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

Discusses special times of the year when African-Americans celebrate, including Black History Month, Mardi Gras, Juneteenth, Harambee, Junkanoo, and Kwanzaa.
   DUNN LIBRARY : J 394.26 Win

Briefly describes eight festivals celebrated by Chinese, Japanese and Vietnamese, including various New Year's festivals, Ch'ing Ming, and Buddha's birthday.
   DUNN LIBRARY : J 394.2695 Win

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.
   DUNN LIBRARY : J 372.5 Cel

Briefly introduces Hispanic Americans and discusses nine Hispanic holidays. Includes instructions for making a piänata.
   DUNN LIBRARY : J 394.2 Win

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.
   DUNN LIBRARY : J 641.5 Hol

*Holidays and celebrations in colonial America* by Russell Roberts. Hockessin, Del.: Mitchell Lane Publishers, c2006. ISBN: 1584154675 (lib. bdg.) Table of contents only:
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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Retells the story of Hanukkah and explains its symbols by describing high points in Jewish history, worship, and culture.

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

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Holiday tales from around the world.

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Adult


DUNN LIBRARY: 394.26973 Sub

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

Encyclopedia of festivals and holidays worldwide.

Describes Christian feasts and celebrations and associated customs.

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


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.
Subject Headings

• fasts and feasts—country
• festivals—country
• festivals—dictionaries
• holidays—country
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