**Diwali, the festival of lights: a five-day celebration**

**Day 1 Dhanteras – Consumer Resources@thelibrary – Monday 10/21, 10:00–11:00 am**

Hindus consider this day as one of the most auspicious days for buying utensils, silver coins, gold and vehicles. Attend this class and learn how to search for specific products or browse through the resources for valuable information on all kinds of consumer goods.

**Day 2 Chotti Diwali – Paper Lanterns with Tassels - Tuesday 10/22, 5:00 – 6:30 pm**

Preparation for the big festival of Diwali takes place on this day. Make colorful paper lanterns and brighten up your home – a teen program.

**Day 3 Diwali – Bride & Prejudice - Wednesday 10-23, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**

Many films are released in India on this national holiday, as festivals and holidays are times when families go to movies together. Enjoy a mesmerizing afternoon watching a Bollywood adaptation of the classic Pride & Prejudice.

**Day 4 Padva – Talk - Thursday 10/24, 7:00 – 8:00 pm**

The temples usually host talks on religions and cultural values on this day. Associate Professor Charles Townsend from Oakton Community College will give a lecture on Diwali in the religions of India. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.

**Day 5 Bai Dooj – Bring a Partner and Create a Lantern - Friday 10-25, 2:00 – 3:00 pm**

This festival is an important occasion when sisters pray for the longevity, well-being and prosperity of their brothers. Celebrate ‘brotherhood’ while making a Diya (lantern) with a partner. Each participant must register as a pair for this event. One lantern per pair.

**Brides of India – the Sixth Day – Sunday 10-27, 1:30 – 3:45 pm**

The day after Diwali is Tulsi Vivah, the marriage ceremony of the holy plant Tulsi with the incarnation of the Hindu God Lord Vishnu. This marks the beginning of the Hindu wedding season.  Join us for an afternoon of music, dance, refreshments and a bridal fashion show. Co-sponsored with Friends of the Library.

**Please register at the 1st floor information desk, 847-376-2788, or online at dppl.org/events. Registrants, please notify us if you are unable to attend so that we may offer your place to another patron.**