

Houston Public Library cordially invites you to...

1ST ANNUAL

LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

Saturday, February 20, 2010 | 11AM

**Houston Public Library's World Languages Center
Central Library - Houston Public Library**

500 McKinney | Houston, TX 77002 | Ph. 832-393-1313

In celebration of the 2010 Asian Lunar New Year, the Houston Public Library's World Languages Center will be hosting its first Annual Lunar New Year Celebration on Saturday, February 20, 2010 at the Central Library from 2PM to 4PM.

11AM – 12PM Shadow puppet show and craft activities celebrating the new year.

2PM – 4PM Face painting; unique cultural arts demonstrations of origami, calligraphy, paper cutting, paint brush art, and the traditional dragon dance.

The Houston Fire Department and Census 2010 will be distributing important community information. Light refreshments will be provided.

According to the lunar calendar, New Year's Day is the first new moon of the year. In 2010, New Year's Day falls on February 14. In accordance with the twelve animals of the zodiac, this year is the year of the tiger.

The Lunar New Year is the most significant festival for Asians around the world. It is a very jubilant occasion because it is the time to get together with family and friends and welcome the arrival of spring. The origin of the Lunar New Year festival can be traced back thousands of years, to a celebration lasting fifteen days. Traditionally, the period of celebration starts from Lunar New Year's Eve until the lantern festival, which is also the first full moon of the year. New clothes are worn, and visits are made to friends, neighbors, and relatives to exchange good wishes of gong xi fa cai, or "congratulations and prosperity".

Dragon Dance

Saturday, February 6 | 3PM

Carnegie Neighborhood Library

1050 Quitman | Houston, TX 77009 | Ph. 832-393-1720

Saturday, February 13 | 1PM

Henington-Alief Regional Library

7979 S. Kirkwood | Houston, TX 77072 | Ph. 832-393-1820

Saturday, February 20 | 1PM

Walter Neighborhood Library

7660 Clarewood | Houston, TX 77036 | Ph. 832-393-2500

Lion Dance

Saturday, February 6 | 3PM

Stanaker Neighborhood Library

611 S/Sgt. Macario Garcia | Houston, TX 77011 | Ph. 832-393-2080

Saturday, February 27 | 1PM

Park Place Regional Library

8145 Park Place Blvd | Houston, TX 77017 | Ph. 832-393-1970



These events are free and open to the public. For more information visit www.houstonlibrary.org or call 832-393-1313.

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