

June 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 **Sat., June 1 at 11 a.m.**

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

PHONE REGISTRATION

Call (562) 916-1388

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

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

WALK-IN REGISTRATION

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

Non-Resident walk-in registration for all programs listed begins **Sat., June 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.

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

12891 Mon., June 24

12892 Mon., July 1

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

12893 Thurs., June 20

12894 Thurs., June 27

Saturdays at 11:15 a.m. for ages 5-8

12895 Sat., June 22

12896 Sat., June 29

SLIME MAKING CLASS FOR KIDS

Join us for an afternoon of slime-making. Space is limited to 12 participants.

12878 Mon., June 10 3:30-4:15 p.m.
Ages 7-9 Art Studio

PERLER BEADS: READ FOR THE GOLD

Children will create a sports-themed art piece using Perler beads. Space is limited to 12 participants.

12879 Tues., June 11 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 10-15 Art Studio

DRONE FLYING FOR KIDS

Join us for a drone flying program led by the student organization, Drones4kids. Participants will have the opportunity to fly a small drone and learn how drones are utilized. Space is limited to 12 participants.

12885 Fri., June 14 2-3 p.m.
Ages 8-12 Skyline Room

COLORFUL KINGDOM STORYTIME

This fun storytime investigates how animals use color to hide from predators and catch food. By combining songs, artifacts, live animals and stories, children will use all their senses to explore this theme. Space is limited to 40 participants.

12880 Mon., June 17 11 a.m.
Ages 3-8 Little Theater

STORYTIME WITH THE MAYOR

Kick off summer with a special "Read for the Gold" storytime with the Mayor of Cerritos. Children will enjoy a fun and interactive storytime and be encouraged to participate in the Library's Summer Reading Program. Space is limited to 20 participants.

12881 Tues., June 18 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Ages 3-8 Little Theater

3D PRINTING CLASS

Students will explore the basics of 3D printing using TinkerCad and learn how to engrave sports-themed-related projects. Participants will each go home with a 3D preprinted surprise item. Space is limited to 10 participants. All participants must have a TinkerCad account.

12882 Tues., June 18 4-5 p.m.
Ages 9-12 Hi-Tech Lab

STAY & PLAY PROGRAM

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

12883 Fri., June 21 11 a.m.-noon
Ages 2-5 Little Theater

MAGICIAN DAVID SKALE

As one of the most popular children's and family magicians in Southern California, David Skale performs fast-paced comedy and magic shows for all ages. Join us for this fun family-friendly magic show. Doors will open at 3:15 p.m. and space is limited to 200. All children and accompanying adults must be registered to attend.

12884 Tues., June 25 3:30 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

The following Library programs do not require advance registration:

MEET THE AUTHOR: MICHAEL MAGRANN

Join author Michael Magrann as he reads from his debut book "Miles Per Gallon," which is based on actual events. Magrann takes us on a journey with a group of friends as they travel through North America during the band CH3's summer tour in 1983. Through

his literary achievement, which is derived from hazy memories and adolescent journal entries, Magrann chronicles the bonds of friendship, the misadventures of a punk rock band out on the road, and the kind of self-discovery that only long periods spent cramped in a van can bring. After the reading, Magrann will perform songs from his band, CH3.

Wed., June 5 6 p.m.
13 & Over Skyline Room

MEET CHILDREN'S AUTHOR SUZANNE LANG

Suzanne Lang is the author of the New York Times bestselling "Grumpy Monkey" books as well as several other titles. Lang will read her latest book and answer audience questions. Participants will also have an opportunity to get their books signed by the author. Copies of her books will be available for purchase.

Thurs., June 13 11 a.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: "ARSENIC AND OLD LACE" (1944)

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of "Arsenic and Old Lace," starring Cary Grant, followed by a screening of the film. This film is not rated and has a running time of 118 minutes.

