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Holidays Around the World

The Internet School Library provides a long list of holiday resources including Christmas, Chanukah, and many other holidays and events at <http://falcon.jmu.edu/~ramseyil/holidays.htm>.




Christmas Around the World

Thematic Pathfinders provides many links to Christmas in countries around the world, as well as resources for other thematic themes at <http://www.42explore2.com/xmas.htm>.

Texas Library Association Book Lists


Holidays are great times to explore new books. Below are the links to the books lists:

- Age 2 to Grade 2 at <http://www.txla.org/groups/crt/2x2list08.htm>
- Grades 3 to 6 (Bluebonnet List) at <http://www.txla.org/groups/crt/2x2list08.htm>
- Tayshas Book Lists at <http://tasha.greenlakelibrary.org/LIT.HTML>



Texas Virtual School Network Courses

Online Instructor's Training, Part I, II, and III is required of all TxVSN online instructors. (30 hours; \$480) Cohorts are beginning soon!

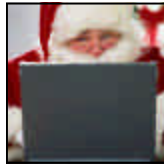


- January 4 to February 13
- March 2 to April 19

<http://www.via-tx.org>

HCDE Online Courses

- Brain Research—Using Technology to Support Delayed Learners (3 hours; \$50)
- Brain Research—Using Technology to Support ADD/ADHD Learners (3 hours; \$50)
- Marzano's Instructional Strategies and Technology—Similarities and Differences (3 hours; \$50)
- Marzano's Instructional Strategies and Technology—Summarizing and Note-taking (3 hours; \$50)
- Podcasting in the Classroom (3 hours; \$50)



Register at <http://wms.hcde-texas.org>.

Misunderstood Minds


Ever try to imagine a child's reading difficulties? Experience decoding and memory simulations online by clicking "Try it" and "View it" at <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/misunderstoodminds/reading.html>.

SCORE Cyberguides

Schools of California provides wonderful novel guides and resources K-12 and also in Spanish at <http://www.scoec.k12.ca.us/SCORE/cyk3.html>.

Education Oasis

Education Oasis provides wonderful reading resources such as bookmarks, calendars, reminders, certificates, and many more helpful files at <http://www.educationoasis.com/curriculum/Printables/printables.htm>.



Teachers Count—Free Posters

Teachers Count provides free "Behind every famous person is a fabulous teacher" posters at <http://www.teacherscount.org/campaign/posters.shtml>.

Grants and Contests for the Classroom

Toyota International Teachers Program—Toyota sponsors teachers to the Galapagos Islands to work on interdisciplinary lessons plans. Teachers will meet with biologists and conservationists and will explore the natural wonders of the Galapagos Islands. The 2009 program applications will be available in January, 2009 at http://www.iie.org/programs/toyota/galapagos_islands.html.

Fund for Teachers

Applications are open until January 30 to fund grants for personal and professional growth. Information sessions are scheduled online and in the Houston area. Apply at <http://www.fundforteachers.org>.



ING Unsung Heroes

ING Unsung Heroes provides funds for innovative classroom projects in the amounts of \$2,000 to \$25,000. Applications are now open for the 2009 awards. Apply at <http://www.ing-usa.com/us/aboutING/CorporateCitizenship/Education/INGUnsungHeroes/index.htm>.