

City of Commerce Public Library

Where the Community Connects



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Your free library card... it's not just for checking out books anymore.



A WELCOME FROM THE DIRECTOR

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the City of Commerce Public Library, selected by Library Journal in 2009 and 2010 as one of its "Star Libraries." For the second year in a row our Central Library and three branches earned this distinction by receiving high statistics for Internet use, visits per capita, circulation and attendance of programs. Only six libraries in Southern California received this achievement and we are proud to be one of them.

My role as Director of Library Services is to ensure that our customers always receive the best library services possible from our professional, resourceful and helpful staff. We strive to make every encounter a pleasant and rewarding experience and continue to expand our services, programs and other resources to meet the needs of our community. Currently we offer a wide variety of fun and innovative programming to our public, including computer instruction classes, imaginative children's programming, challenging young adult activities, thought-provoking book discussions and a wide variety of mind-expanding programs for adults. Please take time to review all the great programs listed in this brochure.

As you can see, the City of Commerce Public Library provides many services and programs to library users. Visitors with laptops have access to the Internet through our free wireless connection. In addition, the library catalog, "Rooms", can be accessed at home on your computer via the Internet. Please visit it at <http://rooms.cocpl.org>. You can put holds on titles and review your library record. This can be done with your library card and PIN numbers. In addition, "Rooms" alerts you to new activities at the library. Connecting to the library's home page at www.cocpl.org leads you to a number of on-line services which are available to use if you have a library card. Among them are Live Homework Help, the full text of the Los Angeles Times from 1985 to today, Learning Express, the Home Improvement and Auto Repair Reference Centers, Popular Magazines and ReferenceUSA, a powerful business directory. In addition, you have access to 24/7 reference services via the Internet.

We hope that every contact you have with one of our staff members, every visit to any of our libraries, and every resource you use will bring you value and pleasure. If they do, please let us know. If our performance falls short of your expectations, please contact me directly at (323) 722-6660 or fill out a Customer Satisfaction Survey when you visit the library.

Evelyn Udenyi Fullmore
Director of Library Services

SERVICES FOR ADULTS

The Adult Services section works hard to meet the needs of people from 18 years to senior citizens. Librarians and staff select the “best of the best” in books and DVDs in English and Spanish for members of the community. We provide the newest DVD releases available anywhere, computers and WiFi for public use and, of course, great books and magazines in English and Spanish. Adult Services also organizes cultural events and outings as a part of the library’s services.

English Book Club/Spanish Book Club – Monthly book clubs which meet at a different Commerce Library every month to discuss the selected book.

Computer Classes – Every month a different computer class is held at the North Annex on a variety of topics.

Cesar Chavez Celebration – During March, a program is held in honor of Cesar Chavez’ birthday.

National Library Week – A week of celebrations during April at all Commerce Libraries to celebrate libraries.

One City, One Book – This month long program starts in May and encourages people who live and work in Commerce to read the same book and then meet to share their thoughts about the book. The discussion groups are held in both English and Spanish.

Annual Art Show – During May, the library sponsors an art contest for Commerce residents and local high school students.

Hispanic Heritage Month – A celebration held from September 15 to October 15.

Library Card Sign-Up Month – The Library encourages everyone to obtain a library card during the month of September.

Food for Fines - During the month of November, patrons are allowed to pay their overdue fines by donating canned foods for families in need.

Embajadores de la Biblioteca – The Embajadores are a group of volunteers who help promote the library and assist at library functions. Anyone interested is welcome to join the group, which meets once a month at the Central Library.

Library Home Service - Library services are extended to those residents who are unable to visit the library.

Library Visits to the Senior Center - For the convenience of the senior citizens, every week, library materials are selected for senior citizens and taken to the Senior Center.



SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

The Children's Services section provides a variety of children's materials, storytimes, and exciting library events throughout the year to promote a lifelong love of reading and learning. Books and materials are available in English and Spanish to encourage family reading.

Storytimes – Regular storytimes are held at 6:00 p.m.

Central Library	Mondays
Atlantic Branch	Tuesdays
Greenwood Branch	Wednesdays
Bristow Park Branch	Thursdays

Preschool Storytime is held at 11:00 a.m. on Fridays at the Greenwood Branch. Bilingual Storytime is held at Bristow Park Branch every third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. and every third Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

Homework Centers – Homework assistants are available at the Commerce libraries Mondays to Fridays from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Fridays 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the branches.) Homework help is also available at the Atlantic, Bristow Park and Greenwood Branches on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Online Homework Help – Children and adults can receive free homework help in Math, English, Science and Social Studies over the Internet, seven days a week from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., except major holidays. Online homework help is also available in Spanish.

Computer Training for Children – Computer training for children is provided at the Atlantic, Bristow Park and Greenwood Branches on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Peek-A-Book – Children can watch lively animated children's book previews and take book quizzes on the Peek-A-Book computers at the Atlantic Branch and Central Library.

Early Family Centers – Early Family Centers at the Bristow Park and Greenwood Branches provide fun educational toys and child-friendly areas for families with young children to play, read and learn together.



