



Autumn Holidays

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Grade Level	Title Information	Call Number
ROSH HASHANAH & YOM KIPPUR (September)		
K-3	Cohen, Deborah Bodin, and Shahar Kober. <i>Engineer Ari and the Rosh Hashanah Ride</i> . Minneapolis, MN: Kar-Ben Pub., 2008. Observing Rosh Hashanah--the Jewish New Year--Engineer Ari apologizes for his boastful ways as he drives the very first train from Jaffa to Jerusalem in 1892.	E C6603E
PreK-K	Kropf, Latifa Berry, and Lisa Carlson. <i>Happy Birthday, World: A Rosh Hashanah Celebration</i> . Minneapolis, Minn.: Kar-Ben Publishing, 2005.	E K927H
K - 3	Wayland, April Halprin, and Stéphane Jorsch. <i>New Year At the Pier: A Rosh Hashanah Story</i> . New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2009. On Rosh Hashanah, Izzy and his family make lists of the wrongs they have committed over the past year, and after they have apologized, they throw pieces of bread into the water to "clean their hearts" in a ceremony called tashlich.	E W3648NE
K	Zalben, Jane Breskin, and Mehrdokht Amini. <i>A Moon for Moe and Mo</i> .	E Z14M

Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, 2018.

Moses Feldman and Mohammed Hassan both live on Flatbush Avenue, but when they meet at the grocery store they quickly become best friends, sharing a picnic while their families prepare for the holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Ramadan.

Fiction

- K - 1 Blumberg, Margie, and Laurie McGaw. *Avram's Gift*. Bethesda, Md: MB Pub., 2003. F
B6258A
- Mark is afraid of the photograph of his great-great grandfather Avram from Russia. Who was Avram, and was he really as stern as he looks in that photograph? One special Rosh Hashanah, Mark learns the answers to these questions from his Grandpa Morris and discovers Avram's gift.
- 2 - 5 Greene, Jacqueline Dembar, and Doug Chayka. *The Secret Shofar of Barcelona*. Minneapolis, MN: Kar-Ben Pub., 2009. F
G833S
- In the late 1500s, while Don Fernando, the conductor of the Royal Orchestra of Barcelona prepares for a concert to celebrate Spain's colonies in the New World, his son Rafael secretly practices playing the Shofar to help Jews, who must hide their faith from the Inquisition, to celebrate Rosh Hashanah. Includes historical facts and glossary.
- K - 3 Silverman, Erica, Sholem Aleichem, and Matthew Trueman. *When the Chickens Went On Strike: A Rosh Hashanah Tale*. New York: Dutton Children's Books, 2003. F
SI3914W
- A Jewish boy living in Russia learns a lesson from the village chickens at the time of Rosh ha-Shanah, the Jewish New Year.
- 3 - 6 Vander Zee, Ruth, Marian Sneider, and Bill Farnsworth. *Eli Remembers*. Grand Rapids, Mich.: Eerdmans Books for Young Readers, 2007. F
V2829E
- After many years of watching the solemn lighting of seven candles at Rosh Hashanah, Eli finally learns how those candles represent his family's connection to the Holocaust in Lithuania.

Nonfiction

- 2 - 3 Heiligman, Deborah. *Celebrate Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur*. Washington, D.C.: National Geographic, 2007. 296.4
H3636CR
- Describes how the Jewish holidays of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are celebrated around the world.

2 - 3 Miller, Reagan. *Sukkot*. New York: Crabtree Pub., 2010. 296.4
M6174S

Millions of Jewish people all over the world celebrate this autumn festival five days after Yom Kippur. The holiday usually occurs in September or October. Jewish people take time to remember how the ancient Israelites lived. Vibrant images and clear text guide children and help them learn about building and decorating a sukkah, or shelter, the importance of the four species, and the special foods eaten during Sukkot.

K - 3 Murray, Julie. *Rosh Hashanah*. Minneapolis, Minnesota: ABDO Publishing Company, 2014. 296.4
M9647R

Learn about the Jewish holiday Rosh Hashanah.

6 - 12 Schwartz, Howard, and Monique Passicot. *The Day the Rabbi Disappeared: Jewish Holiday Tales of Magic*. New York: Viking, 2000. 398.2
SCH954
DA

Retellings of twelve traditional tales from Jewish folklore featuring elements of magic and relating to holidays, including Rosh Hodesh, Sukkot, Tu bi-Shevat, and Shabbat.

COLUMBUS DAY (10/12)

Nonfiction

K - 3 Ansary, Mir Tamim. *Columbus Day*. Chicago, IL: Heinemann Library, 2006. 394.264
AN81C

Introduces Columbus Day, explaining the historical events behind it, how it became a holiday, and how it is observed.

K - 3 Murray, Julie. *Columbus Day*. Edina, MN: ABDO Pub., 2005. 394.264
M9647C

Provides information about Columbus Day, explaining historical background, how it began, and how it is celebrated.

DIWALI (10/26)

Nonfiction

K - 3 Dicker, Katie, and Alka Vekaria. *I Belong to the Hindu Faith*. New York: PowerKids Press, 2010. 294.5
D558I

PreK-K Eliot, Hannah, and Archana Sreenivasan. *Diwali*. First Little Simon edition. New York: Little Simon, an imprint of Simon & Schuster Children's 294.5
EL45D

Publishing Division, 2018.

Introduces the Hindu holiday, discussing the ways in which it is celebrated and why it is important.

1 - 2 Heiligman, Deborah, and Vasudha Narayanan. *Celebrate Diwali*. Washington, D.C.: National Geographic, 2006. 294.5 H3636C

Diwali is a major Indian holiday also known as “The festival of lights,” which symbolize the triumph of good over evil. Includes recipe for “Vasu’s Peda.”

2 - 3 Murray, Julie. *Diwali*. Minneapolis, Minnesota: ABDO Publishing Company, 2014. 294.5 M9647D

Recounts the origins and history of Diwali and describes how the holiday is celebrated.

2 - 3 Torpie, Kate. *Diwali*. New York: Crabtree Pub., 2009. 294.5 T6347D

Diwali is a five-day Hindu holiday. Hindu children look forward to Diwali all year long, it is one of Hinduism’s most important holidays.

HALLOWEEN (10/31)

Easy

PreK Arps, Melissa, and Hector Borlasca. *Trick Or Treat*. New York, NY: Golden Books, 2006. E AR68T

A boy shares his candy with monsters but keeps some hidden so he doesn’t run out.

K – 3 Atwell, Debby. *The Warthog’s Tail*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co., 2005. E AT9407W

Impatient to go trick-or-treating, a young witch tries her mother’s spells on a warthog without success, until a mysterious old man teaches her the art of persuasion.

PreK - 1 Auch, Mary Jane, and Herm Auch. *Poultrygeist*. New York: Holiday House, 2003. E AU22PO

On Halloween night, two rowdy young roosters encounter a “poultrygeist” in the barn.

PreK - K Christelow, Eileen. *Five Little Monkeys Trick-or-Treat*. Boston: Clarion Books, 2013. E C4619FT

When babysitter Lulu takes the five little monkeys trick-or-treating, they

decide to change costumes with their friends and try to fool Lulu and their mother.

- K - 2 Cox, Judy, and Jeffrey Ebbeler. *Haunted House, Haunted Mouse*. New York: Holiday House, 2011. E
C8395
HAU
- When three costumed trick-or-treaters come to Mouse's door, he crawls into one of their candy-filled bags to see what Halloween is all about.
- PreK-3 Cummins, Lucy Ruth. *Stumpkin*. First edition. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2018. E
C9129ST
- Stumpkin is the most handsome pumpkin on the block. He's as orange as a traffic cone! Twice as round as a basketball! He has no bad side! He's perfect choice for a Halloween jack-o-lantern. There's just one problem—Stumpkin has a stump, not a stem. And no one seems to want a stemless jack-o-lantern for their window. As Halloween night approaches, more and more of his fellow pumpkins leave, but poor Stumpkin remains. Will anyone give Stumpkin his chance to shine?
- K - 2 Desimini, Lisa. *Trick-or-treat, Smell My Feet!*. New York: Blue Sky Press, 2005. E
D4609T
- When twin witches Delia and Ophelia cook up a mischievous spell for Halloween, a mysterious ingredient causes the potion to backfire. Delia and Ophelia are witches. They're cooking up a particularly naughty spell for Halloween, and the main ingredient is super stinky socks. That night, when the neighborhood children go trick or treating, the only words they can say are smell my feet. Of course, no one gives them any candy, much to the delight of the two witches. The fun comes to an end when a mysterious ingredient causes the potion to backfire, returning the children to normal, and putting the witches in a very strange situation.
- K - 3 Donaldson, Julia, and Axel Scheffler. *Room On the Broom*. New York: Puffin Books, 2003. E
D7148RO
- The witch and her cat couldn't be happier, flying through the sky on their broomstick — until the witch drops her hat, then her bow, then her wand! Luckily, three helpful animals find the missing items and all they want in return is a ride on the broomstick. But is there room on the broom for so many new friends? And when disaster strikes, will they be able to save the witch from the clutches of a hungry dragon? From the acclaimed creators of *The Gruffalo*, this enchanting story of quick wits and friendship is full of humor and adventure — and just the right amount of spookiness.
- PreK - 1 Dunrea, Olivier. *Ollie's Halloween*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, 2010. E
D923OZH
- Dressed in their costumes, Ollie and his siblings go out on Halloween night and have a scary but fun adventure.

