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CCPA offers February fun

The Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts (CCPA) has something to delight everyone in February, from Veronica Swift to The RUSH Tribute Project.

Kicking off the month is MOJO & The Bayou Gypsies. Celebrating 40 years in the music business, MOJO & the Bayou Gypsies brings authentic red-hot Louisiana fire to Cerritos. Its winning gumbo of Zydeco and Cajun music, flavored with Rock and the Blues, has been certified by the Louisiana Music Hall of Fame. If you're looking for some fun, the "Chicago Tribune" says this outfit will "provide a good time." Tickets start at \$50 for the 8 p.m. show on Saturday, February 1.

Enjoy a nostalgic afternoon with The Drifters, The Platters, & Cornell Gunter's Coasters as Cerritos salutes these Rock & Roll Hall of Fame groups. All three were instrumental in creating the Rock 'n' Roll/Doo-Wop sound: The Drifters ("Under the Boardwalk," "This Magic Moment," On Broadway"); The Platters ("Only You," "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes," "The Great Pretender"); and Cornell Gunter's Coasters ("Charlie Brown," "Yakety Yak," "Poison Ivy"). Tickets cost \$62 for this 3 p.m. performance on Sunday, February 2.

Composer Rob Kapilow returns to explore one of Robert Schumann's greatest works for solo piano, a masterpiece shrouded in secrecy: "Fantasie in C, Op.17." In a spirited Q&A, Kapilow studies the work, providing audiences with a fresh approach to the piece. A lively Q&A concludes the evening. The performance is sponsored by George & Bev Ray. Tickets are \$60 to this 7:30 p.m. show on Wednesday, February 5.

Get ready for an evening of music with vocal icon Linda Eder. This genre-bending vocalist is known for her performance as Lucy Harris in "Jekyll & Hyde: The Gothic Musical Thriller" as well as solo recordings of "Someone Like You," "A New Life," "Vienna," and more. Tickets start at \$50 for this added show at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 6.

Experience Veronica Swift's new eponymously titled album LIVE! This album is a masterful coming-out story filled with the virtuosic brilliance, interpretive ingenuity, bracing songwriting, and keen arrangements Swift is known for. Simply put, Swift is not only one of the most dazzling singers to emerge in her generation, she's one of the most versatile. Don't miss your chance to hear songs like "Closer," "I Am What I Am," "In the Moonlight," and more. Ticket prices start at \$54 for this 7:30 p.m. performance on Wednesday, February 12.

"The New York Times" called "Dear Evan Hansen" a "Breathtaking knockout of a musical." This performance is an intimate and poignant story about mental illness, the fragility of life, and the human need for connection with each other. A high-schooler who always feels like he's on the outside looking in, Evan finally gets what so many of us are searching for — the chance to fit in. This production won six

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Scan the QR code to access the CCPA Upcoming Events page to purchase tickets.

Tony Awards (including for "Best Musical" and "Best Score"), a Grammy Award, and an Olivier Award. Recommended for ages 12 and up. This musical will call the CCPA home for three days, starting on Friday, February 14 at 8 p.m. and Saturday, February 15 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. The final performance is at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 16. Tickets start at \$54.

Good things come to those who Waite! See '80s Rocker John Waite when he takes the stage to play his greatest hits, including the No. One Grammynominated "Missing You," "Isn't It Time," "When I See You Smile," and "If Anybody Had a Heart." Power Rock band Tommy Tutone opens the show with a string of greatest hits, including "Angel Say No" and the timeless catchy number "867-5309/Jenny." Tickets start at \$44 for this Director's Pick show on Thursday, February 20.

Jam to the Queen of Soul's hits in this electrifying tribute to Aretha Franklin. "R.E.S.P.E.C.T. — A celebration of the Music of Aretha Franklin" features a live band and vocalists that deliver her iconic songs that forever reshaped the music landscape and American culture of the era, including "Natural Woman," "Think," "I Knew You Were Waiting for Me," "Chain of Fools," and her signature hit "Respect." It's a journey of love, tragedy, courage, and triumphs of the legend, who "Rolling Stone" crowned "the greatest singer of all time." Get tickets now, starting at \$54, for this 8 p.m. concert on Friday, February 21.

"Rhythm India" takes audiences on a journey of dance and celebration through "Bollywood & Beyond." Experience the vibrant costumes, dynamic music, and soulful grooves of the "ghungroo" dancing bells in a production created by award-winning choreographer Joya Kazi, whose "artistic voice speaks to the rhythms of Indian dance, ranging from commercial musicals to classical, folk and traditional forms," raved "Next Pittsburgh." Tickets start at \$40 for this 8 p.m. show on Saturday, February 22.

