

Celebrations Around the World: A Research Guide

December

Learn how different cultures and people celebrate holidays and festivals throughout the world. The materials listed below will get you started in your research to understand more about religious, secular, legal, public, and national celebrations and traditions around the world. The terms and phrases listed in the subject headings below can be used to search for more materials in the library's catalog and research databases. If you need further assistance, please ask a librarian.

Books

Juvenile

African-American holidays by Faith Winchester. Mankato, Minn.: Bridgestone Books, c1996. ISBN: 1560654562.

Discusses special times of the year when African-Americans celebrate, including Black History Month, Mardi Gras, Juneteenth, Harambee, Junkanoo, and Kwanzaa.

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Asian holidays by Faith Winchester. Mankato, Minn.: Bridgestone Books, c1996. ISBN: 1560654589.

Briefly describes eight festivals celebrated by Chinese, Japanese and Vietnamese, including various New Year's festivals, Ch'ing Ming, and Buddha's birthday.

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Celebrations : creative activities for young children. Hauppauge, N.Y.: Barron's, 1998. ISBN: 0764107429.

Designed to serve as a practical work tool, this book presents two- and three-dimensional activities related to the different celebrations occurring throughout the year, including the Christmas holidays, traditional festivals, and carnivals.

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Hispanic holidays by Faith Winchester. Mankato, Minn.: Brigestone Books, c1996. ISBN: 1560654570.

Briefly introduces Hispanic Americans and discusses nine Hispanic holidays. Includes instructions for making a piñata.

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Holiday cooking around the world. Photos. by Robert L. and Diane Wolfe. Minneapolis, MN : Lerner, 1988 ISBN: 0822509229 (lib.).

This is a collection of holiday recipes from fifteen different countries including a variety of dishes such as Thai egg rolls, Passover layer cake, paella, and Danish rice pudding.

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Holidays and celebrations in colonial America by Russell Roberts. Hockessin, Del.: Mitchell Lane Publishers, c2006. ISBN: 1584154675 (lib. bdg.) Table of contents only:

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Jewish holidays by Judith E. Greenberg and Helen H. Carey. New York: F. Watts, 1984, c1985. ISBN: 0531049132.

Briefly describes the yearly cycle of Jewish holidays, including high holidays, harvest holidays, festivals, and modern holidays, with recipes and instructions for Jewish holiday foods and crafts.

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Light another candle : the story and meaning of Hanukkah by Miriam Chaikin ; illustrated by Demi. New York : Clarion Books, c1981. ISBN: 0395310261.

Retells the story of Hanukkah and explains its symbols by describing high points in Jewish history, worship, and culture.

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Kwanzaa [videorecording]. Produced by Rhonda Fabian & Jerry Baber ; directed by Rhonda Fabian ; writers, Patrice Malone [et al.]. Bala Cynwyd, PA: Schlessinger Video Productions, c1994. ISBN: 1572250208.

Explores the symbols, customs, rituals and folklore underlying the celebration of Kwanzaa. Presented with traditional songs, folk tales, and arts and crafts.

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Light the candle! Bang the drum! : a book of holidays around the world by Ann Morris ; pictures by Peter Linenthal. New York: Dutton Children's Books, 1997. ISBN: 0525456392 (hc).

Illustrations and brief text present various holidays celebrated around the world, including New Year's Day, Presidents' Day, Easter, Ramadan, Diwali, Posadas, and Hanukkah.

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Muslim holidays by Faith Winchester.

Imprint Mankato, Minn.: Bridgestone Books, c1996. ISBN: 1560654597

Briefly describes the beliefs of Muslims and eight of the special celebrations that are part of the Islamic faith.

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Tales of holidays by Pleasant DeSpain ; [Don Bell, illustrator]. Little Rock, AR: August House, 2002. ISBN: 0874836670.

Holiday tales from around the world.

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Adult

The book of days: a compendium of celebrations, common and arcane by Guen Sublette. New York: Berkley Pub. Group, 1996. ISBN: 0399519769.

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Celebrations: a joyous guide to the holidays from past to present by Jim McCann and Jeanne Benedict. New York : HP Books, 2001. ISBN: 1557883734.

Describes the history of holidays in the United States including decorations and cooking.

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The everything Christmas book by Michelle Bevilacqua and Brandon Toropov eds. Holbrook, Mass.: Adams Media Corp., 1996. ISBN: 1-55850-697-7.

Describes the history and customs of Christmas in the United States and around the world including poetry, prose, and carols of the season. Features recipes and homemade gifts.

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Festivals and holidays. New York: Macmillan Library Reference USA, c1999. ISBN: 0028653785. Encyclopedia of festivals and holidays worldwide.

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Handbook of Christian feasts and customs: the year of the Lord in liturgy and folklore by Francis X. Weiser. New York : Harcourt, Brace, 1958.

Describes Christian feasts and celebrations and associated customs.

DUNN LIBRARY : Ref 264 Wei *In-library use only*.

New Years's to Kwanzaa : original stories of celebration by Kendall Haven. Golden, Colo. : Fulcrum Resources, c1999. ISBN: 1555919626 (pbk.)

Stories about the social life and customs of holidays throughout the year in the United States. Intended as a teaching tool.

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There's no place like home for the holidays by Sandra Haldeman Martz, ed. Watsonville, CA: Papier-Mache Press, c1997. ISBN: 1576010538 (pbk.)

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Web Sites

Earth Calendar

www.earthcalendar.net

Provides easy access to holidays by date, country, and religion. Includes brief information with links to related Web sites.

HistoryChannel.com: The History of the Holidays

www.historychannel.com/exhibits/holidays/main.html

Provides history and traditions of Christmas, Kwanzaa, and Hanukkah.

Infoplease: Calendar and Holidays

www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0001832.html

Lists calendars for major holidays, both religious and secular.

Turkey for the Holidays, University of Illinois

www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/turkey/

A guide to selection, cooking, and carving Thanksgiving dinner. Includes additional Thanksgiving links.

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