PreK-K	Glasser, Frederick, and Edward Miller. <i>Monsters Come Out Tonight!</i> . New York, NY: Abrams Appleseed, an imprint of Abrams, 2019.	E G4641M
	Trick-or-treat! Open the doors to find monsters getting ready for a night of Halloween fun. All of the monsters are getting ready for the big Halloween bash in this rhyming board book. Lift the flaps to reveal Dracula brushing his fangs, witches combing their hair, and more silly surprises! Quirky illustrations hold plenty of details that will be sure to tickle readers' funny bones and get them in the Halloween spirit.	
K	Hills, Tad. <i>Duck & Goose, Honk! Quack! Boo!</i> . First edition. New York: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2017.	E H5597 DUH
	Duck and Goose, dressed for Halloween as a ghost and a superhero, respectively, go trick-or-treating in the forest, but they are careful to follow Thistle's warning to look out for a scary swamp monster.	
K - 3	Holub, Joan, and Tim Bowers. <i>Vampoodle</i> . New York: Random House, 2017.	E H7471V
	Dogs, including Vampoodle—a poodle with fangs—enjoy Halloween fun.	
K - 2	Hooks, Gwendolyn, and Mike Byrne. <i>Pet Costume Party: A Pet Club Story</i> . Mankato, Minn.: Stone Arch Books, 2011.	E H7643P
	Andy is having a Halloween party for the Pet Club. However, he doesn't know what kind of costume to make for his pet fish, Nibbles.	
K - 2	Horowitz, Dave. <i>The Ugly Pumpkin</i> . New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2005.	E H7855U
	A lonely, oddly-shaped pumpkin is sad that no one chose him for Halloween, but by Thanksgiving he has discovered where he belongs.	
K - 3	Kontis, Alethea, and Bob Kolar. <i>Alpha Oops! H Is for Halloween</i> . Somerville, Mass.: Candlewick Press, 2010.	E K8374A
	While putting on a Halloween pageant, the alphabet mixes things up with some spooky, and funny, results.	
1 - 2	Koontz, Robin Michal. <i>The Case of the Haunted House</i> . Edina, Minn.: Magic Wagon, 2010.	E K8378 CAH
	Halloween is here, and Mrs. Bellington believes her house is haunted. Can Furlock and Muttson follow the clues and solve the case of the haunted house?	
K - 2	Lester, Helen, and Lynn Munsinger. <i>Tacky and the Haunted Igloo</i> . Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2015.	E L5672 TAH
	Tacky is not very helpful as Goodly, Lovely, Angel, Neatly, and Perfect plan	

and prepare for Halloween, turning their igloo into a haunted house and making treats, but while Tacky is finishing his costume something really frightening arrives, and only he can chase it away.

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| PreK - 2 | Long, Ethan. <i>Fright Club</i> . New York: Bloomsbury, 2015. | E
L8509F |
| | As the monsters of the Fright Club prepare to scare children on Halloween, an adorable little bunny tries to join the club. | |
| PreK - 2 | McGhee, Alison, and Harry Bliss. <i>A Very Brave Witch</i> . New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2006. | E
M173V |
| | A young witch describes what she does on Halloween, her favorite holiday. | |
| 1 - 4 | Montes, Marisa, and Yuyi Morales. <i>Los Gatos Black On Halloween</i> . New York: Henry Holt and Company, 2006. | E
M7649G |
| | Easy to read, rhyming text about Halloween night incorporates Spanish words, from las brujas riding their broomsticks to los monstruos whose monstrous ball is interrupted by a true horror. | |
| N/A | Muller, Robin, and Patricia Storms. <i>13 Ghosts of Halloween</i> . 1 st American ed. Tulsa, OK: Kane Miller, 2009. | E
M916TH |
| | In simple rhyming text, discover what there is to frighten a group of children when the clock strikes midnight on Halloween. | |
| 1 - 6 | Muth, Jon J. <i>Zen Ghosts</i> . New York: Scholastic Press, 2010. | E
M983ZG |
| | On Halloween night, Stillwater the giant panda tells Karl, Addy, and Michael a spooky and unusual story. Based on a Zen koan, includes an author's note with a history of the story and facts about Zen koans. | |
| PreK - 1 | Newgarden, Mark, and Megan Montague Cash. <i>Bow-Wow's Nightmare Neighbors</i> . First edition. New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2014. | E
N45BZS |
| | Bow-Wow, an expressive dog, tangles with some unruly neighbors in this wordless, spooky Halloween picture book. | |
| PreK- 12 | Rockwell, Anne F, and Lizzy Rockwell. <i>Apples and Pumpkins</i> . Aladdin hardcover ed. New York: Aladdin, 2011. | E
R593AP.
B |
| | In preparation for Halloween night, a family visits Mr. Comstock's farm to pick apples and pumpkins. | |
| PreK - 2 | Rohmann, Eric. <i>Bone Dog</i> . New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2011. | E
R6364B |
| | Although devastated when his pet dog dies, a young boy goes trick-or-treating and receives a timely visit from an old friend during a scary | |

encounter with graveyard skeletons.

- PreK Rylant, Cynthia, and Steven Henry. *Herbert's First Halloween*. San Francisco: Chronicle Books LLC, 2017. E
R983HER
- Herbert and his father prepare for his first Halloween by making a tiger costume and practicing a big roar.
- PreK - 2 Savage, Stephen. *Ten Orange Pumpkins: A Counting Book*. New York, NY: Dial Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Penguin Group (USA) Inc., 2013. E
SA932T
- In this Halloween countdown book, ten orange pumpkins are each carried off by a witch, a ghost, a spider, and other Halloween creatures until there's just one.
- PreK-K Schertle, Alice, and Jill McElmurry. *Little Blue Truck's Halloween*. Boston, Massachusetts: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2016. E
SCH28LI
SH
- Little Blue Truck is picking up his animal friends for a Halloween costume party in this lift-the-flap board book.
- PreK - 1 Scotton, Rob. *Scaredy-Cat, Splat!*. New York: Harper, 2010. E
SCO879
SC
- Splat the cat accidentally succeeds in being the scariest cat in the class for Halloween.
- 1 - 3 Sharratt, Nick. *What's In the Witch's Kitchen?*. 1st U.S. ed. Somerville, Mass.: Candlewick Press, 2011. E
SH247W
- The contents of the witch's kitchen are hidden by flaps that can be opened either to the left or right to reveal pop-up illustrations of either a delight or a nasty fright.
- K - 2 Yee, Wong Herbert. *Mouse and Mole, a Perfect Halloween*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2011. E
Y352MO
AP
- As Halloween approaches, Mouse helps her friend Mole get over his fear and enjoy the holiday.

Fiction

- 4 - 6 Bradbury, Ray, and Joseph A Mugnaini. *The Halloween Tree*. 1st Yearling ed. New York: Dell Yearling, 2001. F
B7268H
- A group of children and a "spirit" go back through time to discover the beginnings of Halloween.