Thurs., June 13 6 p.m.
Ages 18 & Over Skyline Room

DISCOVER YOUR SUBCONSCIOUS THEMATIC WRITING WORKSHOP

Writer Thea Pueschel will lead a writing workshop about creating a personal writer's theme. This workshop will help overcome writer's block and story stagnation and create new material. This workshop is suitable for new, emerging and established writers of all genres.

Mon., June 17 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Ages 13 & Over Skyline Room

BOOK CLUB FOR ADULTS

The Book Club for Adults will meet for a book discussion. Participants will discuss the book "The Book Thief" by Markus Zusak. For more information, call (562) 916-1340.

Wed., June 19 11 a.m.-noon Board Room

JUNETEENTH PRESENTATION

Join us for a Juneteenth celebration! Participants will enjoy interactive activities, music, poetry and a presentation about the holiday. Guest speaker Chimbuko Tembo will address common misconceptions and reflect on the historical struggles of enslaved African Americans.

Wed., June 19 6 p.m.
All Ages Skyline Room

AFTERNOON MOVIES

The following movies will be shown at 2 p.m. Space is limited to 40 participants. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

"Migration" (PG) 83 minutes
Thurs., June 20 2 p.m.
All Ages Little Theater

"Wonka" (PG) 117 minutes
Thurs., June 27 2 p.m.
All Ages Little Theater

SUMMER CRAFTS FOR KIDS

A free hands-on craft featuring a summer theme for children ages 2-12 will be held in the Skyline Room. These "glue and go" crafts take approximately 10 to 15 minutes. While supplies last.

Wed., June 19 11 a.m.-noon
Wed., June 26 11 a.m.-noon
Wed., July 3 11 a.m.-noon

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MEET THE AUTHOR DWAYNE EPSTEIN

New York Times bestselling author Dwayne Epstein will read from his latest book, “Killin’ Generals: The Making of the Dirty Dozen the Most Iconic WW II Movie of All Time.” Before writing biographies, Epstein regularly contributed to film chronicles and wrote for Filmfax Magazine. He spent much of his childhood in Cerritos, attending Cerritos High School and Whitney High School.

Mon., June 24 6 p.m.

All Ages

Skyline Room

FAMILY COLORING NIGHT

Relax, socialize and explore your creativity in a tranquil setting. A selection of coloring sheets and art materials will be available for all ages. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Thurs., June 27 6 p.m.

All Ages

Skyline Room

49th SUMMER READING PROGRAM: READ FOR THE GOLD!

Cerritos Library cardholders are invited to participate in the Cerritos Library’s Read for the Gold! 49th Summer Reading Program. Children, teens and adults are encouraged to read throughout the summer. Participants will earn a book prize and tote bag for completing the program, sponsored by the Friends of the Cerritos Library.

Option 1—Online Registration: Pre-registration will be available through the Cerritos Library’s Beanstack service from Monday, June 10 through Sunday, June 16. To access and sign-up for a Beanstack account, please visit the library’s website at cerritoslibrary.us. Each participant must have a valid Cerritos Library card. Participants can log and track

their reading progress in Beanstack and will need to complete their reading from June 19 through July 16. Children will need to log 30 minutes of reading per day and will earn digital badges for completing 210 minutes of reading each week. Adults and Teens will earn digital badges for every book logged (four books total).

Option 2—In-Person Registration: Patrons can register in person beginning on Monday, June 17 through Sunday, June 30. Patrons who register in person need to bring their valid Cerritos Library card to the Children’s Art Studio in the Cerritos Library. Each participant must be present to register, or their valid Cerritos Library card must be presented. A separate form will need to be completed for each person who signs up to receive their reading log.

Prizes and Programs: Children up to age 12 who read 30 minutes per day (210 minutes per week) during the program will earn a book prize and Summer Reading Program Tote Bag (while supplies last). Young Adults, ages 13 to 17, and adults, ages 18 and older, must complete four books, either fiction or non-fiction, in any language to earn the book prize and tote bag. Prizes for those who complete the program will be distributed Monday, July 15 through Friday, July 28. (Using the Beanstack mobile App, please show library staff the digital completion badge earned on your mobile device. If participants registered in person, please present completed reading log.) Each participant must be present to receive their prizes.

