



Holly Ridge Center

Cultural and Inclusion Diversity for December

At Holly Ridge Center, we celebrate the differences and unique qualities that make each one of us an individual. **World Aids Day** is on **December 1st**, and **December 3rd** is **International Day of Persons with Disabilities Day**. **December 10th** is **International Human Rights Day**, **December 16th to 28th** is **Las Posadas** (Mexican): a religious festival in Mexico and some parts of the U.S. (primarily those with Mexican Americans) during the Christmas season. **December 18th to 26th** is **Hanukkah** (Jewish): which celebrates the Jews triumphing over the Syrian Greeks for their independence. **December 21st** is the **Winter Solstice**, the longest day of the year. **December 25th** is **Christmas** and **December 26th** **Kwanzaa** being an 8-day holiday inspired by African harvest celebrations.



Below are some websites featuring books on some of these celebrations:

[The 10 Best Kwanzaa Books for Kids - FamilyEducation](#)

<https://pilibrary.org/beyond-books/pjblog/october-2021/the-ultimate-list-of-childrens-books-hanukkah>



Cultural and Inclusion Diversity with Representative Toys & Dolls:

Here at Holly Ridge Center, we celebrate our differences in our diverse community. As a hard-of-hearing individual who grew up with hearing issues, I never had dolls, toys, or books that represented me as a hard-of-hearing individual. It is essential for children to feel represented in their emotional and social development. Using toys that show diversity and inclusion help children learn and see these differences in a positive light with respect. Below are some links with toys that feature differences and some dolls that can be ordered to have a variety of adaptations and medical equipment like a g-tube or a hearing aid. Check it out!

<https://tinybeans.com/diverse-toys-celebrate-disabilities/slide/1>

<https://thebutterflypig.com/doll-sized-medical-devices/>

<https://themighty.com/topic/general-parenting/kid-toys-disability-representation>

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<https://theeverymom.com/inclusive-dolls-for-kids/>

<https://www.kidcentraltn.com/development/special-needs/adaptive-toys-for-children-with-disabilities-and-general-toy-safety-.html>