N/A	Coville, Bruce, and Katherine Coville. <i>The Monster's Ring</i> . San Diego: Harcourt, 2002.	F C83837 MO
	A timid boy, eager to frighten the school bully on Halloween night, acquires a magic ring and the power to change himself into a hideous monster.	
1 - 3	DiCamillo, Kate, and Chris Van Dusen. <i>Mercy Watson: Princess In Disguise</i> . Cambridge, Mass.: Candlewick Press, 2007	F D5471 ME4
	Persuaded by the word "treating" to dress up as a princess for Halloween, Mercy the pig's trick-or-treat outing has some very unexpected results.	
4 - 6	Erickson, John R., and Gerald L Holmes. <i>The Case of the Halloween Ghost</i> . New York: Viking, 2000.	F ER445 H09
	Hank the Cowdog has one of the scariest adventures of his life when he and his cowardly companion, Drover, find themselves in a strange and spooky place on Halloween night.	
4 - 7	Rich, Susan. <i>Half-Minute Horrors</i> . New York: Harper, 2009.	F H138
	An anthology of very short, scary stories by an assortment of authors and illustrators including Chris Raschka, Joyce Carol Oates, Neil Gaiman, Jack Gantos, and Lane Smith.	
1 - 2	Hoena, B. A, and Steve Harpster. <i>Eek & Ack Vs the Wolfman</i> . Mankato, Minn.: Stone Arch Books, 2009.	F H6717 EAV
	Aliens Eek and Ack visit Earth during Halloween and meet Wolfy the Wolfman.	
9 - 12	Howard, Abby. <i>The Last Halloween</i> . First edition. Chicago, IL: Iron Circus Comics, 2020.	F H8312L0 1
	In a gothic adventure at the end of the world, a ten-year-old girl and a motley crew of ghouls must stop an invading horde of monsters on a fateful Halloween night.	
1 - 3	Howe, James, and Jeff Mack. <i>Scared Silly</i> . New York: Aladdin Paperbacks, 2006.	F H8385S
	Harold, Chester, and Howie have a harrowing Halloween night worrying about Bunnacula as well as about a witch who comes into the house.	
2 - 3	Klein, Abby, and John McKinley. <i>Halloween Fraidy Cat</i> . New York: The Blue Sky Press, 2006.	F K6722 RF08
	Freddy is apprehensive about the haunted house that Chloe plans to have at her Halloween party but tries to hide his fear from his classmates.	

- 2 - 3 Klein, Abby, and John McKinley. *The Pumpkin Elf Mystery*. New York: Blue Sky Press, 2007. F
K6722
RF11
- Because of their good behavior, Freddy and his classmates receive a special treat from the Pumpkin Elf—pumpkins to decorate for Halloween—but when Freddy’s creation disappears before the contest, he is too sad to start anew.
- 2 - 3 Kline, Suzy, and Frank Remkiewicz. *Horrible Harry At Halloween*. New York: Viking, 2000. F
K685
HOAT
- The students in Miss Mackle’s third-grade class enjoy a day of Halloween surprises, including Harry’s unusual costume.
- 4 - 6 Klise, Kate, and M. Sarah Klise. *Over My Dead Body*. Boston: Harcourt, 2009. F
K689F02
- In this story told mostly through letters, busybody Dick Tater tries to ban Halloween and ghost stories, as well as to break up the popular writing team of I. B. Grumpley, ghost Olive C. Spence, and eleven-year-old illustrator Seymour Hope.
- 1 - 2 Park, Barbara, and Denise Brunkus. *Junie B., First Grader: Boo –and I Mean It!*. New York: Random House, 2004. F
P2194J24
- With Halloween approaching, Junie B. needs to find a costume that will scare off the real witches and ghosts that she believes will be out on the holiday.
- 3 - 6 Steinkellner, Emma. *The Okay Witch*. First Aladdin edition. New York: Aladdin, 2019. F
ST3590
- Thirteen-year-old Moth Hush loves all things witchy. But she’s about to discover that witches aren’t just the stuff of movies, books, and spooky stories. When some eighth-grade bullies try to ruin her Halloween, something really strange happens. It turns out that Founder’s Bluff, Massachusetts, has a centuries-old history of witch drama. And, surprise: Moth’s family is at the center of it all! When Moth’s new powers show up, things get totally out-of-control. She meets a talking cat, falls into an enchanted diary, and unlocks a hidden witch world. Secrets surface from generations past as Moth unravels the complicated legacy at the heart of her town, her family, and herself.
- 2 - 5 Stilton, Geronimo. *Cat and Mouse In a Haunted House*. New York: Scholastic, 2004. F
ST548G0
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- Geronimo explores a haunted mansion populated by ghosts.
- N/A Tayleur, Karen, and Brann Garvey. *Haunted!: The Scary Life of David Mortimore Baxter*. Minneapolis: Stone Arch Books, 2008. F
T211H
- David is used to a weird old man answering the door when he rings Mr. McCafferty’s doorbell. But usually, the weird old man is Mr. McCafferty!

His next-door neighbor has been missing for over a week and when David finally gets up the nerve to check Mr. McCafferty's house, a stranger answers the door. "Could it be the legendary Shadow man, who has haunted the town since a terrible disaster hundreds of years ago/ Halloween is coming, and David doesn't have much time to find out if his neighbor's house is truly haunted!

- 2 - 3 Thaler, Mike, and Jared D Lee. *The Halloween Party From the Black Lagoon*. Reinforced library bound edition. Minneapolis, MN: Spotlight, 2014. F T327B05

Hubie feels left out when his teacher announces a class costume party and he, unlike his classmates, has no ideas about what to wear.

- 1 - 2 Thompson, Jill. *Scary Godmother*. Milwaukee, OR: Dark Horse Books, 2010. F T3745S

While trick-or-treating on Halloween night, Hannah Marie meets her Scary Godmother and a host of creepy creatures who make her welcome on the Fright Side on later Halloweens as well.

- 6 - 12 Vande Velde, Vivian. *All Hallows' Eve: 13 Stories*. Orlando, Fla.: Harcourt, 2006. F V2834A

Presents thirteen tales of Halloween horrors, including ghosts, vampires, and pranks gone awry.

- 4 - 6 Winkler, Henry, and Lin Oliver. *My Dog's a Scaredy-Cat: A Halloween Tail*. New York: Grosset & Dunlap, 2006. F W7294 H10

Teased by the school bully because of his Halloween costume, underachieving Hank, with the help of his friends, exacts revenge by creating the scariest and grossest haunted house ever and inviting the bully to visit.

Nonfiction

- K - 3 Appleby, Alex. *Happy Halloween!*. First edition. New York, NY: Gareth Stevens Publishing, 2014. 394.2646 AP524H

Readers will learn all about how Halloween makes the end of October one of the most fun times of the year. Learn why people dress up in costumes and throw parties on October 31, and what trick or treating is all about.

- 1 - 2 Besel, Jennifer M, and Lucy Makuc. *A Halloween Drawing Spooktacular!*. North Mankato, Minnesota: Capstone Press, 2014. 743 B4638H

Step-by-step instructions and sketches show how to draw common Halloween images and symbols.

- K - 3 Brown, Calif. *Hallowilloween: Nefarious Silliness*. Boston [Mass.]: 811

	Houghton Mifflin Books for Children, 2010.	B8121H
	A collection of poems revolving around wolves, witches, vampires, and other creatures with a Halloween vibe.	
4 - 6	Brown, Louann Mattes, and Jason D Nemeth. <i>How to Create Spectacular Halloween Costumes</i> . Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2011.	646.4 B8139H
	Provides step-by-step instructions for making Halloween costumes using household materials.	
4 - 6	Ipcizade, Catherine. <i>How to Make Frightening Halloween Decorations</i> . Mankato, Minn.: Capstone Press, 2011.	745.594 IP1H
	Provides step-by-step instructions for making Halloween decorations using household materials.	
N/A	Johnson, J. Angelique. <i>Making a Jack-O'-Lantern, Step by Step</i> . Mankato, Minn.: Capstone Press, 2012.	745.594 J6331M
	Readers learn the steps for making a jack-o-lantern.	
2 - 3	Jones, Theodore. <i>Halloween's Spooky History</i> . New York: Gareth Stevens Publishing, 2016.	394.2646 J726H
	Costumes, jack-o-lanterns, and trick-or-treating – these are all parts of the modern traditions of Halloween. Readers might wonder where this strange but fun holiday came from. Both ancient beliefs and modern customs are covered in this guide to Halloween's history.	
N/A	<i>Let's Celebrate Halloween: Crafts, Recipes, Stories, and Activities to Share</i> . Honesdale, Pa.: Highlights Press, 2012.	394.2646 L5692
	Presents simple crafts and recipes, read-aloud stories and poems, and fun-to-do puzzles and activities that can be used to create family Halloween traditions.	
N/A	Lewis, Anne Margaret, and Tom Mills. <i>What Am I? Halloween</i> . Chicago, Ill.: Albert Whitman, 2011.	394.2646 L5852W
	Rhyming text provides clues for the various Halloween themed pictures hidden under the flaps.	
2 - 3	Lynette, Rachel. <i>Let's Throw a Halloween Party!</i> . New York: PowerKids Press, 2012.	793.2 L9932 LHA
	Very few kids have a problem with the crazy costumes, silly scares, and sugar rush that come with a good Halloween party. Young hosts and hostesses will enjoy donning their costumes, making spooky decorations, and	

playing ghoulish games with their friends. Giving detailed step-by-step instructions, this book will show them how to throw a party that will have everyone howling for a long time.