Come feel the "RUSH" of songs such as "Limelight" and "Tom Sawyer" at the CCPA at 7 p.m. on Sunday, February 23. The RUSH Tribute Project pays homage to the Rock group's high-energy, iconic music and concerts. In a nod to the band, The RUSH Tribute Project uses vintage instruments, multicamera projections, and state-of-the-art lighting to re-create the rush and stage magic of the Rock & Roll Hall of Famers. Tickets start at \$39.

"Glide" magazine called Jazz trumpeter-vocalist-composer Jumaane Smith "ultra-talented!" The musician has toured with Michael Bublé and has performed on five Grammy-winning records, two Emmy-nominated television performances, and in Steven Spielberg's "West Side Story." "Downbeat" magazine praised his "unique and irresistibly creative voice!" Jumaane Smith returns to the CCPA at 8 p.m. on Friday, February 28. Tickets start at \$50.

Get tickets at cerritoscenter.com or by calling the Ticket Office at (562) 916-8500. ■

Annual Festival of Friendship is February I

Celebrate Cerritos' rich cultural diversity at the City's annual Festival of Friendship on Saturday, February 1 from noon to 4 p.m. at Los Cerritos Center. The City of Cerritos and the Let Freedom Ring Committee, in conjunction with the Los Cerritos Center, are presenting the event.

The Festival of Friendship will feature a variety of cultural performances on stages in front of Forever 21 and the former Sears building, where local cultural groups will showcase songs and dances.

Special commemorative gifts will be available at each stage while supplies last. For more information, call the City's Recreation Services Division at (562) 916-1254.

City to observe Presidents' Day

Cerritos City Hall, the City Clerk's Office, Cerritos Library, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park, and the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts Box Office will be closed on Monday, February 17 in observance of Presidents' Day. All park facilities will maintain regular hours. Trash collection schedules will not be affected.

Community Safety Committee Meetings to be broadcast live on Cerritos TV3 and YouTube

Community Safety Committee Meetings will now broadcast live on Cerritos TV3 and the City's YouTube channel following recent direction by the Cerritos City Council. In addition, the meetings will now be held in the Cerritos City Council Chamber.

The Community Safety Committee meets at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each odd-numbered month.

The Community Safety Committee educates, informs, and provides assistance to the community with regard to public safety issues. Responsibilities of the Committee include acting as advisors to the City Council in matters related to crime prevention, traffic, and pedestrian safety. The Community Safety Committee also supports and promotes crime-prevention awareness throughout the community through programs such as Neighborhood Watch.

For more information, please contact the Community Safety Division at (562) 916-1266. ■



City Council Recap



Scan the QR code to view City Council meeting minutes and agendas at cerritos.gov/agendas

City Council approves Strategic Plan

The City of Cerritos is moving forward with a new Strategic Plan to guide the City's long-term initiatives and elevate services to residents, businesses, and staff.

The Cerritos City Council approved the Strategic Plan on December 12, 2024, which includes eight overarching goals and implementing objectives focused on community safety, economic development, and more.

During the planning process, a series of meetings were conducted with City Council, staff, and community stakeholders, including two in-person community sessions. Cerritos staff, residents, and the business community were also invited to share their feedback through an online questionnaire.

Upon analysis of staff and community feedback and in consultation with City Council and executive leadership, the City's consultant, Tripepi Smith, identified the following Strategic Plan goals for Cerritos:

- 1. Enhance Public Safety
- 2. Attract and Retain a High Skilled Work Force
- 3. Assess and Maintain Infrastructure
- 4. Strengthen Economic Development
- 5. Improve Technology Resources
- 6. Focus on Fiscal Transparency and Sustainability
- 7. Improve Community Communications
- 8. Ensure Continued Excellence in Community Recreation and Community Programming

Additional information on the Strategic Plan will be shared in future editions of the Cerritos News and on the City's website, cerritos.gov.

Cerritos Voter Update: Upcoming State and Municipal Concurrent Elections

Cerritos voters will soon have the opportunity to participate in separate elections at the State and City levels.

The recently called California State Senate District 36 Special Primary Election will be conducted on Tuesday, February 25, 2025. The next Cerritos General Municipal Election will take place on Tuesday, March 4, 2025. Cerritos voters will receive separate ballots for each election, and should pay special attention to the completion and placement of vote-by-mail ballots in their appropriate envelopes.

