

TPS @ DePaul University

December 2011 Newsletter: The Holidays

Happy Holidays! We're bidding farewell to another year and preparing to welcome 2012 with a host of new TPS offerings and newly digitized sources at the Library of Congress! Remember, the Library is constantly digitizing items. Check back with TPS at DePaul or www.loc.gov to learn about new collections at the Library.

Hanukkah and Christmas will soon be here, therefore this month we're highlighting holiday resources available at the Library. Has the way we celebrate these holidays changed much over the years? What customs have immigrants brought to these celebrations? Check out the links below to explore these questions and more!

The 'Today in History' feature is a great starting point for a host of Library resources specific to the day's events.

* December 15: Happy Hanukkah

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/dec15.html>

* December 24: Time for a Visit from Saint Nicholas

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/dec24.html>

* December 25: Welcome Christmas

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/dec25.html>

* January 1: Happy New Year!

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/today/jan01.html>

Have students explore topic-specific pages at the Library:

* Wise Guide: I Made You Out of Clay

<http://www.loc.gov/wiseguide/dec08/hanukkah.html>

* Wide Guide: Lighting the Way to Christmas Day

<http://www.loc.gov/wiseguide/dec10/christmas.html>

* Wise Guide: The Twelfth Night of Christmas

<http://www.loc.gov/wiseguide/jan08/twelfth.html>

* Wise Guide: A Visit from St. Nicholas

<http://www.loc.gov/wiseguide/dec09/stnick.html>

* Wise Guide: Yes, Virginia There is a Santa Claus (Note: also contains links to work about losing belief in Santa Claus)

<http://www.loc.gov/wiseguide/dec06/santa.html>

* Wise Guide: What is Saturnalia?

<http://www.loc.gov/wiseguide/dec02/saturnalia.html>

* December 24, 1822: Clement Moore Is Believed to Have Written "A Visit from St. Nicholas"

http://www.americaslibrary.gov/jb/nation/jb_nation_moore_1.html#_utma=3D=37760702.1353091082.1323280948.1323280948.1323280948.1&_utmb=3D37760702.1=9.9.1323281022717&_utmc=3D37760702&_utmz=3D37760702.1323280948.1.1.1.utmcsr=3D%28direct%29|utmccn=3D%28direct%29|utmcmd=3D%28none%29&_utmv=3D=-&_utmk=3D174470368

* December 25: Christmas Day

http://www.americaslibrary.gov/jb/modern/jb_modern_xmas_1.html#_utma=3D3=7760702.1353091082.1323280948.1323280948.1323280948.1&_utmb=3D37760702.20=9.1323283975069&_utmc=3D37760702&_utmz=3D37760702.1323280948.1.1.1.utmcsr=3D%28direct%29|utmccn=3D%28direct%29|utmcmd=3D%28none%29&_utmv=3D=-&_utmk=3D6640752

* Everyday Mysteries: Who invented electric Christmas lights?

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/scitech/mysteries/christmaslights.html>

Explore music of the season from over a hundred years ago or more! Open one of the many music collections at the Library and search for items using keywords like Christmas, Hanukkah (also try Chanukah or Chanukkah) or Santa Claus.

* The National Jukebox

<http://www.loc.gov/jukebox/>

* American Variety Stage: Vaudeville and Popular Entertainment 1870-1920

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/vshtml/vshome.html>

* For ideas about how to use sheet music in the classroom, see Collection Connection: Music for the Nation: American Sheet Music, 1870-1885

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/connections/sheet-music-1870/>

The Library's Holiday Themed Resources under Classroom materials will direct you to primary source sets, lesson plans, exhibitions, presentations and more about holidays.

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/themes/holidays/>

* Lesson plans that explore cultural history:

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/themes/holidays/lessonplans.html>

* Pictorial Americana: Holidays (prints and photographs)

<http://www.loc.gov/rr/print/list/picamer/paHolid.html>

Who's hungry?

Special occasions often call for the preparation of dishes reserved for such events. Below are 'Special Occasion' recipes shared by American immigrants for inclusion in the Library's Great American Pot Luck recipe resource.

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/immigration/ckbk/index.html>

Apple Nut Cake (American)

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/immigration/ckbk/recipe.php?rid=362>

Bubble Bread Breakfast Treat (American)

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/immigration/ckbk/recipe.php?rid=94>

Cardamon Bread (Finnish)

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/immigration/ckbk/recipe.php?rid=235>

Chocolate Dipped Strawberries (American)

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/immigration/ckbk/recipe.php?rid=60>

Coquilles St. Jacques Mornay (French)

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/immigration/ckbk/recipe.php?rid=86>

Easy Cheesy Stuff Chicken (Mexican)

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/immigration/ckbk/recipe.php?rid=288>

Goulash (Hungarian)

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/immigration/ckbk/recipe.php?rid=309>

Grandma's Koek (Dutch)

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/immigration/ckbk/recipe.php?rid=26>

Japanese Christmas Cake (Japanese)

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/immigration/ckbk/recipe.php?rid=506>

Papa Rellenas (Canary Islands)

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/immigration/ckbk/recipe.php?rid=257>

Tamales (Mexican)

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/immigration/ckbk/recipe.php?rid=105>

Have a wonderful Holiday!

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