- 4 - 6 Peterson, Megan Cooley. *How to Build Hair-Raising Haunted Houses*. Mankato, Minn.: Capstone Press, 2011. 745.594 P44284H
- Provides step-by-step instructions for building haunted houses using household materials.
- K Peterson, Megan Cooley. *Celebrate Halloween*. North Mankato, Minnesota: Capstone Press, 2014. 394.2646 P44284C
- Simple text and full-color photographs describe Halloween lore and traditions.
- PreK - 2 Schuette, Sarah L. *Halloween Hunt: A Spot-It Challenge*. Mankato, Minn.: Capstone Press, 2011. 394.2646 SCH79H
- Simple text invites the reader to find items hidden in Halloween-themed photographs.
- 4 - 6 Schuette, Sarah L. *How to Carve Freakishly Cool Pumpkins*. Mankato, Minn.: Capstone Press, 2011. 745.594 SCH79H
- Provides step-by-step instructions for carving Halloween pumpkins.

DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS/THE DAY OF THE DEAD (11/1-2)

Easy

- K - 4 Goldman, Judy, and Rene King Moreno. *Uncle Monarch and the Day of the Dead*. Honesdale, Pa.: Boyds Mills Press, 2008. E G5695U
- Upon the death of her beloved Tio Urbano, who has taught her that monarch butterflies are the souls of the dead, young Lupita gains a deeper understanding of Dia de los Muertos, the Day of the Dead, as it is observed in rural Mexico. Includes glossary of Spanish terms and facts about the Day of the Dead.
- K - 4 Keep, Richard Cleminson. *Clatter, Bash!: A Day of the Dead Celebration*. Atlanta: Peachtree Publishers, 2004. E K254C
- Rhyming text presents traditions used to celebrate the Day of the Dead.

Fiction

- N/A Levy, Janice, Morella Fuenmayor, and Teresa Mlawer. *The Spirit of Tío Fernando: A Day of the Dead Story*. Morton Grove, Ill.: A. Whitman, L5796S

1995.

As he prepares to celebrate the Day of the Dead, a young boy remembers all the things he liked about his favorite uncle.

- 3 - 7 Meriano, Anna, and Mirelle Ortega. *A Dash of Trouble*. First edition. New York, NY: Walden Pond Press, an imprint of HarperCollinsPublishers, 2018. F M542L01

Wanting to be a part of her family's Dia de los Muertos preparations, Leonora sneaks out of school to discover her mother, aunt, and older sisters have been keeping a secret.

- 4 - 8 Telgemeier, Raina, and Braden Lamb. *Ghosts*. First edition. New York, NY: Graphix, an imprint of Scholastic, 2016. F T237G

Catrina and her family move to Bahía de la Luna, a small town on the Northern California coast, hoping that the cool, salty air will help her little sister, Maya, who suffers from cystic fibrosis. Cat is not happy about leaving her friends and becomes even more upset about the move when a neighbor informs the sisters that the town is inhabited by ghosts, and that Dia de los Muertos-- a time of year when ghosts reunite with their loved ones-- is coming up and is celebrated by the entire town. Maya is thrilled about the idea of meeting ghosts, but Cat wants nothing to do with the Day of the Dead celebrations. Can Catrina set aside her fears for the Maya's sake-- and for her own?

Nonfiction

- K - 3 Barner, Bob. *The Day of the Dead = El Día de los Muertos*. New York: Holiday House, 2010. 394.264 B26D

With sugar skulls, sweet-smelling marigold petals and joyful songs, Hispanic families welcome back ancestors on this holiday.

- 2 - 3 Jones, Theodore. *Celebrating Day of the Dead*. New York: Gareth Stevens Publishing, 2016. 394.266 J726C

El Día de los Muertos is celebrated in Mexico with food and festivities to celebrate life and to honor and remember deceased loved ones.

- PreK - 2 Thong, Roseanne. *Día De Los Muertos*. Chicago, IL: Albert Whitman & Company, 2015. 394.266 T388D

El Día de los Muertos, Day of the Dead, is here--a holiday for celebrating the lives of departed family and friends. Altars are decorated with sugar skulls and marigolds. Tamales and sweets are ready to eat. Soon it will be time for picnics, music, and a costume parade! Come join in these joyful and vibrant festivities that are a tradition in Mexico and throughout Latin America.

1 - 2 Wade, Mary Dodson. *El Dia De Los Muertos*. New York: Children's Press, 2002. 394.266
W1194D

Explains how Mexican families celebrate the lives of their deceased loved ones, including sharing pictures and stories, preparing feasts, and lighting candles in the graveyard on November 1, The Day of the Dead.

Veteran's Day (11/11)

Easy

N/A Henry, Heather French. *Pepper's Purple Heart: A Veterans Day Story*. Woodland Hills, CA: CB Pub., 2004. E
H3964P

Claire, her friend, Robbie, and her dog, Pepper, learn about veterans from Claire's neighbor, General Jones.

Nonfiction

2 - 3 Ansary, Mir Tamim. *Veterans Day*. New ed. Chicago, Ill.: Heinemann Library, 2006. 394.264
AN81V

Introduces Veterans Day, explaining the historical events behind it, how it became a holiday, and how it is observed.

1 - 2 Cotton, Jacqueline S. *Veterans Day*. New York: Children's Press, 2002. 394.264
C8293V

Explains the history of Veterans Day and why it is observed and suggests ways of honoring veterans on this special day, such as flying the flag, attending parades, buying poppies, and visiting hospitals.

1 - 2 Doering, Amanda F., and Todd Ouren. *Veterans Day*. Edina, Minn.: Magic Wagon, 2008. 394.264
T6491V

K - 3 Kaplan, Leslie C. *Veterans Day*. New York: PowerKids, 2004. 394.264
K141V

K - 3 Murray, Julie. *Veterans Day*. Edina, Minn.: ABDO Pub. Co., 2012. 394.264
M9647V

N/A Nelson, Robin. *Veterans Day*. Minneapolis, Minn.: Lerner Publications Co., 2005. 394.264
N336V

- K - 3 Schuh, Mari C. *Veterans Day*. Mankato, Minn.: Pebble Books, 2003. 394.264
SCH79V
- An introduction to the history, purpose, and observance of Veterans Day, when we honor men and women who have served in the United States military.
- THANKSGIVING – Celebrated the 4th Thursday of November.**
- N/A Appleby, Alex. *Feliz día de acción de gracias! = Happy Thanksgiving!* New York: Gareth Stevens Publishing, 2014. 394.2649
AP524F
- Thanksgiving is a tradition passed down by people for hundreds of years. Through accessible text presented in both English and standard Latin-American Spanish, this great book explores why a day of thanks in November has become an American tradition.
- N/A Connors, Kathleen. *The First Thanksgiving*. New York: Gareth Stevens Publishing, 2014. 394.2649
C76299F
- Many Americans celebrate the national holiday of Thanksgiving in November by watching football and eating a big meal with their family - a tradition linked to the Pilgrims and their early days in the New World. But pictures of the Pilgrims sitting down with their Native American friends are only partly right. What was the first Thanksgiving really like?
- 1 - 2 Capozzi, Suzy. *I am Thankful*. Emmaus, PA: Rodale Kids, 2017. E
C1735IA
T
- Throughout a Thanksgiving Day filled with family and fun, a child finds opportunities to be thankful.
- K - 2 Miller, Pat Zietlow. *Sharing the Bread: An Old-Fashioned Thanksgiving Story*. New York: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2015. E
M61715SH
- Illustrations and simple, rhyming text reveal a family's preparations for their Thanksgiving feast, with everyone pitching in to help--including Baby, who sleeps quiet as a mouse.
- 2 - 3 Klein, Abby. *Thanksgiving Turkey Trouble*. New York: Blue Sky Press, 2008. F
K6722RF15
- Freddy is unhappy about playing the turkey in his first-grade Thanksgiving Day play, especially with Max bullying and teasing him, but his grandfather and principal both give him ideas for making the part fun.
- 3 - 6 Smith, Anne Warren. *Turkey Monster Thanksgiving*. Morton Grove, IL: Albert Whitman & Co., 2003. F
SM517T

When her perfectionist classmate and neighbor plans an elaborate Thanksgiving dinner, Katie begins to wonder if the relaxed day she, her father, and her messy little brother usually enjoy means they are not a "real" family.

