

BEYOND THE STACKS

Holyoke Public Library Newsletter

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Fall for a new book or movie at the library!

Volunteer Spotlight Dianne F.

Nancy Kocsmiersky, *Development Office*

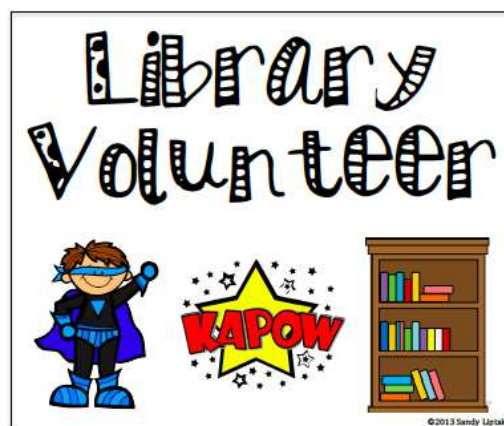
“Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more.” — H. Jackson Brown Jr.

Every year the library welcomes volunteers to help us better serve our patrons. One new volunteer is Dianne F. who has been helping us in the Tech services dept. where she prepares, covers and puts out new books. Many of which she plans on reading!

Dianne was a 1st and 2nd grade teacher of the deaf for over 40 yrs. Some of her students were from Holyoke and she was happy to bring them to the library to get their library cards and to encourage them to use the library.

Dianne found out about this volunteering opportunity thru the City Property Tax Abatement program (info on pg 6) and was happy to find a place at the library.

When asked if she would recommend the library to friends she said, *“Yes indeed. It’s a beautiful building with light and airy spaces for reading. The staff is welcoming and very helpful.”*



Our Hero,
Thank you Dianne!

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Libraries Rock!

The Holyoke Library Summer Reading Program was a great success!

Holyoke Library Children's Room



Through Donor support, the children's Summer Reading program began on July 2nd and was open to students grades K-8. Children were asked to read for thirty minutes a day, fill out their log, and return it to the library to pick up that week's prize and to come to various events. **Over 900 patrons participated in these programs and events!**

Children who participated in the program were invited to the **Summer Reading Party on August 2nd at 1:00pm**. At this event, the Grand Prizes including a Kindle and a Ukulele beginner set! were awarded to some very happy readers. **Screech from the Thunderbirds** was on hand to cheer all our super readers!

We also celebrated at the Holyoke Merry Go Round. **Thank you** to all of the kids who participated in the Summer Reading program and the grownups who brought them to the library!



Celebrating at the Holyoke Merry Go Round!



Happy Reader with Screech in the Children's rm.



Celebrating in the Community room with library staff!

Summer Reading Winner!

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This summer's Adult reading program had prizes for completing lines from a Reading Bingo board.

2018 Adult Summer Reading Program
Summer reading isn't just for kids!

Play Bingo with us!

Holyoke Public Library Summer Reading

BINGO

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*Visit the Library and pick a Bingo Sheet.

*After you read a book or e-book, or listen to a recorded book, match the book you read/listened to with a description in one of the Bingo square. Note down the date and title

*Once you complete a line, bring the Bingo Sheet to the Front Desk and receive the "token of the week" prize plus a chance ticket to win other prizes.



Jackie N. won Big at Reading Bingo!

Our winner was Jackie N. who lives in Chicopee but worked for the Springfield Library for 20 years. Jackie has found that Holyoke library has become her go to library because of the great staff. Also for the ease of parking and just ease of using the library.

To win, Jackie didn't just fill a few lines, she completed the whole Bingo board! For her impressive feat, she won a \$25 gift certificate to Applebee's and a \$50 gift certificate to Holyoke Creative Arts!

Can you match her? Well just use this link <http://www.holyokelibrary.org/servicesadult.asp> and get your own bingo sheet. Complete it and send us a picture with your name. You won't win any prizes but you will get kudos from us! And we might post your accomplishments too!

Teen Patron Spotlight

Rachel Dowd, *Teen Librarian*

Stephany P., 16



Junior at Holyoke High

Q: What first brought you to the library?

A: I first came to the library as a 6th grader for a field trip to see the new library building. I came back 2 years later for the bikes and books program with HUBS (Holyoke Urban Bike School). After that I started coming to the library on my own because it was an interesting place.

Q: What is your favorite thing to do at the library?

A: My favorite thing to do is hang out in the teen area. I like to hang out, play a game with a friend, and participate in activities.

Q: What makes libraries special to you?

A: Besides being a place to check out books it is a place where you can hang out with friends and invite a friend you haven't seen in a while to meet you at the library.

Q: When you're not at the library what do you like to do in your free time?

A: I like to hang out at home, help with other programs in the community, participate in madrigal choir and the school musical.

Q: What is your favorite book or series?

A: The Divergent series by Veronica Roth

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

STEM ACTIVITIES FOR PRESCHOOLERS EVERY MON

PLACE CHILDREN'S ROOM
TIME 10-11AM

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME EVERY TUES. AND THURS.

PLACE CHILDREN'S ROOM
TIME 10AM

LEARN IN MOTION FIRST WEDNESDAY OF MONTH

PLACE COMMUNITY ROOM
TIME 3:45 -4:45PM

YA PRIDE: QUEER YA BOOK CLUB WEDNESDAY 9/5

PLACE 3RD FLOOR MEETING ROOM
TIME 2 – 3:30PM

LIBERTY'S WAR AN ENGINEERS MEMOIR OF THE MERCHANT MARINE, 1942-1945 MONDAY 10/15

PLACE COMMUNITY ROOM
TIME 6 -7:30PM

Author talk and Q&A presented by the History Rm.

