A Guide to Kwanzaa Literature

Kwanzaa, a Swahili word that means,”first fruits of the harvest,” is a non-religious holiday that celebrates the African American people and their past. The holiday starts December 26th and ends on January 1st. This list identifies juvenile books available in the Cheng Library.

African Americans remember their ancestors and celebrate the values that hold their communities together.
**Call Number: PJ Bur**

Discusses the holiday in which Afro-Americans celebrate their roots and cultural heritage from Africa.
**Call Number: j 394.261 Cho**

Celebrate Kwanzaa with related words from A to Z, including "Africa," "bendera," "dashiki," and "yams."
**Call Number: j 394.2612 For**

Uses captioned photos to present the origins of Kwanzaa and how it is observed.
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Discover the magic of Kwanzaa, recipes, puzzles and other activities to teach about the customs.
**Call Number: j 394.2612 Gay**

Stories, recipes, and activities introduce the holiday of Kwanzaa and the ways in which it is celebrated.
**Call Number: j 394.2612 Gos**

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William Paterson University
Captures the essence of the African American holiday Kwanzaa and offers recipes, facts, and projects that will add to the holiday’s spirit.
**Call Number:** j394.261 Har

Mark and his family prepare to celebrate their African-American culture. Teachers guide included.
**Call Number:** [Big Book] j 394.261 Hoy

A collection of activities focusing on cultural traditions related to African American history and holidays.
**Call Number:** Curr.Mats. E185.86 .K56 2002

Introduces the history, customs, meaning, and celebration of Kwanzaa.
**Call Number:** j 394.2612 Mar

Describes the seven-day festival during which people of African descent rejoice in their ancestral values.
**Call Number:** j 394.2612 Pin

Simple crafts with illustrations, material lists and clear instructions to celebrate Kwanzaa.
**Call Number:** j 745.59 Ros

Li’l Rabbit searches for a gift for his grandmother when she is sick during Kwanzaa. He surprises her with the best gift of all.
**Call Number:** PJ Was

This festive book is a true celebration of a joyous African-American holiday.
**Call Number:** [Special Format] j 394.2612 Wil

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