



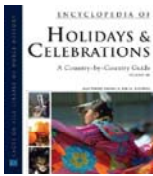
Interesting Items about Cinco de Mayo at SEO Library Center

Join the many Mexican Americans in celebrating Cinco de Mayo. The staff at the SEO Library Center would like to share a selection of some of our favorite new items about Mexican traditions and Cinco de Mayo with you.

** All summaries were taken from various sources including the library catalog and individual publishers' websites.*

Reference

Happy Cinco de Mayo!



You may have heard of this holiday and even know it is in early May. But, do you really know what is being celebrated? If not, read on...

In Spanish, Cinco de Mayo means the "fifth of May." It is a national holiday that honors the small army of farmers who defeated the French invaders in the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. This battle was fought in the small town of

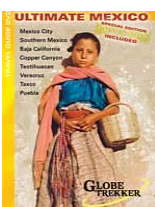
Puebla. Cinco de Mayo is celebrated by reenacting the Battle of Puebla; drumming, swordplay, games; food stalls for hungry participants, mariachi bands, and bullfighting are also popular events on this day. This holiday is also known as Batalla de Puebla, "the Battle of Puebla." Cinco de Mayo is also celebrated in the United States by Mexican Americans with big parades, mariachi bands, fireworks, and barbecues.

[Encyclopedia of Holidays and Celebrations: a country by country guide.](#) Dennis, Matthew. Volume 2, p. 846

Audio-Visual

[ABC Melody Sing & Learn Spanish](#) Book on CD

With Sing & learn Spanish children will learn the alphabet, colors, numbers and vocabulary related to animals, food, time, clothes as well as basic phrases. The book's colorful pictures will help children understand the songs, motivating them to learn more.



[Destination travel guide. Ultimate Mexico](#) DVD

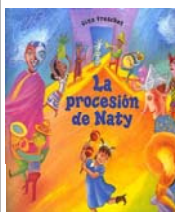
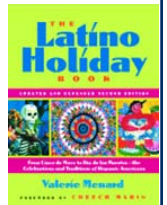
For over 4,000 years, Mexico has been the home of complex civilizations and today is still one of the most vibrant cultures in the world. In this DVD guide to Mexico, you can explore the country's many facets.

Find out information on the city where Cinco de Mayo was fought in this DVD.

Books

[The Latino Holiday Book: From Cinco de Mayo to Dia de Los Muertos--The Celebrations & Traditions of Hispanic-Americans](#) by Valerie Menard

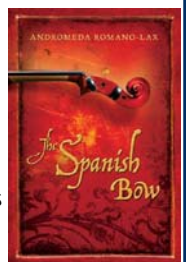
This book is the essential resource for everyone wanting to celebrate the special traditions and celebrations of Hispanic Americans. The author takes readers through the full year, covering Cinco de Mayo and many others celebrations.



[La Procesion de Naty](#) by Gina Freschet

Ebullient Naty is thrilled. It's the festival of the Guelagueta, and she gets to march in the parade of the puppet people, wearing her new mouse costume and cowboy boots. . . The brilliant, antic illustrations give a true sense of the hurly-burly of a street festival, and Naty is an encouraging heroine.

[The Spanish Bow](#) by Andromeda Romano-Lax
Romano-Lax creates the epic story of Feliu Delargo, an underprivileged child prodigy whose musical ability brings him into contact with world leaders, first-class artists and a life filled with loss and triumph. Over the years, as Feliu establishes himself, he crosses path with Justo Al-Cerra, a pianist, and their touring leads to an intertwining of lives that becomes more complicated when they encounter Aviva, a violinist. As the trio tour and Europe careens toward WWII, Romano-Lax weaves into the narrative historical figures from Spanish royalty to Franco and Hitler.



Ebooks

[VocabuLearn Spanish Word Booster](#) by Pantan Overseas, Inc.

Learn with rhythm; learn with tunes, Spanish, English words you'll use! This bilingual vocabulary builder for Spanish or English covers 500 words and expressions, plus conversation set to an original music score that energizes the listener.