FINDING OUR MISSING GOLD MEDAL

Peewee the Panda lost one of the gold medals for the upcoming games. Help us find the missing gold medal before the games start. Children are encouraged to report the gold medal’s new location to the Children’s Desk each day for a small prize. This

program is for children ages 4-11. Prizes will be given throughout the day while supplies last.

Mon.-Sun.,

During Library hours

June 10-16

while supplies last

Ages 4-11

Children’s Desk

Bookmark Art Contest

Congratulations to Ahyana Gheewala, age 13, for winning the Cerritos Library’s 6th Annual Bookmark Art Contest. Ahyana’s design was selected to be printed on a bookmark, which will be given as a prize for those who register for the Cerritos Library’s Read for the Gold! 49th Summer Reading Program from June 17 to 23.

Library Displays

SMALL EDENS

Artist Linda Garcia-Dahle’s oil paintings reveal the ways in which light and shadow affect outdoor and indoor spaces, producing feelings of serenity and well-being in the viewer. This exhibition will be featured in the main library lobby through June 28.

PLASTIC ALCHEMY: TRANSFORMING PLASTIC WASTE INTO ART

Artist Claudio Garzon’s sculptures are designed to provoke a re-evaluation of our plastic consumption habits and encourage the adoption of more sustainable practices. Through thought-provoking artwork, viewers are invited to reflect on the impact of plastic on the environment and consider alternative ways to reduce waste and protect our planet. Explore the transformative power of art in promoting positive change and a more sustainable future. This exhibit will be displayed in the Library’s Local History Room June 8-30.



Residents are encouraged to join the Neighborhood Watch in Cerritos, a joint effort by community members and the Cerritos Sheriff’s Station/Community Safety Center to fight crime and protect property. One of the oldest crime-prevention programs, it serves as the eyes

Join Neighborhood Watch

and ears of the Sheriff’s Department and has proven instrumental in keeping communities safe.

Contact the Community Safety Division at (562) 916-1266 to see if a Neighborhood Watch group has been formed in your neighborhood. If there is an established group, you will be provided with the name and phone number of the Watch Captain.

If there is no active group yet in your area, the Community Safety Division will help you and your neighbors start one. Neighborhood Watch groups are typically small – usually 15 to 20 households – to simplify communication among participants. A designated block captain will be responsible for acting as the liaison between a neighborhood and the Cerritos Sheriff’s Station/Community Safety Center.

While the Community Safety Division and Sheriff’s Department will assist in many ways, the success of Neighborhood Watch depends largely on resident involvement. Participants will receive Neighborhood Watch signs to post, alerting potential criminals that others are watching out for your home. Members of the watch group monitor their neighborhoods, communicate regularly with deputies and meet with neighbors routinely to stay current on new information. If a residential crime pattern is identified in the area, deputies will notify the group of what to look out for and suggest prevention strategies.

Join the City’s Neighborhood Watch program at safercerritos.com. ■

Free vacation security checks offered to residents

The Cerritos Sheriff’s Station/Community Safety Center offers free vacation security checks for residents. While you’re away, a deputy or Volunteer on Patrol will check your home for broken windows, open doors or other evidence of suspicious activity.

Residents must fill out a vacation security check request form at least five business days before leaving on vacation. The form is available at safercerritos.com.

Under the “Featured Links” section, click on “Crime Prevention: Hardening the Target” then “Vacation Security Check Request Form.” All information must be completed before the request can be processed. If it is less than five business days before the start of your vacation, call (562) 916-1266 to submit a vacation security check request by phone.

Ensure that all doors and windows are locked before leaving for vacation. Notify the Cerritos Sheriff’s Station at (562) 860-0044 if you return before the indicated return date. ■



Scan the QR code to request a vacation security check on your Cerritos home.