SPRING HOLIDAYS

APRIL FOOLS' DAY – Celebrated April 1st.

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| K - 3 | Jones, Theodore. <i>April Fools' Day: What a Joke!</i> New York: Gareth Stevens Publishing, 2016. | 394.262
J726A |
| | April Fools! For anyone who's even been the victim of an April Fools' Day joke or who's planning to pull the best prank yet, this fun book takes them inside the possible origins of an amusing holiday. | |
| K - 2 | Hill, Susanna Leonard. <i>April Fool, Phyllis!</i> New York: Holiday House, 2011. | E
H5558A |
| | When Punxsutawney Phyllis forecasts a blizzard on April Fools' Day--the same day as the Spring Treasure Hunt--the other groundhogs are convinced that Phyllis is pulling a prank. | |
| N/A | Thaler, Mike. <i>April Fools' Day from the Black Lagoon.</i> Minneapolis, MN: Spotlight, 2012. | F
T327B12 |
| | It's the end of March, and Hubie is struggling to prepare his pranks for the big day. The whoopee cushion, the rubber tarantula, and the fly in the ice cube just aren't good enough anymore--not when the worst joke comes from the place he least expects it. | |

CINCO DE MAYO – Celebrated May 5th.

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| N/A | Hall, M.C. <i>Cinco de Mayo.</i> Vero Beach, FL: Rourke Pub., 2011. | 394.262
H1453C |
| | Young readers learn about Cinco de Mayo through simple text, photos, and activities. | |
| 2 - 3 | Smith, Maximilian. <i>The Story of Cinco de Mayo.</i> New York: Gareth Stevens Publishing, 2016. | 394.262
SM625S |
| | The Cinco de Mayo (5th of May) is a Mexican holiday, also celebrated in the | |

United States, that celebrates the victory of Mexican forces over the French on May 5, 1862 at the Battle of Puebla.

- K - 2 Cox, Judy. *Cinco de Mouse-O!* New York: Holiday House, 2010. E
C8395CI
- Mouse enjoys the sights and smells of Cinco de Mayo despite being trailed by a determined cat.
- K Worsham, Adria F. *Max Celebrates Cinco de Mayo*. Minneapolis, MN: Picture Window Books, 2009. E
W8981MCCI
- Join in the celebration of Cinco de Mayo as Max is invited to a fiesta at Jose's house which includes food, music, dancing, and a parade as part of the fun.
- EARTH DAY – Celebrated April 22nd.**
- N/A Appleby, Alex. *¡Feliz Día de la Tierra! Happy Earth Day!* New York: Gareth Stevens Publishing, 2014. 394.262
AP524F
- Earth Day was established to help people learn about conservation. With the help of accessible text presented in both English and standard Latin-American Spanish, this great book will teach readers how recycling can help save the Earth and what people do to celebrate Earth Day around the globe.
- 3 - 6 Ponto, Joanna. *Earth Day*. New York: Enslow Publishing, 2016. 394.262
P779E
- Describes the history and traditions of Earth Day, including a craft and recipe.
- N/A Manushkin, Fran. *Katie Saves the Earth*. North Mankato, MN: Picture Window Books, 2013. E
M3198KAS
- With Earth Day coming up, Katie decides to have a yard sale with her friends and recycle her old toys.
- 1 - 2 O'Connor, Jane. *Fancy Nancy: Every Day is Earth Day*. New York: Harper, 2010. E
OC55FEV
- When Nancy, the girl who loves to use fancy words, learns about Earth Day and "being green," her enthusiasm causes problems at home.
- 4 - 6 Brezenoff, Steve. *The Teacher Who Forgot Too Much*. Mankato, MN: Stone Arch Books, 2010. F
B759T
- Catalina 'Cat' Duran and her class are off to the recycling center for what seems like the worst field trip ever. But when they arrive, they find out that the recycling plant has been sabotaged! Only Cat and her friends can save the day (and help save the Earth, too)!

EASTER – Celebrated on a Sunday between March 22nd and April 25th.

- N/A *Let's Celebrate Easter: Crafts, Recipes, Stories, and Activities to Share.* Honesdale, PA: Highlights Press, 2013. 394.2667
L5692
- Many ideas and things to do to prepare for Easter.
- 3 - 4 Ponto, Joanna. *Easter.* New York: Enslow Publishing, 2016. 394.2667
P779E
- Describes the holiday of Easter, including its history, traditions, and how it's celebrated around the world
- K - 2 Brett, Jan. *The Easter Egg.* New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2010. E
B7566E
- Hoppi the bunny wants to win the egg-decorating contest, so the Easter Bunny will choose him to help distribute Easter eggs, but instead, while everyone else is working on their decorations, he finds himself guarding an egg that has fallen from a robin's nest.
- N/A Schulman, Janet. *10 Easter Egg Hunters: A Holiday Counting Book.* New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2011. E
SCH816TE
- Children search for ten eggs hidden by a bunny.
- FATHER'S DAY – Celebrated the 3rd Sunday in June.**
- K - 3 Schaefer, Lola. *Fathers.* Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2009. 306.874
SCH134F
- Simple text and photographs present fathers and how they interact with their families.
- PreK - 2 Nolan, Janet. *A Father's Day Thank You.* Morton Grove, IL: Albert Whitman, 2007. E
N7115F
- Harvey the bear searches for the perfect Father's Day present and decides that thanking his dad is the best gift of all.
- PreK - 1 Rockwell, Anne. *Father's Day.* New York: HarperCollins, 2005. E
R593F
- For Fathers' Day, the students in Mrs. Madoff's class write and illustrate books about their dads.

FLAG DAY – Celebrated June 14th.

1 - 2	Dean, Sheri. <i>Flag Day</i> . New York: Gareth Stevens Pub., 2011.	394.263 D3462F
	Flag Day is a celebration of the adoption of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag. The book helps beginning readers learn about our flag, how we take care of it, and how we honor it as a national symbol.	
3 - 4	Nelson, Maria. <i>20 Fun Facts About the US Flag</i> . New York: Gareth Stevens Publishing, 2014.	929.9 N335T
	Provides simple facts about the United States flag, including how a new star is added every time a state is admitted to the Union, when the Pledge of Allegiance was written, and the days the flag should be flown.	
K - 3	Naberhaus, Sarvinder. <i>Blue Sky White Stars</i> . New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2017.	E N112B
	A stirring poetic tribute to the beauty and wonder of America's symbols, history, landscape.	
4 - 6	Messner, Kate. <i>Capture the Flag</i> . New York: Scholastic Press, 2012.	F M5641C
	When the original Star-Spangled Banner is stolen, seventh-graders Anne, José, and Henry, all descendants of the Silver Jaguar Society, pursue suspects on airport carts and through baggage handling tunnels while stranded at a Washington, D.C., airport during a snowstorm.	
	JUNETEENTH – Celebrated June 19th.	
N/A	Otfinoski, Steven. <i>The Story of Juneteenth: An Interactive History Adventure</i> . North Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2015.	394.263 OT2S
	In You Choose format, explores the history of Juneteenth Day, including the Emancipation Proclamation, the post-Civil War South, and efforts to end racism.	
2 - 3	Smith, Maximilian. <i>The History of Juneteenth</i> . New York: Gareth Stevens Publishing, 2016.	394.263 SM625H
	Juneteenth is usually celebrated on June 19. It honors the day in 1865 when Union troops swept into Galveston, Texas, and told the elated slaves there that they were free. This volume delves into the American Civil War, the Emancipation Proclamation, and the events that led to this special holiday for African Americans and everyone who celebrates the end of slavery in the United States.	

