

BEYOND THE STACKS

Holyoke Public Library

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July 2020

The Library Staff working diligently to reopen

Holyoke Public Library Update

We're Back! Covid 19 has been a difficult trial for us all especially during our 150th Anniversary year. But that hasn't stopped the Library staff from getting back to work to give all patrons as much access to our materials as possible.

As Massachusetts continues to re-open with a phased-in approach, during this Phase the Holyoke Public Library employees are working on getting library materials into your hands with our **Curbside Pick Up Service** (See pg 4). We are also preparing for the next phases of reopening and getting our public service areas ready for walk-in transactions. *We can't wait to have you back too!*



Maria, Director, always at work



Vi, Front Desk Staff, taking requests



Lucy, Front Desk Staff, reserving materials

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Nathan, Children's Librarian



All of the Staff, in every department, are busy working on moving activities online and making materials available for use at home.

Children's Room Corner!

Charlie Pope, *Evening Children's Librarian*



Get Crafty

In the mood to make something awesome? Check out the **Grab & Go Craft Kits** now available for free through our curbside pickup service! We currently have kits available with everything you need to create socks puppets or grow your own flowers from home - get yours today by emailing [cpope@holyokelibrary.org](mailto:cpop@holyokelibrary.org) or giving us a call at 413-420-8105!

Book Bundles Abound

Not sure what to read next? Check out a book bundle! Each bundle has a selection of books handpicked by our librarians that we think you'll love! The bundles are available for a variety of ages and are categorized by theme, from fantasy to children's classics to learning the ABCs and more! Learn about what bundles are available by emailing [cpope@holyokelibrary.org](mailto:cpop@holyokelibrary.org) or giving us a call at 413-420-8105.



Meet Raspberry the Book Lover!

The Children's Room has a new fuzzy friend we want you to meet! Raspberry the Book Lover - named by our wonderful library patrons on Facebook - is our purple pal who's here to help us out with story times and Children's Room videos.

To see Raspberry in action, check out our videos on [Facebook @holyokepubliclibrary!](https://www.facebook.com/holyokepubliclibrary/)

Imagine Your Story

2020 Summer Reading Program

Holyoke Library Children's Room



Virtual Summer Reading Program

Running from June 29th to August 11th, the Holyoke Public Library will be hosting our summer reading program on Beanstack!

Summer Reading Time!

The Children's Summer Reading Program is happening now, but never fear - there's still time to participate!

Visit holyokelibrary.beanstack.org or download the **Beanstack Tracker app** today to sign up for free. By logging your reading and completing activities, you'll earn badges, prizes, and tickets to enter into our end-of-summer raffle for the chance to win gift cards, STEM kits, card games, and more!

The Children's Room is also offering an offline printed version (in English and Spanish) of the Children's Summer Reading Challenge for those unable to access the online platform. Please call 413-420-8105 to register for the offline program!

Charlie Pope

Evening Children's Librarian
413-420-8105
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Donors, THANK YOU!

Holyoke Library Development Office

With the end of the Holyoke Library fiscal year, which runs from July 1 – June 30th, the library is very grateful for all of our generous donors who have helped us **raise over \$32,000!** It is because of you that we can continue to offer diverse online programming in the Children's, Teen, and History rooms.

Donors – You did it!

ONLINE RESOURCES

THE LIBRARY OFFERS MANY ONLINE RESOURCES WHICH CAN BE VIEWED ON OUR WEBSITE AT

[HTTP://HOLYOKELIBRARY.ORG/REFERENCEDATABASES.ASP](http://hol yokelibrary.org/referencedatabases.asp)

OR FOR

[CHILDREN'S ONLINE RESOURCES](#)

SOME OF THESE ONLINE SITES INCLUDE:

NEWSPAPERS ONLINE

Explore our new full-color image edition of The [Springfield Republican](#)! All you need is a Holyoke library card number.

Other Massachusetts newspapers can be accessed [here](#).

EDUCATION

[Online Courses and Continue Education Classes](#)



[Online Non-Credit Courses Tutorial](#)

LEARN NEW SKILLS

Language and Music

[Rocket Languages Tutorial](#)



[ArtistWorks Tutorial](#)

History Room News

Eileen Crosby, *History Room Curator*

A Microhistory of the Year 2020 in Holyoke - As told by local residents

The Covid-19 world-wide pandemic and the worldwide protests in the wake of the murder of George Floyd have made many of us aware that we live in historic times. For most of us, daily life has been transformed. It has led to deep reflection on our new routines, the absence of old ones, and the uncertainties of the future. The Holyoke History Room of the Holyoke Public Library invites members of the local community to share their own experiences of this historic year.

Responses archived at the Holyoke History Room will provide a vivid picture of Holyoke's collective experience of the year 2020 to researchers in both the near and more distant future.

Submissions may be in English or Spanish. If you wish to participate, Click on the Link below. You will be taken to our site then click that screen for a questionnaire which has an email address where you can also send an image.

This initiative was inspired by similar projects across the country, including the Framingham History Center and the Forbes Library.

[Share your Story!](#)

For more information contact Holyoke History Room Archivist Eileen Crosby at (413) 420-8107. The History Reading Room is closed until further notice.

Contact: historyroom@hol yokelibrary.org

Teen Room

Vicky White, *Teen Librarian*

For more about the Teen Room information contact the Teen librarian, Vicky at (413) 420-8119 or vwhite@hol yokelibrary.org or

CHECK OUT OUR INSTAGRAM PAGE!

<https://www.instagram.com/hol yokelibraryteens/>

STAY IN TOUCH!

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Curb Side Pickup at the library

Though the Library Building is closed, we are getting library materials into the hands of our patrons. For [Curbside Service](#)

M-Th 10-3:30pm. Limit of 5 items per library card holder.

Place holds [online](#) or with **CWMARS App**

Call the Library with your list at 413-420-8101

Email your [list](#) to **library@holyoke.org**

Drop your [list](#) with your returns via the **book drop** outside the entrance

