

February 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. 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 **Thurs., Feb. 1 at 11 a.m.**

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

PHONE REGISTRATION

Call (562) 916-1388

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

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

WALK-IN REGISTRATION

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

Non-Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Thurs., Feb. 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. Only children registered for storytime may be brought to the program. Space is limited to 35 participants.

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

12057	Thurs., Feb. 8
12058	Thurs., Feb. 15
12059	Thurs., Feb. 22
12060	Thurs., Feb. 29
12061	Thurs., Mar. 7

LUNAR NEW YEAR PAINTING CRAFT

Celebrate Lunar New Year by painting and decorating your own 3D dragon and paper mask. Space is limited to 15 participants.

12062	Wed., Feb. 7	5:15-6 p.m.
	Ages 8-12	Art Studio

VALENTINE'S DAY SHRINKY DINK KEYCHAINS AND HEART-SHAPED BOXES

Design unique keychains using shrink plastic film and decorate a heart-shaped box. Space is limited to 10 participants.

12063	Thurs., Feb. 8	4-5 p.m.
	Ages 9-14	Art Studio

LUNAR NEW YEAR GREETING CARD CRAFT

Children will decorate and create a pop-up Lunar New Year greeting card. Space is limited to 20 participants.

12064	Fri., Feb. 9	3:30-4:30 p.m.
	Ages 8-13	Art Studio

TUSSIE MUSSIE FLOWER WORKSHOP: THE VICTORIAN ART OF EXPRESSING YOURSELF

Create a one-of-a-kind tussie mussie, a small flower bouquet common in the Victorian-era. 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. Space is limited to 15 participants.

12065	Tues., Feb. 13	6 p.m.
	Ages 18 and Over	Skyline Room B

PRESIDENTIAL BINGO

Come and play bingo with a presidential twist. Space is limited to 15 participants.

12066	Fri., Feb. 16	3:30-4:30 p.m.
	Ages 7-9	Art Studio

WRITING CLASS FOR KIDS

Join us as Whitney High School student Tyler Liu helps participants improve their academic writing skills with guided essays, hands-on lessons and other activities.

12067	Fri., Mar. 8-Mar. 29	5 p.m.
	Ages 8-12	Hi-Tech Lab

The following Library programs do not require advance registration:

THE VICTORIAN LANGUAGE OF FLOWERS

Rancho Los Cerritos horticulturist Marie Barnidge-McIntyre discusses the origins of the language of flowers. 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., Feb. 7	6 p.m.	
	All Ages	Skyline Room

SATURDAY FAMILY STORYTIME

Join us for a fun 30-minute storytime incorporating stories, rhymes, songs, finger plays and movement activities. Space is limited.

Sat., Feb. 10	11:15 a.m.	
	All Ages	Little Theater

ANIME FILM: "HOWL'S MOVING CASTLE" (2004)

Join us for a screening of "Howl's Moving Castle," directed by Hayao Miyazaki. Popular Japanese snacks will be provided, while supplies last. This film is rated PG and has a running time of 119 minutes.

Wed., Feb. 14	3:45 p.m.	
	Ages 13 and Over	Skyline Room

FAMILY NIGHT: AFRICAN DANCE

Learn the art of dance choreography with world dance instructor Teresa Smith. Smith teaches the concepts behind a variety of dance styles, including Bollywood, hip hop, salsa, and African.

Thurs., Feb. 15	6 p.m.	
	All Ages	Skyline Room

BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

The Book Club for Adults will meet for a book discussion. Participants will discuss the book "Groovy Girl" by Casey Cui. For more information, call (562) 916-1340.

Wed., Feb. 21	11 a.m.-noon	Board Room
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NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: "HARVEY" (1950)

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of "Harvey," starring James Stewart, followed by a screening of the film. This film is not rated and has a running time of 104 minutes.

Thurs., Feb. 22	6 p.m.	
	Ages 18 and Over	Skyline Room

MEET PROMINENT AFRICAN AMERICAN AUTHORS

The Orange County Chapter of the Links, Incorporated and the Cerritos Library are pleased to present a program featuring prominent African American Authors, including Tracy Danielle Robinson, Brandon Shelby, Pamela Samuels Young, and Dr. La-Doris McClaney. A meet and greet with the authors will take place from 1 to 1:45 p.m. and refreshments will be served. The authors will discuss their works from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Sun., Feb. 25	1-4 p.m.	
	All Ages	Skyline Room

MEET CHILDREN'S BOOK AUTHOR

Local children's book author Charity Harris will read her books "The Lonely Zebra" and "What If We Were the Same."

Thurs., Feb. 29	3:30 p.m.	
	All Ages	Little Theater

SOUTHERN AND SOUL FOOD DEMONSTRATION

Learn the magic behind soul food with a southern and soul food demonstration featuring staff from Georgia's Restaurant. Georgia's Restaurant serves southern cuisine in Anaheim and Long Beach while reimagining and redefining the public's perception of southern soul food.

Thurs., Feb. 29	6 p.m.	
	All Ages	Skyline Room

MEET AUTHOR casey cui

Author Casey Cui will read from her book, "Groovy Girl 2." Casey Cui, a.k.a. Maritza Roño Refuerzo, was born in a beach town in Southern California, and her ancestors hail from Madrid and Bilbao, Spain; Xiamen, China; and the western coast of the island of Luzon in the Philippines.

