

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.us.

CLASSES/RACER ONLINE REGISTRATION TIPS

To check the availability or to register for classes, please visit the Cerritos website at cerritos.us 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.us

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

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

PHONE REGISTRATION

Call (562) 916-1388

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

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

WALK-IN REGISTRATION

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

Non-Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Mon., 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. Space is limited to 35 participants.

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

12755	Thurs., Apr. 18
12756	Thurs., Apr. 25
12757	Thurs., May 2

SIMPLYCS INTRODUCTION TO WEB DEVELOPMENT

SimplyCS is a student-led organization that aims to introduce computer science to schoolchildren. SimplyCS's 5-week Introduction to Web Development course provides engaging and hands-on lessons to

build a foundational understanding of web development. Space is limited to 20 participants. No class on May 3.

12758	Fri., Apr. 5-May 10	5 p.m.
	Ages 10-14	Hi-Tech Lab

UPCYCLED CRAFT

Join us and create an upcycled craft for Earth Day. Space is limited to 20 participants. The project is supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the California State Librarian.

12759	Mon., Apr. 8	5-6 p.m.
	Ages 7-10	Art Studio

STORYTIME & PETTING ZOO

Join us for animal stories, songs, crafts and a petting zoo. A parent or guardian must accompany children into the petting zoo. Space is limited to 60 participants.

12760	Thurs., Apr. 11	3:30-5 p.m.
	Ages 3-10	Little Theater

3D PRINTING CLASS

Explore the basics of 3D printing using TinkerCad to create spring-related projects. Space is limited to 10 participants. All participants must have a TinkerCad account.

12761	Tues., Apr. 16	4-5 p.m.
	Ages 9-12	Hi-Tech Lab

BOOKMARK ART CONTEST

Participants will create a bookmark design based on this year's Summer Reading Program theme: "Read for the Gold." One design will be selected and printed on a bookmark to be given as a prize during the Summer Reading Program. Children will have two sessions to complete their design. Space is limited to 24 participants.

12762	Thurs., & Fri., Apr. 18 & 19	4-5 p.m.
	Ages 9-15	Art Studio

BIRD FEEDER CRAFT

Participants will build and decorate a small bird feeder. Supplies will be provided. Space is limited to 18 participants. The project is supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the California State Librarian.

12763	Thurs., Apr. 25	3:30-4:30 p.m.
	Ages 8-12	Art Studio

DISCOVERY CUBE BUZZY BEES

Students will explore the fascinating world of insects! Children will examine the anatomy of bees and discover some of their amazing adaptations. Space is limited to 20 participants. The project is supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the California State Librarian.

12764	Fri., Apr. 26	3:30 p.m.
	Ages 5-7	Art Studio

GIRL SCOUTS CHILDREN'S DAY CRAFTS

Celebrate Japan Children's Day with local Girl Scout Corinne Osato. Children will learn about Japanese culture while completing fun crafts, such as making a small koinobori and creating an origami samurai helmet. These crafts are traditional symbols of Children's Day. All materials will be provided. Space is limited to 20 participants.

12773	Wed., May 1	5-6 p.m.
	Ages 8-12	Art Studio

STAR WARS PAINT PARTY

Use the force and a paintbrush to create a scene from the Star Wars story. Space is limited to 18 participants.

12765	Thurs., May 2	3:30-4:30 p.m.
	Ages 8-12	Art Studio

Star Wars Celebration on Fri., May 3

Join us for a fun-filled Star Wars Celebration and enjoy activities, coloring, crafts and more.

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.

12766	3:30-4:00 p.m.	Ages 8 and Under	Little Theater
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LIGHTSABER CRAFT

(Space is limited to 24 participants)

12767	(Pre-registered/Session 1)	4:00 p.m.	Art Studio
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12768	(Pre-registered/Session 2)	4:30 p.m.	Art Studio
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LIGHTSABER TRAINING

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

12769	5-5:30 p.m.	Ages 8-12	Skyline Room
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THE FORCE EXPERIENCE

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
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STAR WARS DRAWING CLASS FOR KIDS

Children will learn how to draw two popular Star Wars characters. Space is limited to 15 participants.

12770	6-6:30 p.m.	Ages 5-8	Art Studio
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FINDING DARTH VADER: SUN., APR. 28-SAT., MAY 4

Attention: Help the Rebel Alliance stop Darth Vader from invading the Cerritos Library. Every day he is moving and hiding 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.

MOTHER'S DAY CARD

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

12771	Mon., May 6	5-6 p.m.	Ages 8-12	Art Studio
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FREESTYLE FLORAL ARRANGING WORKSHOP FOR ADULTS

Sheena Langub of Rooted Harmony will teach basic skills of traditional and Japanese floral arranging styles. A miniature vase arrangement and a freestyle Ikebana design will be the main focus of the course. Fee is \$5. No refunds. Space is limited to 15 participants.

