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It's the New Year!!

The beginning of a new year is celebrated in many ways by people around the world. It could be celebrated with parties, special food, making new year resolutions, or visiting friends and family. This year celebrate the arrival of 2021 with the Ames Public Library!

For more details see a related video on the Library's YouTube Channel at

<http://bit.ly/APLvideos>.

Books and media:

| Title | Author / Performer | Call Number: |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| <i>New Year's Day</i> | Marx, David | ETR 394.2 |
| <i>A Year Full of Holidays</i> | Elya, Susan Middleton | J 394.26 |
| <i>Chinese New Year</i> | Lee, Jen Sookfong | J 394.261 |
| <i>Happy New Year!</i> | Bernhard, Emery | J 394.2614 |
| <i>Marking the Religious New Year</i> | Richardson, Betsy | J 394.265 |

Websites:

| URL | Notes |
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| https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/new-years | <i>This article talks about the traditions of New Year's, as well as the history.</i> |

Different New Year's Traditions

- In Greece, people hang up onions around their home to symbolize growth in the New Year.
- In the southern United States, people eat Hoppin' John, a dish with black eyed peas and rice, for luck!
- In Estonia, people want to eat a lucky number of meals on New Year's Day. You might eat 7, 9, or even 12 meals!
- In Brazil, people jump over 7 ocean waves and make a wish for each one at New Year's.
- In China, people wear lucky colors like red for the New Year.

Take Away Kit: New Year's Eve Party Kit

Bag Contents:

- Plastic Glass
- Candy
- Noisemaker
- Paper Plate (with 2 slots cut in it)
- Paper Strip
- Glitter Glue

Directions for New Year's Eve Countdown Craft:

- Decorate your paper plate with glitter glue. You can also use other craft materials that you may have around your house.
- Take the strip of white paper and write the numbers 0-10 on it, starting with 10 at the top and 0 on the bottom.
- Take the number strip and place in the 2 slots on the plate so only one number is showing and the rest of the numbers are behind the plate.
- When counting down, pull the number strip down to reveal the next number.
- Use the countdown, noisemaker, and glass to celebrate the New Year!

Join the Ames Public Library for a (virtual) Noon Year's Eve Party!

Go to the Ames Public Library calendar online and click on the Noon Year's Eve event to find a Zoom link to join online for a New Year's story, dancing, and a countdown to Noon! You can also find it here: <https://www.amespubliclibrary.org/NoonYear>

Be sure to bring your completed Countdown Craft and a glass of your favorite juice or water for a toast!