Earth Day – A family program and film during April to celebrate the earth and all its resources.

Starbucks Family Read-Ins – In the spring and fall each year, the library and Starbucks hold Family Read-In events with storytelling, fun activities and refreshments for adults and children.

National Library Week – The library celebrates National Library Week each year in April with a special children's program and community guest readers at library storytimes.

Read Across America/Dr. Seuss Celebration – Each year during the first week of March, the library celebrates Read Across America and the books of children's author Dr. Seuss.

Children's Holiday Program – The library hosts a special program for children on the first Saturday in December with a guest performer.

Día de los niños/Día de los libros – Celebrate children, books and reading with a special bilingual or cultural program at one of the library branches.

Back to School Family Night – Begin the school year with a fun-filled evening during the first week of school at the Greenwood Branch in collaboration with the Greenwood Community Church.

Summer Reading Program – Every summer, all children – including babies and toddlers – can register to read books and receive prizes during the summer.

In-N-Out Burger Reading Program – Each year in the fall, children ages 4 to 12 years who register and read five books can earn free hamburgers or cheeseburgers from In-N-Out Burger.

Drawing and Essay Contest – During the month of March, students in grades K-5 are encouraged to participate in a drawing and essay contest.

Children's Theatrical Workshop – Children ages six and up meet weekly during the school year to have fun while learning and performing. Under professional direction, children develop and rehearse group and individual projects.



SERVICES FOR TEENS

The library has an extensive collection of young adult materials which includes books, magazines, CDs and DVDs. Teen services include cultural and educational events and outings especially designed for teens, which are held throughout the year.

Teen Advisory Board (TAG) – A group of teens that recommends books for the library to purchase and suggests ways to improve library services to teens.

Teen Book Club – A monthly book club which meets every fourth Tuesday of the month for book discussions and reading related activities.

Online Homework Help - Teens can receive free homework help in Math, English, Science and Social Studies over the Internet, seven days a week from 3:00 to 10:00 pm, except major holidays.

Teen Tech Week – A week-long celebration during the month of March featuring computer and technology events.

National Library Week – A week of celebrations during April at all Commerce libraries to celebrate libraries.

Teen Summer Reading Program – Teens and pre-teens can register to read books and receive prizes during the summer.

Commerce to College Fair – The fair is held annually on the third Saturday of September.

SAT Workshops – The library sponsors a free SAT practice test in the month of September.

Teen Read Week – An annual event, which is held the third week in October, with teen reading events and programs.

Essay Contest – During the month of March, teens are encouraged to participate in an essay contest.

Teen Biblioteca – A quarterly newsletter informing teens of upcoming teen programs.

College Prep Academy - Workshops, college field trips, and other activities to prepare students for college.



LITERACY SERVICES

The Literacy Services section is dedicated to serving the literacy needs of the business and residential community through programs that address the English literacy needs of adults 16 and over, and children ages 7-12. Programs are designed to help improve reading, writing and math skills through one-on-one and small group tutoring by trained volunteers.

Adult Literacy Program – One-on-one tutoring for adults 16 years or older who want to improve their reading and writing skills and for adults who have learned English as a second language and would like to improve their English language skills.

Commerce Kids Read! – This program is designed for children ages 7-12 who are having trouble with reading in school and need extra help.

One-on-One Kids – This program is designed for students in grades 3-12 who have been diagnosed with a learning disability.

ESL Classes – Adults who would like to learn English or improve their English skills are encouraged to sign up for the 10 week classes offered throughout the year.

City of Commerce Scholarship Program – The Commerce City Council and the library are dedicated to promoting education in the community and are happy to help make a college education more affordable to residents. Scholarship applications are available at any Commerce Library and on the library's webpage.

Adult Learner Book Discussion – This program helps adult learners with listening, comprehension and reading. Tutors receive the book and adult learners receive the audio book version.

Conversation Group – A conversation group created for advanced learners of English who want to practice speaking English. The class focuses on conversation, vocabulary building, and some pronunciation. This group meets weekly.



LIBRARY BRANCHES

Central Library

Evelyn Fullmore, Library Director

Martha Philippoff, Adult Services Supervisor

Sigrid Hudson, Children's Services Supervisor

Sonia Bautista, Young Adult Librarian

Greco Venegas, Technical Services Librarian

Beatriz Sarmiento, Literacy Coordinator

Yolanda Cardenas-Parra, Library Section Supervisor

5655 Jillson Street

(323) 722-6660

Monday – Thursday

10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Atlantic Branch

Cris Muniz, Branch Supervisor

2269 S. Atlantic Boulevard

(323) 780-1176

Monday 1:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday

12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Thursday 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Friday 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Bristow Park Branch

Martha Urrea, Branch Supervisor

1466 S. McDonnell Avenue

(323) 265-1787

Monday – Thursday

1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Greenwood Branch

Olivia Audoma, Branch Supervisor

6134 Greenwood Avenue

(562) 927-1516

Monday – Thursday

1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

City Hall

2535 Commerce Way
Commerce, CA 90040
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Visit rooms.cocpl.org to check your library account and to search the library's catalog.