K - 3	Cooper, Floyd. <i>Juneteenth for Mazie</i> . North Mankato, MN: Picture Window Books, 2015.	E C7851J
	Little Mazie wants the freedom to stay up late, but her father explains what freedom really means in the story of Juneteenth, and how her ancestors celebrated their true freedom.	
3 - 12	Johnson, Angela. <i>All Different Now: Juneteenth, the First Day of Freedom</i> . New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2014.	E J6303A
	In 1865, members of a family start their day as slaves, working in a Texas cotton field, and end it celebrating their freedom on what came to be known as Juneteenth.	
	MEMORIAL DAY – Celebrated the last Monday of May.	
K - 3	Dean, Sheri. <i>Memorial Day</i> . New York: Gareth Stevens Pub., 2011.	394.262 D3462M
	Learn why and how people celebrate Memorial Day.	
N/A	Orr, Tamra. <i>Memorial Day</i> . Hockessin, DE: Mitchell Lane Publishers, 2011.	394.262 OR77M
	Describes the holiday Memorial Day, examining its origins, the reason that it is celebrated. Also provides information about national holidays from around the world that celebrate those who have fallen in service to their country.	
PreK - 3	Golding, Theresa Martin. <i>Memorial Day Surprise</i> . Honesdale, PA: Boyds Mills Press, 2014.	E G5692M
	When Marco attends a Memorial Day parade, he is surprised to see a familiar face among the veterans.	
K - 3	Messner, Kate. <i>Rolling Thunder</i> . New York: Scholastic Press, 2017.	E M5641R
	Told in rhyming text, a boy accompanies his grandfather on the Rolling Thunder Ride for Freedom, a demonstration in Washington, DC, on Memorial Day that pays tribute to American veterans.	
	MOTHER’S DAY – Celebrated the 2nd Sunday in May.	
1 - 2	Schaefer, Lola. <i>Mothers</i> . Mankato, MN: Capstone Press, 2008.	306.874 SCH134 M

Simple text and photographs present mothers and how they interact with their families.

- 3 - 12 Mora, Pat. *Love to Mamá: A Tribute to Mothers*. New York: Lee & Low Books, 2001. 811.6
L941
- Thirteen Latin American poets present a collection of works that combine English and Spanish and describe the bonds between mothers, grandmothers, and children.
- K McClatchy, Lisa. *Eloise's Mother's Day Surprise*. New York: Aladdin, 2009. E
M1322EZMO
- Nanny takes Eloise shopping for the "best best best" Mother's Day gifts.
- K - 3 Ziefert, Harriet. *Hey Irma! It's Mother's Day*. Maplewood, NJ: Blue Apple Books, 2004. E
Z622HEIM
- Hank and Irma prepare for and celebrate Mother's Day.
- PASSOVER – Celebrated in March or April for 7-8 days.**
- K - 2 Bullard, Lisa. *Sarah's Passover*. Minneapolis, MN: Millbrook Press, 2012. 296.4
B8729S
- Explains how families celebrate this Jewish holiday of freedom.
- 2 - 4 Lehman-Wilzig, Tami. *Passover Around the World*. Minneapolis, MN: Kar-Ben Pub., 2007. 296.4
L5283P
- Learn about Passover customs and practices around the world.
- K Snyder, Laurel. *The Longest Night: A Passover Story*. New York: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2013. E
SN926L
- A child in Egypt tells what the Jews are experiencing in the days leading up to their flight from Egyptian slavery.
- 2 - 5 Strauss, Linda Leopold. *The Elijah Door: A Passover Tale*. New York: Holiday House, 2012. E
ST828E
- A little help from the rabbi on Passover ends a feud between the Lippas and the Galinskys.
- GENERAL SPRING CELEBRATIONS**
- N/A Gogerly, Liz. *Spring: March, April, and May*. Vero Beach, FL: Rourke Publishing, 2005. 394.262
G5576S

Explores the customs, traditions, and celebrations of spring holidays throughout the world.

- 1 - 3 Jackson, Ellen. *The Spring Equinox: Celebrating the Greening of the Earth*. Brookfield, CT: Millbrook Press, 2002. 394.262
J133S

Jackson introduces children to a number of spring customs: the Cree Indian practice of offering berries to the Great Spirit; the medieval European custom of a mock battle between summer and winter; the Iranian festival of No Ruz; and the colorful Indian holiday known as Holi, as well as the more familiar Passover, Easter, and Earth Day.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

GRANDPARENT'S DAY – Celebrated the 1st Sunday after Labor Day.

- PreK - 1 Ajmera, Maya. *Our Grandparents: A Global Album*. Watertown, MA: Charlesbridge, 2010. 306.874
AJ66O

Vibrant photographs and simple text capture the joy and affection shown by grandparents and grandchildren around the world.

- N/A Rissman, Rebecca. *Grandparents*. Chicago, IL: Heinemann Library, 2011. 306.874
R497G

This title teaches readers that all families are different, and that some families include grandparents. A family tree shows readers how people in families are related to each other.

- PreK - 2 Brantley-Newton, Vanessa. *Grandma's Purse*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2018. E
B7358G

When Grandma Mimi comes to visit, her granddaughter cannot wait to see what treasures she has hidden in her purse.

- PreK - 2 Gomi, Tarō. *I Really Want to See You, Grandma*. San Francisco: Chronicle Books, 2018. E
G5867IAR

Yumi and her grandmother really want to see each other, but when they both set out from their homes at the same time they keep missing each other.

INDEPENDENCE DAY – Celebrated July 4th.

- 3 - 4 Ponto, Joanna. *Independence Day*. New York: Enslow Publishing, 2016. 394.2634
P779I

Describes the origins of the United States of America's Independence, and how it's celebrated throughout history and across the country

- N/A Scholl, Elizabeth J. *Independence Day*. Hockessin, DE: Mitchell Lane Publishers, 2011. 394.26
SCH644I
- Describes how people around the world -- United States, Canada, Mexico, Jamaica, Brazil, France, Ghana, Israel, India, Malaysia and Indonesia -- observe Independence Day, and specifically examines Independence Day as celebrated in the United States.
- K - 2 Osborne, Mary Pope. *Happy Birthday America*. Brookfield, CT: Square Fish, 2008. E
OS17H
- The whole family joins in a lively small-town celebration of Independence Day, including a parade, a picnic, music, and fireworks.
- PreK - 3 Whitehead, Kathy. *Looking for Uncle Louie on the Fourth of July*. Honesdale, PA: Boyds Mills Press, 2005. E
W5874L
- A boy gets a big surprise when the low riders take part in the Independence Day parade.
- LABOR DAY – Celebrated the 1st Monday in September.**
- K - 3 Dash, Meredith. *Labor Day*. Minneapolis, MN: Abdo Kids, 2015. 394.264
D2608L
- Introduces the holiday of Labor Day and how and why it is celebrated in the United States.
- K - 3 Dayton, Connor. *Labor Day*. New York: PowerKids Press, 2012. 394.264
D337L
- Introduces Labor Day, discusses its history, and describes the different ways in which Americans celebrate the holiday.
- 4 - 8 Greenwood, Barbara. *Factory Girl*. Toronto, ON: Kids Can Press, 2007. F
G856F
- Twelve-year-old Emily must hold down her job working twelve-hour days in a garment factory in order to keep from starving. A story that includes historical interludes about the working conditions in factories at the turn of the century.
- 5 - 8 Paterson, Katherine. *Bread and Roses, Too*. New York: Clarion Books, 2006. F
P2732BR
E

Jake and Rosa, two children, form an unlikely friendship as they try to survive and understand the 1912 Bread and Roses strike of mill workers in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

RAMADAN – Celebrated during the 9th month of the Islamic Calendar.

- K - 3 Anderson, Sheila. *Ramadan*. Edina, MN: Magic Wagon, 2010. 297.3
AN244R
- Teaches young readers about the background, traditions, foods, and celebrations of the Islamic holiday. Easy-to-read text combines with colorful illustrations to provide entertainment and facts for even the youngest audience.
- K - 3 Bullard, Lisa. *Rashad's Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr*. Minneapolis, MN: Millbrook Press, 2012. 297.3
B8729R
- Explains the history of the holiday, discussing the customs and the celebration Eid al-Fitr.
- K - 3 Faruqi, Reem. *Lailah's Lunchbox: a Ramadan Story*. Thomaston, ME: Tilbury House Publishers, 2015. E
F251L
- Now that she is ten, Lailah is delighted that she can fast during the month of Ramadan like her family and her friends in Abu Dhabi but finding a way to explain to her teacher and classmates in Atlanta is a challenge until she gets some good advice from the librarian, Mrs. Carman.
- K Worsham, Adria F. *Max Celebrates Ramadan*. Minneapolis, MN: Picture Window Books, 2009. E
W8981MCR
- Learn how Max celebrates Ramadan with family, food, and fun.
- 2 - 4 Matthews, Mary. *Magid Fasts for Ramadan*. New York: Clarion Books, 1996. F
M4326M
- Magid, an eight-year-old Muslim boy in Cairo, is determined to celebrate Ramadan by fasting, despite the opposition of family members who feel that he is not yet old enough to fast.