Mon., Mar. 4	6 p.m.	
	All Ages	Skyline Room

Library Exhibition

CAPTIVATING CHANGE

Artist Tayo Joyce presents a beautiful exhibit of acrylic and oil paintings that capture inspirational changes. Joyce's artwork includes exemplary change-makers of African descent, vivid sunsets, vibrant plants in transition and an illustrated children's book. This exhibition will be featured in the Library's Main Street through the end of February.

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Calendar of Events

- January 20 • **Cerritos Certified Farmers' Market**, 8 a.m.-noon, northwest parking lot of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts. Also on January 27, February 3, 10, 17 and 24.
- January 22 • **Cerritos Gadabouts**, 9 a.m.-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on February 5, 12 and 26. Contact Richard Taylor at (323) 712-0392.
- January 23 • **Cerritos Chinese-American Senior Citizens Association**, 1-4 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on February 6, 13, 20 and 27. Contact Katie Yen at (562) 833-6711.
- **Cerritos Folk Dancers**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on February 6, 13, 20 and 27. Contact Julith Neff at (562) 881-9504.
- **The "Original" Happy Seniors of Cerritos**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on February 6, 13, 20 and 27. Contact Victoria Ilano at (562) 862-2842.
- January 24 • **Let Freedom Ring Committee** meeting, 7 p.m., Heritage Park.
- **Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos**, 6 p.m. Also on February 13 and 21. Contact Mary Ann Tipton for location at (562) 706-2881.
- January 25 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- **Cerritos Optimist Club**, 7 a.m., Denny's, 16907 Pioneer Blvd., Artesia. Also on February 1, 8 and 22. Contact Manilal Fernando at (562) 402-4700.
- **Cerritos (Mid-City) Korean-American Senior Citizens Association**, 9 a.m.-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on February 1, 8, 15 and 22. Contact Kyo Kim at (562) 900-9382.
- **Cerritos Indo-American Seniors**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on February 1, 8, 15 and 22. Contact Arvind Patel at (562) 322-0085.
- **Da' Hawaii Seniors Club**, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on February 8 and 22. Contact Carmelita Tiongson at (562) 305-7995.
- **Formosa Senior Association**, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on February 1, 8, 15 and 22. Contact Christine Lee at (213) 219-1430.
- **Bellflower Unified School District Board** meeting, 6:30 p.m., 16703 S. Clark Avenue, Bellflower. Also on February 8 and 22, 6 p.m.
- January 30 • **Property Preservation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- February 1 • **Parks and Recreation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- **Filipino Seniors of Cerritos**, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on February 15. Contact Mayette Centeno at (562) 331-0938.
- February 2 • **Celebrate Good Times Senior Center's 30th Anniversary and Valentine's Dance**, 1-4 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Registration is required in person at the Cerritos Senior Center. \$15/Person. Contact Joyel Dandie at (562) 916-8550.
- February 3 • **Festival of Friendship**, noon, Los Cerritos Center.
- February 6 • **ABC Unified School District Board** meeting, 7 p.m., 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos. Also on February 20.
- February 7 • **Planning Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- **Friends of the 1st CEB**, 6 p.m., Liberty Park. Contact Chuck Sooter at (562) 860-8174.
- February 8 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- **Woman's Club of Artesia-Cerritos**, 11 a.m., Cerritos Park East. Contact Sue Verway at (562) 926-2660.
- February 13 • **Cerritos Republican Club**, 7-9 p.m. Contact Dean Grose for location at (562) 241-0235 or deanlosal@gmail.com or visit cerritos-republican.org.
- February 19 • **President's Day**
- **City Hall, City Clerk/Treasurer's Office**, Library, Senior Center and CCPA Ticket Office closed.
- February 22 • **City Council** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.
- February 24 • **Friends of the Cerritos Library** book sale, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Cerritos Library. Also on February 25, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
- February 27 • **Property Preservation Commission** meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber.

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African American History Month Lecture Series

Join the Cerritos Library as we celebrate African American History Month with special lectures. These lectures will focus on the rich history and life of African American artists and artisans as well artistic and cultural movements that span the black diaspora.

BLACK ART: A DISCUSSION OF ITS FUNCTION AND COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

Dr. M. Keith Claybrook, Jr., Dr. Alice Nicholas and Dr. Natalie Sartin examine the history and legacy of African American art (or Black cultural production), an ongoing creative enterprise, highlighting its creativity, activism, agency and resistance.

Mon., Feb. 5 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

"LET YOUR MOTTO BE RESISTANCE": BLACK ARTS AND THE ONGOING STRUGGLE FOR BLACK LIBERATION

Dr. Alice Nicholas's discussion will center around the philosophies of cultural critic and playwright Larry Neal, a leading member of the Black Arts Movement in the 1960s.

Thurs., Feb. 8 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

HIP HOP POWER!!!: THE POLITICS OF BLACK ART IN HIP HOP

This presentation by Dr. M. Keith Claybrook, Jr. extends Marvin Gladney's (1995) argument that understanding and analyzing Hip Hop as an extension of the Black Arts Movement offers historical and cultural context. This presentation situates Hip Hop in the context of Black Art, offering cultural and political frameworks for understanding the intellectual, artistic and political dimensions of Hip Hop.

Mon., Feb. 12 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

PROPHETIC VISIONS OF FREEDOM AND THE FUTURE: REEXAMINING AFROFUTURISM IN OCTAVIA BUTLER'S "PARABLE OF THE SOWER"

Dr. Natalie Sartin delves into the Afrofuturist literary genre through the lens of Octavia Butler's novel, "Parable of the Sower." The Black aesthetic tradition is explored to analyze key themes in the novel, including agency, community building and a radical reimagining of the future.

Mon., Feb. 26 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

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