Important dates and information for both elections are as follows:

State Senate District 36 (Special Primary) Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Registration Deadline: Monday, February 10, 2025 to receive a vote-by-mail ballot.

Voting Period: Monday, January 27 — Tuesday, February 25, 2025, 8 p.m.

Voters are advised to carefully match the envelope with the Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters logo and mailing address with the ballot for the State Senate District 36 Special Primary Election.

For updated information on the State Senate Special Primary Election, visit: lavote.gov or call (800) 815-2666.

Cerritos General Municipal Election Tuesday, March 4, 2025

The next Cerritos General Municipal Election will take place on Tuesday, March 4, 2025. The ballot will feature races for three Cerritos City Council seats, for full four-year terms, and two proposed Charter Amendment Measures. Each active, registered Cerritos voter will receive a vote-by-mail ballot for this election pursuant to State law. No return postage is required. Voters are advised to carefully match the envelope with the City of Cerritos logo and mailing address with the ballot for the Cerritos General Municipal Election.



Scan the QR code to view election information at cerritos.gov/election2025

Voters will have several options, including an inperson voting experience, to cast their ballots. Those opting to vote in person should bring with them their vote-by-mail ballot.

Registration Deadline: Monday, February 17 to receive a vote-by-mail ballot.

Voting Period: Monday, February 3 — Tuesday, March 4, 2025, 8 p.m.

City Council Candidate names (with ballot designations) will be listed on the ballot in the order shown below.

For Member of the City Council — Vote for no more than three:

- Adrian Ayub Entrepreneur
- Jennifer Hong Businesswoman
- Hao (Ricky) Huynh Information Technology Technician
- Esther Hwang Nonprofit Program Manager
- Riaz Surti E-commerce Businessman
- Mark E. Pulido Retired Government Executive
- Rocky Pavone Businessman/Financial Educator
- (Pat) Ashok Patnaik Banker
- "JC" Jignesh Chokshi Small Business Owner
- Sophia Tse Member, ABCUSD Board of Education/Nurse

Cerritos voters will also decide two ballot measures on March 4, 2025 regarding modifications to generally clean up the City's Charter and whether voters shall approve any future changes to the City's General Municipal Election date. The questions on the March 4 ballot measures read as follows:

Measure I

Shall the Cerritos City Charter be amended to require that voter approval must be obtained for any future change to the City's general municipal election date, currently established as the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of each

odd-numbered year, and make conforming amendments to the start date of each City Council member's term and selection date of the Mayor, relating thereto?

Measure K

Shall the Cerritos City Charter be amended to remove or modify provisions based on superseding and preemptive State law, increase Citywide operational efficiency by eliminating references to outdated business practices, and correct grammatical, punctuation, and spelling errors?

For more information, visit cerritos.gov/election2025 or call (562) 916-1248. ■





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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

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

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

PHONE REGISTRATION

Call (562) 916-1388

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

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

WALK-IN REGISTRATION

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

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

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

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 Thurs., Feb. 13

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 Thurs., Feb. 20

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 Thurs., Feb. 27

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 Thurs., Mar. 6

Second Saturday of the month at 11:15 a.m. for ages 5 and under

14236 Sat., Feb. 8

POKE ART FLOWER BOUQUET

Children will create a colorful bouquet using poke art, fabric scraps and foam flowers. Space is limited to 15 participants.

14230 Tues., Feb. 11 5:15-6:15 p.m. Ages 10-13 Art Studio

VALENTINE'S DAY CARD AND CRAFT

Design a special Valentine's Day card and a personalized craft for all your Valentine needs! Space is limited to 10 participants.

14232 Thurs., Feb. 13 5:15-6:15 p.m. Ages 8-12 Art Studio

STAY & PLAY PROGRAM

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

14233 Fri., Feb. 21 11 a.m.-noon Ages 2-5 Little Theater

PRESIDENTIAL BINGO

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

14234 Fri., Feb. 21 3:30-4:30 p.m. Ages 7-9 Art Studio

INTRODUCTION TO PYTHON FOR KIDS

The Whitney High School Computer Science Club presents an introductory course on Python programming. This class includes interactive and practical lessons designed for students with a basic understanding of Python. Space is limited to 20 participants.

14235 Fri., Feb. 28-Mar. 28 5 p.m.

Ages 8-12 Hi-Tech Lab

The following Library programs do not require advance registration:

CHOCOLATE TRUFFLE DEMONSTRATION

Join us for a fun demonstration and learn to make chocolate truffles with Chef Vina.