WINTER HOLIDAYS

CHRISTMAS – Celebrated December 25th.

- K - 3 Hall, M.C. *Christmas*. Vero Beach, FL: Rourke Pub., 2011. 394.2663
H1453C
- Introduces various Christmas customs.

- 1 - 2 Owens, L.L. *Christmas*. Edina, MN: Magic Wagon, 2010. 394.2663
OW28C
- Explains the background, traditions, foods, and celebrations of the Christian holiday, Christmas.
- 2 - 5 Barton, Chris. *The Nutcracker Comes to America: How Three Ballet-Loving Brothers Created a Holiday Tradition*. Minneapolis, MN: Millbrook Press, 2015. 792.842
B2854N
- Meet William, Harold, and Lew Christensen, three small-town Utah boys who caught the ballet bug in the early 1900s. They performed on vaudeville and took part in the New York City dance scene. Russian immigrants shared the story of The Nutcracker with them, and during World War II, they staged their own Christmastime production in San Francisco. It was America's first full-length version and the beginning of a ... holiday tradition.
- PreK - 1 Murguia, Bethanie Deeney. *The Best Parts of Christmas*. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2015. E
M944B
- A boy who really loves his Christmas tree finds a way to preserve its spirit year-round in this sweet and child-friendly holiday story. Fritz knows that the best parts of Christmas happen around the tree, whether decorating it with traditional and unexpected ornaments, sharing snacks, or opening presents. And Fritz gets to pick out the perfect tree: one that can be the centerpiece for his family's celebrations but can also make for good company when he needs some quiet time. But when Christmas is over, and the tree begins to drop needles, Mom and Dad say it's time to say good-bye. But Fritz isn't ready to let his tree go. How can Fritz keep his Christmas tree--and the happiness gathered around it--with him all year through?
- PreK - 2 Reagan, Jean. *How to Catch Santa*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2015. E
R2285HO
C
- A child provides instructions for properly capturing Santa--briefly--to ask him questions and tell him things.
- GROUNDHOG DAY – Celebrated February 2nd.**
- 1 - 2 Gibbons, Gail. *Groundhog Day!* New York: Holiday House, 2007. 394.261
G3526G
- Learn about groundhogs and their special day.
- 2 - 3 Smith, Maximilian. *What is Groundhog Day?* New York: Gareth Stevens Publishing, 2016. 394.261
SM625W
- Each year on February 2, thousands of people descend on the small town of

Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. They await the weather predictions of a furry little groundhog called Punxsutawney Phil. He's said to be able to correctly forecast if there will be 6 more weeks of winter or if spring will come early. Readers of this charming volume will learn how this tradition got started and just how accurate Phil has been over the years.

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| K | McNamara, Margaret. <i>Groundhog Day</i> . New York: Aladdin Paperbacks, 2006. | E
M2325GR |
| | On Groundhog Day, the students in Mrs. Connor's class try to find out whether the class hamster can predict the weather as well as a groundhog. | |
| K - 2 | Pearlman, Robb. <i>Groundhog's Day Off</i> . New York: Bloomsbury, 2015. | E
P3165G |
| | Tired of being asked only about the weather, a sensitive groundhog decides to take a vacation right before the big day in February. | |
| K - 2 | Roberts, Bethany. <i>Double Trouble Groundhog Day</i> . New York: Henry Holt and Co., 2008. | E
R541 |
| | When Grampie Groundhog decides to retire from forecasting the weather, he has twins Greta and Gregory draw straws to see who will take over the important job, but the winner is so nervous the two put aside their squabbling and work together. | |
| | HANUKKAH – Celebrated for 8 days during late November to early December. | |
| K | Felix, Rebecca. <i>We Celebrate Hanukkah in Winter</i> . Ann Arbor, MI: Cherry Lake Publishing, 2015. | 296.4
F3355W |
| | Introduces Hanukkah and discusses its origins, the menorah and its candles, seasonal foods, and celebrations. | |
| 2 - 3 | Lynette, Rachel. <i>Let's Throw a Hanukkah Party!</i> New York: PowerKids Press, 2012. | 793.2
L9932LHN |
| | Presents ideas for hosting a Hanukkah party and discusses the history of the holiday. | |
| K - 3 | Kimmel, Eric A. <i>Hanukkah Bear</i> . New York: Holiday House, 2013. | E
K5714HA |
| | On the first night of Hanukkah, Old Bear wanders into Bubba Brayna's house and receives a delicious helping of potato latkes when she mistakes him for the rabbi. | |
| PreK - 2 | Simon, Richard. <i>Oskar and the Eight Blessings</i> . New York: Roaring Brook | E |

Press, 2015. SI551O

A young Jewish refugee from Nazi Germany arrives in New York City on the seventh night of Hanukkah and receives small acts of kindness while exploring the city.

K - 3 Singer, Isaac Bashevis. *The Parakeet Named Dreidel*. New York: Farrar Straus Giroux, 2015. E SI642PA

On the eighth night of Hanukkah, a family rescues a Yiddish-speaking, dreidel-playing parakeet.

4 - 7 Ben Izzy, Joel. *Dreidels on the Brain*. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2016. F B4303D

As he tries to survive Hannukah, 1971 in the suburbs of the suburbs of Los Angeles, middle-school magician Joel learns to appreciate life's small miracles with the help of an unusual stranger he meets on a bus.

4 - 8 Chaikin, Miriam. *Alexandra's Scroll: The Story of the First Hanukkah*. New York: Henry Holt and Co., 2002. F C348A

Alexandra, a young Jewish girl from Jerusalem, describes her life and the creation of Hanukkah, more than 2000 years ago.

KWANZAA – Celebrated December 26th – January 1st.

2 - 3 Aloian, Molly. *Kwanzaa*. New York: Crabtree Pub. Co., 2009. 394.2612 AL71K

Kwanzaa is an African American holiday celebrated from December 26 to January 1, while celebrating Kwanzaa people eat delicious foods, wear special clothes, sing, dance, and celebrate their ancestors.

PreK - 3 Tokunbo, Duncan. *The Sounds of Kwanzaa*. New York: Scholastic Press, 2009. 394.2612 T5736S

Describes the seven principles of the festive Kwanzaa holiday.

PreK - 2 Katz, Karen. *My First Kwanzaa*. New York: H. Holt, 2003. E K1595M Y

A girl describes how she and her family celebrate the seven days of Kwanzaa.

K - 1 Washington, Donna L. *Li'l Rabbit's Kwanzaa*. New York: Katherine Tegen E

Books, 2010.

W276L

L'il Rabbit searches for a gift for his grandmother when she is sick during Kwanzaa and surprises her with the best gift of all. Includes "The Nguzo Saba - The Seven Principles of Kwanzaa."

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY – Celebrated the 3rd Monday in January.

- K - 3 Dash, Meredith. *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*. Minneapolis, MN: Abdo Kids, 2015. 394.261
D2608M
- Introduces young readers to Martin Luther King, Jr., who he was, and why there is a national holiday to celebrate this man.
- K - 3 Dean, Sheri. *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*. New York: Gareth Stevens Pub., 2011. 394.261
D3462M
- Learn about Martin Luther King, who has a holiday named for him.
- K - 3 Ada, Alma Flor. *Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day with Mrs. Park's Class*. E
AD11CM
- The students in Mrs. Park's class prepare to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day by thinking about the values he taught. Includes facts about Martin Luther King, Jr.
- K - 3 McNamara, Margaret. *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*. New York: Aladdin Paperbacks, 2007. E
M2325M
- Mrs. Connor's students at Robin Hill School share their dreams for the future after learning about the day that celebrates the life and dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- CHINESE NEW YEAR – Celebrated the 1st day of the year according to the Chinese calendar (usually January or February).**
- 2 - 3 Gleason, Carrie. *Chinese New Year*. New York: Crabtree Pub. Co., 2009. 394.261
G471C
- Chinese New Year welcomes the start of a new year. It is the most important celebration in China. People enjoy this holiday in many different ways. Chinese people follow certain traditions to make sure they have a lucky new year.
- N/A Marsico, Katie. *Chinese New Year*. Edina, MN: Magic Wagon, 2010. 394.261
M3589C

An easy introduction to the customs and traditions of this holiday.

