

HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR!

2021



WHAT IS LUNAR NEW YEAR?

Lunar New Year, Chinese New Year, or Spring Festival is the most important of the traditional Chinese holidays. It is called “Lunar New Year” because it is based on the lunisolar Chinese calendar. A lunisolar calendar uses dates to indicate both the moon phase and the time of the solar year. The Lunar New Year is also the start of the zodiac year. The holiday marks the end of winter and the beginning of spring.

WHO CELEBRATES LUNAR NEW YEAR?

Lunar New Year is celebrated in many Asian countries including : China, Korea, Mongolia, Vietnam, Laos, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and other countries where people who celebrate the holiday have migrated to.

WHY IS 2021 THE YEAR OF THE OX?

Since the Lunar New Year is the start of the zodiac year, an animal and its attributes are assigned to each year in a repeating 12-year cycle. The twelve signs are: Rat, Ox, Tiger, Rabbit, Dragon, Snake, Horse, Goat, Monkey, Rooster, Dog and Pig.

2021 is the Year of the Ox. The ox is a valued animal because of its role in agriculture and because it also has positive characteristics. Oxen are honest, hardworking, earnest, low key and never seek praise.

IS THE LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAY MORE THAN A DAY LONG?

In 2021, Lunar New Year falls on Friday, February 12th, and celebrations last up to 16 days. The celebration starts with a family reunion dinner on the evening preceding New Year’s Day and ends with the Lantern Festival on February 26, 2021.

ARE THERE CUSTOMS FOR LUNAR NEW YEAR?

Yes! Families clean the house to sweep away any ill fortune and make way for incoming good luck. Doors and windows are decorated with red paper cutouts for good fortune, happiness, wealth and longevity. Red pockets or small red envelopes filled with lucky money are given to children, and firecrackers are lit to scare away evil spirits.

HOW WILL YOU CELEBRATE LUNAR NEW YEAR?

Will you watch a dragon dance? Eat spring rolls or dumplings? Snack on baked seeds? Wear new clothes? Decorate your room with paper cuttings? Or give out red pockets?

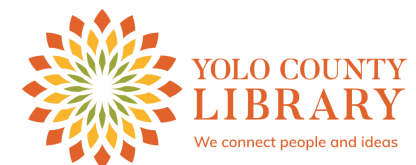
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