Thurs., Feb. 6 6 p.m.

Ages 18 and Over Skyline Room

ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR KIDS

A free hands-on Valentine's Day craft will be held for children ages 2-12. This craft will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes.

Fri., Feb. 7 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 "Let Us Descend" by Jesmyn Ward. For more information, call (562) 916-1342.

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

SUPER SMASH BROS. TOURNAMENT

Show off your skills and compete against fellow gamers in a high-energy, friendly competition. Space is limited to 15 participants.

Wed., Feb. 19 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Ages 13-17 Hi-Tech Lab

FAMILY NIGHT: PARTY PUPPET SHOW'S FAIRYTALE ADVENTURES

Join Whiskers the Cat and his Party Puppet friends as they share fairytale stories, comedy and music.

Wed., Feb. 19 6 p.m.

All Ages Skyline Room

NIGHT AT THE MOVIES: "BIG" (1988)

Theo Siegel will discuss the making of "Big," starring Tom Hanks and Elizabeth Perkins, followed by a screening of the film. This film is rated PG and has a running time of 104 minutes.

Tues., Feb. 25 6 p.m.

Ages 18 and Over Skyline Room

SOUTHERN AND SOUL FOOD DEMONSTRATION

Learn the magic behind soul food with a demonstration featuring staff from Georgia's Restaurant.

Wed., Feb. 26 6 p.m.

All Ages Skyline Room

WEST AFRICAN KORA CONCERT

Sean Gaskell will give a performance and educational demonstration on the kora, an ancient 21-stringed harp from West Africa.

Mon., Mar. 3 7 p.m.

All Ages Skyline Room

ASTRONOMY NIGHT 2025

Enjoy astrophotos by the Orange County Astronomers Club and viewing of celestial bodies through telescopes. Cerritos High School Robotics Club will present demonstrations. Make astrophotos in the Hi-Tech Lab and view an exhibit of astrophotos.

Wed., March 5 6-8:30 p.m. All Ages Skyline Room and Terrace

ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR KIDS

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

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

"LUNAR NEW YEAR: READ WITH ME"

Children ages 4-12 will receive a free Panda Express Kid's Meal coupon after reading five books through the "Lunar New Year: Read With Me" Reading Challenge. The challenge takes place through Monday, February 10 and registration is through Beanstack. The coupon is limited to one per child and is available while supplies last.

African American History Month Lecture Series

Celebrate African American History Month with special lectures featuring Dr. M. Keith Claybrook, Jr., Associate Professor, Department of Africana Studies at California State University, Long Beach, Dr. Alice Nicholas, Africologist and Assistant Professor, Department of Africana Studies at California State University, Long Beach and Dr. Natalie Sartin, Department Chair of Black/Africana Studies at Cerritos College.

"PUTTING IN THE WORK": AFRICAN AMERICAN LABOR AND RESISTANCE

Learn about African American resistance labor in the United States, including abolitionist, civil rights and student activism, as models of liberation work. This panel is dedicated to minister Malcolm X in recognition of the anniversary of his martyrdom and commitment to liberation work.

Tues., Feb. 4 6 p.m.

Ages 14 and Over Skyline Room

AFRICAN AMERICAN LITERATURE AS LABOR AND RESISTANCE

Within the context of the African American literary tradition, this presentation will examine Frederick Douglass's "Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass" and Harriet A. Jacobs's "Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl" as unequivocal forms of labor and resistance essential to the abolitionist movement and ending enslavement. Presented by Dr. Natalie Sartin.

Thurs., Feb. 13 6 p.m.

Ages 14 and Over Skyline Room

WOMEN'S WORK: BLACK WOMEN AND THE STRUGGLE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS

This presentation applies an Afrocentric womanist approach to the exploration of women's work as activism, and examines the liberation work of

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Calendar of Events

January 17	• Filipino Seniors of Cerritos, 1:30-4:30 p.m.,		
	Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on February 7 and 21.		
	Contact Mayette Centeno at (562) 331-0938.		
January 18	• Cerritos Certified Farmers Market, 8 a.mnoon, northwest parking		

•	Cerritos Certified Farmers Market, 8 a.mnoon, northwest parking lot
	of the Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts.
	Also on January 25, February 1, 8, 15, and 22.
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January 20 • Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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• City Hall, City Clerk's Office, Library, Senior Center, and CCPA Box Office closed

• Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Ceremony, 10 a.m., Cerritos Center for the Performing Arts Sierra Room.

• ABC Unified School District Board meeting, 7 p.m., 16700 Norwalk Blvd., Cerritos. Also on February 4.