RADIOPLASMA RECORDING STUDIO SESSIONS*—EVERY THURSDAY

PLACE 306 RACE ST
TIME 2PM-4PM

*Each session, we will be meeting in the Teen Room, and walking as a group to Radioplasma Recording Studio (located at 306 Race St).

READING WITH ROOSTER TUESDAY 10/9 AND 10/30

PLACE TEEN ROOM
TIME 4 -6:00PM

TEEN CREATIVE WRITING WEDNESDAY 10/10 AND 10/24

PLACE TEEN ROOM
TIME 3:30 -5:00PM

PUMPKIN PAINTING FOR TEENS SATURDAY 10/20

PLACE TEEN ROOM
TIME 11 – 1:00PM

Check our website for more information. For Calendar, use this link: <http://www.holyokelibrary.org/events2.aspx>

Online Library resources:

Learning Express Library provides over 2,000 of the most up-to-date test preparation and skill-building resources, helping both students and adults prepare for a wide range of academic and career-oriented exams as well as improve basic skills in reading, writing, and math. In addition, job-skills tutorials are available to assist in creating a great resume, honing interviewing techniques, and improving business communications.

- **Job and Career Accelerator** provides personalized, step-by-step job search assistance from exploring and matching suitable occupations from over 1,000 detailed profiles to finding available jobs from a database of over 5 million up-to-date postings. You can easily create professional and effective resumes and cover letters, master interviewing and networking techniques, improve your work skills, and prepare for occupation-related exams.

- **Miss Humblebee's Academy**, an award-winning, online curriculum for children preschool through kindergarten. The curriculum is theme based and fully interactive with sound cues.

- **Bookflix** is for school age children up to 3rd grade which encourages non-fiction reading

- **Gale Online Courses** offers a wide range of highly interactive, instructor led courses that you can take entirely online. As a library card holder in good standing, you are entitled to these over 365 courses at no cost. Courses run for six weeks and new sessions begin every month.

- **Computer Skills** -- provides the fundamentals of computer, internet, and popular software applications with easy-to-follow multimedia tutorials.

- **Freegal Music** is a program that allows users to download up to 3 songs per week for free.

Freeding -- Read electronic books

Rocket Languages -- Learn a new language or get a refresher from the languages you already know. And coming soon...

Universal Class -- Over 500 online courses (Continuing Education Units)

Creativebug -- Arts and Crafts classes taught by top designers and artists.

ArtistWork -- Lessons to learn to play musical instruments from Grammy Award-winning music and artistic professionals

Use these at home or they can be accessed at the library computers. Check these sites out at:
<http://www.holyokelibrary.org/referencedatabases.asp>

Teen Room Notes

Rachel Dowd, *Teen Librarian*

In partnership with the **Holyoke Public Schools** and **Sodexo**, the library served up lunch this summer for youth. For the months of July and August we were able to **serve a total of 2027 meals** at the library.

According to the Operations Manager who coordinates the summer meal sites, the library site had some of the highest numbers of participants throughout all of Holyoke!

Teen summer programs, which would not be possible without your support, were also well attended. In the Bikes and Books program that was a collaboration between the Teen Room and HUBS, the kids finished the book (*The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora*). they had weekly discussions about the themes of the book, which included gentrification, family, youth leaderships, and community activism). The teens also went for rides throughout the community, and even rode to all the way to a park in Chicopee!



Bikes and Books participants with their books.



Teen Rm and HUBS - Bikes and Books participants

Upcoming events include Spooky movies in October, the recording studio (with one of our favorite longtime collaborators Radioplasma), Saturday crafts, a creative writing club, and a brand new LGBTQ YA Lit book club, started by a teen patron, and Reading with Rooster (our therapy dog).

CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE! www.facebook.com/hplteenroom/

Summer programs are made possible thru Mini Golf sponsors and Donors and a Dollar General Grant. Only you can make these fun community events continue and keep kids like Stephany P. and the Bikes and Books kids coming to the library. You can do this with your financial support!

Support the Library!

You can donate with the enclosed envelope, online at <http://www.holyokelibrary.org/aboutdonate.asp> or by buying **Library Merchandise** (e.g., the historic ornament series, Holyoke afghans, and Holyoke books) are sold via the Circulation Desk.

- These make great Holiday Gifts!



Scott's Tower, Library Centennial and City Hall Ornaments

Mini Golf in the Library

The 4th Annual Mini Golf in the Library event is planned for **Saturday April 6, 2019.**

Save that date, and contact co-chair Nancy Kocsmiersky, HPL Development Office (nancy@holyokelibrary.org, 413-420-8109) if you have questions or would like to help.

*Sponsors, Donors and Volunteers
are needed and appreciated!
Thank you.*

STAY IN TOUCH!

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Volunteer Programs

Nancy Kocsmiersky, *Development Office*

The Library is always in need of volunteers. People can just come in and apply. But there are special programs which give incentives for volunteering. Just like Diane F. (pg 1) you can go thru:

The Senior Tax Credit Work-off Program allows seniors to volunteer 93 hours within a one-year period and they will receive a \$750 dollar abatement towards their property tax bill. The program is limited to 30. The deadline for the application is usually in March. If interested **contact the Council on Aging office at 322-5625.**

The Holyoke Veterans Tax Work off Program
Any Holyoke veteran that is chosen, can volunteer 90.9 hours for the city and receive an abatement of \$1,000 off of their property taxes. Applications are available at the Veteran Services department at the War Memorial Building, 310 Appleton St.. The deadline to submit applications is usually in April.
<https://www.holyoke.org/news/holyoke-veterans-tax-work-off-program-now-accepting-applications/> Call 322-5630 for more information.

