

One World Many Stories Sweden Program

Books to Share:

- *Super Grandpa* – David Schwartz
- *Flicka, Ricka, Dicka Series* – Maj Lindman
- *A Long Way to a New Land* – Joan Sandin
- *Per and the Dala Horse* – Rebecca Hickox
- *Erik and the Christmas Horse* – Hans Peterson

Language:

- Hello – Hej
- Thank You – Tack
- Goodbye – Hejdå
- Yes – Ja
- No – Nej
- Book – en bok

Food

Rosmunnar – Swedish thumbprint cookies (www.allrecipes.com)

- ½ cup butter; softened
 - ¼ cup white sugar
 - 1 cup sifted all-purpose flour
 - ¼ cup any flavor fruit jam
1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C)
 2. Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add sifted flour, and mix well. Shape dough into 1 inch diameter balls and place on cookie sheets. Imprint your thumb in the center to make a ½ inch indentation. Fill with your favorite preserves (jam).
 3. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until golden brown at the edges.

Swedish Butter Cookies – Taste of Home Prize Winners Cookbook/Magazine

- 1 Cup butter, soften
 - 1 Cup Sugar
 - 2 teaspoons maple syrup
 - 2 cups all-purpose Flour
 - 1 teaspoon baking soda
 - Confectioner's sugar
1. In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add syrup. Combine flour and baking soda; gradually add to creamed mixture and mix well.
 2. Divide the dough into eight portions. Roll each portion into a 9-in. log. Place 3 in. apart on ungreased baking sheets.
 3. Bake at 300 for 25 minutes or until lightly browned. Cut into 1-in slices. Remove to wire rack. Dust with confectioners' sugar. Makes about 6 dozen.

Activity/Craft:

- Paper Basket – *Fiesta! Sweden* – p 20-21 (Construction paper, scissors, glue)
- Midsommar – Maypole – *Fiesta! Sweden* p. 12 (Chopsticks, wire and floral)
- Cork Trolls – *Summer Manual*, pg. 170
- Julekurv (Christmas Basket) – *Fiesta! Norway* p. 11 (Construction paper, scissors, glue)
- Norwegian (Danish) Heart – (Construction paper, scissors) http://www.dltk-holidays.com/xmas/norwegian_christmas_ornament.htm

Games:

- Blindbock – Blindman’s bluff
- Tongue Twisters – ex: Six salmons in a salmon-box

Facts:

- Midsommar (Midsummer) is celebrated on the weekend that is closest to June 24. St. Lucia’s Day on December 13 is celebrated as a kick off to a month long Christmas celebration.
- [Selma Lagerlöf](#) wrote *The Wonderful Adventures of Nils* ([read online](#)). She is the first woman writer to win the Nobel Prize for Literature.
- In the *Kalmar Union*, Sweden was under the rule of Queen Margaret I of Denmark. They were on and off under Denmark’s rule until the 17th century.
- Through the centuries, Sweden remained poor. Between 1850 and 1910, more than 1 million Swedes moved to the United States looking for a better life. Most of them settling in Minnesota.
- Sweden remained neutral during both World War I and World War II
- Children ages 1-5 are guaranteed a spot in public Kindergarten. Ages 6-16, children attend compulsory comprehensive school. After 9th grade, 90% of the students continue with a three-year upper secondary school (gymnasium) which leads to job qualification or entrance eligibility into a university.
- Soccer and Ice Hockey are very popular sports.

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