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Celebrate Kwanzaa with the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library



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Today is the fourth day of Kwanzaa. The seven-day holiday began on December 26th. If you do not know much about Kwanzaa, there is a chance to learn with the entire family. Charlotte Mecklenburg Library has some books you can check out and is hosting a special storytime tomorrow. Teresa Clay-Barrett is the Youth Service Specialist at Charlotte Mecklenburg Library. She joined us on QC@3 to talk more about this special holiday.

Teresa tells us Kwanzaa is not a religious celebration, it is a celebration of African American heritage. She says it's similar to Hanukkah because they also light candles each day. She says they light 7 candles in total. Teresa says the black candle represents the people, the red candles represent the blood or the struggle, and the green candles represent dreams and things they are hoping for.

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