PreK - 2 Wang, Andrea. *The Nian Monster*. Chicago, IL: Albert Whitman & Company, 2016. E
W1841N

The legendary Nian monster has returned at Chinese New Year. Nian is intent on devouring Shanghai, starting with young Xingling! But Xingling is clever and thinks quickly to outwit him with Chinese New Year traditions

PreK - 2 Wong, Janet. *This Next New Year*. New York: Frances Foster Books, 2000. E
W8464T

A family prepares to celebrate the Lunar New Year and looks forward to the good luck they hope it will bring.

PreK - 1 Yu, Li-Qiong. *A New Year's Reunion*. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2011. E
Y903N

Little Maomao's father works in faraway places and comes home just once a year, for Chinese New Year. At first Maomao barely recognizes him, but before long the family is happily making sticky rice balls, listening to firecrackers, and watching the dragon dance in the streets below.

NEW YEAR – Celebrated January 1st.

K - 3 Appleby, Alex. *Happy New Year!* Gareth Stevens Publishing, 2014. 394.2614
AP524H

Explains what the New Year is and how it is celebrated.

N/A World Book, Inc. *New Year's Celebrations*. Chicago, IL: World Book, 2003. 394.2
W89322
V. 7

Describes how the coming of the new year is celebrated in different countries and by different cultures around the world.

K Bae, Hyun-Joo. *New Clothes for New Year's Day*. La Jolla, CA: Kane/Miller, 2007. E
B1443N

A young Korean girl describes the new clothes that she will be wearing to celebrate the new year.

- PreK - 2 Miller, Pat. *Squirrel's New Year's Resolution*. Chicago, IL: Albert Whitman & Co., 2010. E
M6171SQ
- Squirrel can't think of a New Year's resolution until she realizes that by helping her friends, she's made one after all.
- K - 3 Thaler, Mike. *The New Year's Eve Sleepover from the Black Lagoon*. Minneapolis, MN: Spotlight, 2014. F
T327B14
- Eric is having a New Year's Eve sleepover, but Hubie has never spent the night away from home. He's going to be in a strange bed, in a strange room, in a strange house. What if Hubie gets sick or has a bad dream? What happens if Eric starts telling his cheesy jokes? And what's all this talk about making a New Year's revolution?
- PRESIDENTS' DAY – Celebrated the 3rd Monday in February.**
- K - 3 Dash, Meredith. *Presidents' Day*. Minneapolis, MN: Abdo Kids, 2015. 394.261
D2608P
- Introduces the holiday of Presidents' Day, its origins as George Washington's birthday, and how and why it is celebrated.
- 1 - 2 Peppas, Lynn. *Presidents' Day*. New York: Crabtree Pub., 2010. 394.261
P395P
- What began as a day to celebrate the birthday of George Washington, the first president of the United States of America, has grown to include every other president to serve as leader of the country. Learn all about Presidents' Day, from its earliest beginnings to how Americans celebrate this occasion today.
- K Rockwell, Anne F. *Presidents' Day*. New York: HarperCollinsPublishers, 2008. E
R593P
- Mrs. Madoff's preschool class learns about President's Day and puts on a play about the men who inspired the holiday, particularly those featured on Mount Rushmore.
- 1 - 3 Skeers, Linda. *The Impossible Patriotism Project*. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 2007. E
SK23I
- Caleb has a hard time coming up with a way to symbolize patriotism for Presidents' Day until he realizes that his dad, who is away from home in the military, is what patriotism is all about.
- 1 - 2 McDonald, Megan. *Stink: The Incredible Shrinking Kid*. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, 2005. F
M14573S01
- The shortest kid in the second grade, James Moody, also known as Stink, learns

all about the shortest president of the United States, James Madison, when they celebrate Presidents' Day at school.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY – Celebrated March 17th.

- 4 - 6 Miller, Heather. *Celebrate St. Patrick's Day*. Berkeley Heights, NJ: Enslow Publishers, 2006. 394.262
M6146C
- Examines how St. Patrick's Day is celebrated in the U.S. and around the world.
- 3 - 4 Ponto, Joanna. *St. Patrick's Day*. New York: Enslow Publishing, 2016. 394.262
P779S
- Describes the history and traditions of St. Patrick's Day, including a craft and recipe.
- K - 3 Gomez, Rebecca. *It's St. Patrick's Day!* New York: Scholastic Inc., 2004. E
G5866I
- Using simple words and short, rhyming sentences, tells what we will do on March 17th, St. Patrick's Day.
- K - 3 Wing, Natasha. *The Night Before St. Patrick's Day*. New York: Grosset & Dunlap, 2009. E
W7265NST
- In this poem based on "The Night Before Christmas," Tim and Maureen go to great lengths to set a trap, hoping to catch a real leprechaun on St. Patrick's Day and take his pot of gold.
- K - 3 Nolan, Janet. *The St. Patrick's Day Shillelagh*. Morton Grove, IL: A. Whitman & Co., 2002. F
N7115S
- On his way from Ireland to America to escape the potato famine, young Fergus carves a shillelagh from his favorite blackthorn tree, and each St. Patrick's Day for generations, his story is retold by one of his descendants.
- K - 3 Thaler, Mike. *St. Patrick's Day from the Black Lagoon*. Minneapolis, MN: Spotlight, 2014. F
T327B19
- It's St. Patrick's Day and Hubie needs to find something green to wear for the big class parade. Leprechauns, four-leaf clovers, pickles - how can he possibly make a decision with all these great options?

VALENTINE'S DAY – Celebrated February 14th.

- K - 3 Appleby, Alex. *Happy Valentine's Day!* New York: Gareth Stevens Publishing, 2014. 394.2618
AP524V

Valentine's Day is a day of love. February 14 is a special day to celebrate the people you care about, but how did we pick that day? In this interesting book, learn about the history and traditions of Valentine's Day around the world.

- 4 - 6 Barth, Edna. *Hearts, Cupids, and Red Roses: The Story of the Valentine Symbols*. New York: Clarion Books, 2001. 394.2618
B2821H
- Traces the history of Valentine's Day and the little-known stories behind its symbols.
- K Berger, Samantha. *A Crankenstein Valentine*. New York; Boston: Little, Brown and Company, 2014. E
B4536C
- A boy who looks ordinary transforms into grumbling Crankenstein on the most "lovey-dovey, yuckiest day of the year."
- PreK - 2 Parish, Herman. *Amelia Bedelia's First Valentine*. New York: Greenwillow Books, 2009. E
P2192AZFVA
- Literal-minded even as a child, Amelia Bedelia muddles through Valentine's Day with her heart on her sleeve, trying to make sense of strange greetings at school and home, and ever on the look-out for the arrows of Cupid.
- 2 - 6 Benton, Jim. *Franny K. Stein: Attack of the 50-foot Cupid*. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2004. F
B4466FKS02
- Franny tries to prevent chaos when her new lab assistant, Igor, a dog of many breeds, accidentally lets loose a giant, fifty-foot, arrow-shooting cupid.
- 2 - 4 O'Connor, Jane. *Nancy Clancy: Secret Admirer*. New York: Harper, 2013. F
OC55N02
- When Nancy Clancy finds out that both her guitar teacher, Andy, and her favorite babysitter, Annie, have broken up with the people they were dating, she decides to make them fall in love on Valentine's Day.

GENERAL WINTER CELEBRATIONS

- 1 - 2 Bix, Jasper. *Winter Holidays*. New York: Gareth Stevens Publishing, 2016. 394.261
B55W
- Even in winter, there's always something to celebrate! Budding readers are immersed in a variety of winter holidays and their traditions, from the cards and candy of Valentine's Day to the New Year's Eve parties that precede New Year's Day.
- 1 - 2 Pfeffer, Wendy. *The Shortest Day: Celebrating the Winter Solstice*. New York: Dutton Children's Books, 2003. 394.261
P475S

Describes how and why daylight grows shorter as winter approaches, the effect of shorter days on animals and people, and how the winter solstice has been celebrated throughout history. Includes activities.

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