



Scrawled shortcuts through the research maze...

## **Winter Holidays**

The days grow short, the night closes in – so what should we do? Well, if we look like we're having a good time, maybe the sun will come back, so let's *party!*

### **Encyclopedia of Astronomy and Astrophysics**

It all starts with a solstice – so what is that, exactly?

**Reference 520.3 E56e**

### **Oxford Companion to the Year**

What does it mean when Christmas falls on a Tuesday? Here's a hint: don't plan on stealing anything!

**Reference 394.2 B628**

### **Encyclopedia of Religion**

Want to know what the religious significance of winter holidays might be? Check out Dongjie, Makara Samkrānti, and Kwanzaa here.

**Reference 200.321 E56 2005**

### **Medieval Folklore: An Encyclopedia of Myths, Legends, Tales, Beliefs, and Customs**

Did they used to have a good time at Christmas, or what? (Or maybe it was better when it was Saturnalia . . .)

**Reference 398.03 M489m**

### **Traditional Festivals: A Multicultural Encyclopedia**

In the Southern hemisphere, the December solstice was marked by the **summer** festival of *Inti Raymi* by Peruvian Incans.

**Reference 394.2603 R888t**

Winter holidays in the U.S., 21<sup>st</sup> century style –

### **Encyclopedia of African-American Culture and History,**

Reference 973.0496003 E56e 2006

### **American Jewish Desk Reference,**

Reference 973.0492403 A512a

### **Oxford Encyclopedia of Latinos and Latinas in the United States,**

Reference 973.0468003 O98o 2005 (and online)

### **Encyclopedia of Food and Culture**

What to eat, oh, what to eat . . .

**Reference 394.1203 E56e**

*\* Warning: Browsing reference resources can be oddly festive!*