12772	Wed., May 8	6-7 p.m.	Ages 18 & Over	Skyline Room
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The following Library programs do not require advance registration:

GEOGRAPHIC LITERACY WRITING WORKSHOP

Poet Mike Sonksen and writer D. J. Waldie will give a presentation about the California State Parks and geographical spaces. This program is supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

Mon., Apr. 8 6 p.m.
Ages 13 & Over Skyline Room

RANCHO LOS CERRITOS BULBS OF CALIFORNIA

California is home to over 200 species of native bulbs. Marie Barnidge-McIntyre continues her discussion of the most delightful flowers that bloom in the spring. This program is supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

Wed., Apr. 10 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR KIDS

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

Fri., Apr. 12 11 a.m.-noon & 5-6 p.m.
Ages 2-12 Art Studio

BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

The Book Club for Adults will meet for a book discussion. Participants will discuss the book "Solito" by Javier Zamora.

Wed., Apr. 17 11 a.m.-noon Board Room

SEED GERMINATION PROGRAM

UC Master Gardener Kay Begum will present information about seed germination and how to breathe new life into your garden. This program is supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

Thurs., Apr. 18 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

SHIFTING GEARS: HOW THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY IS RESPONDING TO ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

Join us as representatives from the Petersen Automotive Museum explore environmental challenges in the automotive industry and proposed solutions from

multiple actors in the field. After the presentation, join us for a STEM-related activity.

Mon., Apr. 22 6 p.m.
10 and over Skyline Room

NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: "ROMAN HOLIDAY" (1953)

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of "Roman Holiday," followed by a screening of the film. This film is not rated and has a running time of 118 minutes.

Thurs., Apr. 25 6 p.m.
Ages 18 & Over Skyline Room

SEASONAL PRESERVES DEMONSTRATION

Learn how to make jam from scratch with fresh seasonal fruit! During this workshop, Chef Vina will show you how to prepare the fruit and make jam. The project is supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the California State Librarian.

Mon., Apr. 29 6 p.m.
18 and Over Skyline Room

Earth Month Celebration on Sat., April 20

April is Earth Month, a time to celebrate and protect our planet. Join us for fun activities while celebrating the Earth! The project is supported in whole or in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered by the California State Librarian.

STORYTIME

Join us for a special Earth Month-themed storytime.
Sat., Apr. 20 11 a.m. & noon
Ages 1-8 Little Theater

The following activities are for all ages and will take place at 11 a.m. outside the entrance to the Cerritos Library.

SEED BOMBING 101

Learn about seed bombs from UC Master Gardener Rebecca Perez and then create your own. While supplies last.

UC MASTER GARDENER

Learn planting tricks and tips with Master Gardener Kay Begum.

PLANET EARTH ROCKS!

Decorate and paint a rock for your garden. Add messages to your rocks to show your love for the planet. While supplies last.

RECYCLED FISH CRAFT

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

SUCCULENTS 101

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

OWL CRAFT

Join us as we create an owl using recycled magazines. While supplies last.

Library Exhibition

PHO-TANICA FLORALS, PAINTED WITH THE CAMERA

Cerritos Library is hosting a unique photo exhibit presented by photographer Steve Walag. This exhibition will be featured in the Library's Main Street through April 29.

POLLINATION INVESTIGATION: POSTER DISPLAY

Pollinators are an essential part of the natural world. Smithsonian Gardens is a key advocate for pollinators, educating millions of visitors on the wide diversity of pollinators and the types of plants that support them. The Pollination Investigation posters, a set of educational panels explaining the importance of understanding pollinators, their habitat and supporting pollinator health, will be on display through the month of April in support of the new Planted: Cerritos Seed Library.

PLANTED: CERRITOS SEED LIBRARY

Beginning in April 2024, Cerritos Library patrons will be able to check out seeds from our new Seed Library. The Seed Library will allow patrons to check out seeds for native California plants such as wildflowers, sunflowers and a pollinator mix of flowers. A variety of vegetable, fruit and herb seeds will also be available. We hope that this seed library will support community member's efforts to live healthier, sustainable lifestyles.

Seed Library Use

Seeds can be acquired by visiting the Library during regular business hours. The Seed Library is located near the Circulation Desk.

Patrons may checkout up to four seed packets per month. Patrons may keep the seeds and packets and do not have to return any items to the Library. Seeds can be checked out by any patron age 13 or older.

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Report potholes to Public Works

The recent heavy rains have caused potholes on streets throughout Cerritos.

City staff is tracking potholes and making the necessary repairs. The City uses a temporary cold mix to repair potholes immediately after storms. Permanent pothole repairs will be completed after the rainy season.

To report potholes and other adverse conditions, download the Request Cerritos app or call the Public Works Department at (562) 916-1220. ■



Scan the QR code to report potholes using the Request Cerritos app.

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(562) 860-0044

