 p.m. All Ages
Skyline Room

A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: "IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE"

Theo Siegel discusses the making of "It's a Wonderful Life," followed by a screening of the classic film. This film is unrated and has a running time of 110 minutes.

Fri., Dec. 21 6 p.m. All Ages
Skyline Room

BLOOD DRIVE

Due to a critically low blood supply and severe shortage of blood collections across the nation, the City of Cerritos and the American Red Cross will hold a blood drive in the parking lot. Schedule an appointment by calling (714) 427-2605 or go to redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code COC.

Wed., Jan. 2 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Parking Lot

ELLIE THE ELF: LOST IN THE LIBRARY WED., DEC. 12-SUN., DEC. 23

Our elf, lovingly known as Ellie, has arrived at the library and is jumping from shelf to shelf. Ellie has started a new game at the library. Every day she is moving and hiding in a different location. Children are welcome to come in, find Ellie's location, and submit the answer to receive a small prize. Ellie only hides in the Children's Room of the library. Daily clues to locate Ellie will be provided at the Children's Desk. For children ages 2-12.

Please register for only one of the following 11-week storytimes

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Children and adults will participate in stories, songs, rhymes and a simple craft activity. The class is limited to 22 participants.

2483 Tues., Jan. 15-Mar. 26 10:30 a.m.
Ages 3-5 Art Studio

STORIES FOR 2S & 3S

Children and adults will participate in stories, songs, rhymes and a simple craft activity. The class is limited to 22 participants.

2484 Wed., Jan. 16-Mar. 27 10:30 a.m.
Ages 2-3 Art Studio

TODDLER THURSDAY

This introduction to storytime features books, poems and music. Children will enjoy opportunities of self-expression as they sing, dance and shake their sillies. The class is limited to 25 participants.

2485 Thurs., Jan. 17-Mar. 28 11 a.m.
Ages 1-2 Little Theater

BABIES 'N' BOOKS

Children and caregivers participate in music, nursery rhymes, simple stories and books. The class is limited to 25 participants.

2486 Fri., Jan. 18-Mar. 29 11 a.m.
Ages 6-25 months Little Theater

Please register for only one of the following Child & Teen Read Aloud Programs.

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, all participants must attend the first day of class for testing. Space is limited to 15 participants.

2487 Wed., Jan. 16-Mar. 27 3:30 p.m.
Ages 6-8 Little Theater

2488 Thurs., Jan. 17-Mar. 28 3:30 p.m.
Ages 6-8 Little Theater

Library Displays

CHINESE BRUSH CALLIGRAPHY

The Cerritos Senior Center Chinese Brush Calligraphy Class will exhibit work with running script and regular script along with variations of cursive styles in the main lobby during November and December. The exhibition includes work by the following members: Sunhee Hong, Cathy Chang, Hisako Ito, Sang Ok Lee, Daniel Kim, Dorothy Shih, Martin Peckham, Connie Tang, Lisa Hsia, Sammie Lung, Kyung Dong Lee, Aaron Chang, Kyu Lee, Tong Li and instructor Lucie Wu.

WHITE HOUSE HOLIDAY ORNAMENTS

A collection of White House holiday ornaments donated by former Cerritos Mayor and Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe will be on display in the Library's Local History Room during the month of December.

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