• Cerritos Chinese-American Senior Citizens Association, 1-4 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on January 28, February 4, 11, 18, and 25. Contact Katie Yen at (562) 833-6711.

• Cerritos Folk Dancers, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on January 28, February 4, 11, 18, and 25. Contact Wen Chang at (626) 500-5035.

• The "Original" Happy Seniors of Cerritos, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on January 28, February 4, 11, 18, and 25. Contact Lucita Cordero at (714) 947-6456.

• Let Freedom Ring Committee meeting, 7 p.m., Heritage Park. January 22 January 23

• City Council meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber. Also on February 13 and 27.

• Cerritos Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Denny's, 16907 Pioneer Blvd., Artesia. Also on February 3, 13, and 27. Contact Harold Bazarian at (562) 884-2913.

• Cerritos (Mid-City) Korean-American Senior Citizens Association, 9 a.m.-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. February 6, 13, 20, and 27. Contact Kyo Kim at (562) 900-9382.

• Saahas for Cause, 2-3 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Saahasforcause.org.

• Cerritos Indo-American Seniors, 2-5 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on February 6, 13, 20, and 27. 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 13 and 27. Contact Carmelita Tiongson at (562) 305-7995.

• Formosa Senior Association, 5-8 p.m., Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on February 6, 13, 20, and 27. Contact Christine Lee at (213) 219-1430.

• Cerritos Gadabouts, 9 a.m.-noon, Cerritos Senior Center at Pat Nixon Park. Also on February 3, 10, and 24. Contact Richard Taylor at (323) 712-0392.

• Property Preservation Commission meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall Council Chamber. Also on February 25.

• Festival of Friendship, noon, Los Cerritos Center.

February 1

• 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.

• Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, 7 p.m., February 6 City Hall Council Chamber.

• Bellflower Unified School District Board meeting, 4 p.m., 16703 S. Clark Avenue, Bellflower. Also on February 20.

• Cerritos Republican Club, 6 p.m., Malibu Room at Cerritos Park East. Contact sdpjr59@aol.com or visit cerritos-republican.org.

• Soroptimist International of Artesia-Cerritos, 6-8 p.m., 11306 183rd Street, Suite 101, Cerritos. February 12 Contact Jennifer Hong at (562) 964-9388.

• Woman's Club of Artesia-Cerritos, 11 a.m., Cerritos Park East. February 13 Contact Rhonda Burd at (562) 843-2468.

· Presidents' Day February 17

• City Hall, City Clerk's Office, Library, Senior Center, and CCPA Box Office closed.

• Friends of the Cerritos Library Book Sale, 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Cerritos Library. February 22 Also on February 23, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

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Georgia Gilmore and how her "Club From Nowhere" helped to fund and feed the civil rights movement. Presented by Dr. Alice Nicholas.

Thurs., Feb. 20 6 p.m.

Ages 14 and Over Skyline Room

THE INTELLECTUAL-WORK OF BLACK STUDENT ACTIVISTS

This presentation examines Black students' activism past and present. Their activism is understood as intellectual work that links theory and practice. Presented by Dr. M. Keith Claybrook, Jr.

Thurs., Feb. 27 6 p.m.

Ages 14 and Over Skyline Room

BOOK SALE SET FOR FEBRUARY 22 & 23

The Friends of the Cerritos Library will hold a book sale on Saturday, February 22 and Sunday, February 23. The sale will be held from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 22. On Sunday, February 23, the Friends will hold a fill-a-bag sale from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (\$4 per bag for Friend members and \$5 per bag for non-members.) Come early for the best selection.

WRITERS FESTIVAL ON MARCH 2

The Friends of the Cerritos Library second annual Writers Festival will be presented from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 29 in the library's Skyline Room. The event features refreshments by Porto's bakery and an author panel discussion. Registration is \$60 for members of the Friends of the Cerritos Library and \$70 for non-members. Featured authors include Amy Meyerson, Elise Bryant, Jennifer Coburn, María Amparo Escandón, Melissa Chadburn, and Naomi Hirahara. Registration for members of the Friends begins on Saturday, February 15 and registration for non-members opens on Saturday, March 1. Register online at friendsofthecerritoslibray.eventbrite.com or by mailing a check to Friends of the City of Cerritos Library P.O. Box 3876 Cerritos, CA 90703. Proceeds from this event will support the Friends of the Cerritos Library. For more information, please contact the Friends President Shiva Bhatt at 562-714-4480 or email to shivabhatt@gmail.com.



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