

BEYOND THE STACKS

Holyoke Public Library Newsletter

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FOURTH ANNUAL MINI GOLF IN THE LIBRARY – April 6, 2019



Playing at the animated hole designed by Holyoke Codes.

On Saturday April 6th, the library hosted the **Fourth Annual Mini Golf in the Library fundraiser**. Over 350 players registered for mini golf during the day -- our best turnout ever! Additional people (parents, grandparents) accompanied the youngest players, and others came and watched. We enjoyed seeing so many happy faces and hearing praise for the creative decorations (and obstacles) along the course. Thanks to all of the sponsors, donors and volunteers who contributed to the success of this event!

Suggestions for the future are welcome. Please let us know, contact Nancy Kocsmiersky at nancy@hol yokelibrary.org or 413-420-8109. Thank you!



All generations having fun at the 16th Hole.



Fun and Face paint at the library!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

STORY TIME - EVERY TUESDAY

PLACE CHILDREN'S ROOM

TIME 10-11AM

POKÉMON CLUB - EVERY TUESDAY

PLACE CHILDREN'S ROOM

TIME 4:15- 6:30PM

READING WITH ROOSTER - EVERY TUESDAY

PLACE TEEN ROOM

TIME 4 -6:00PM

STEAM ACTIVITIES - EVERY WEDNESDAY

PLACE CHILDREN'S ROOM

TIME 10AM -12PM

WALK IN ARTS & CRAFTS - EVERY SATURDAY

PLACE CHILDREN'S ROOM

TIME 9AM- 3PM

All are Welcome to attend.

GARDENING GIRLS - EVERY THURSDAY UNTIL JUNE 6

PLACE TEEN ROOM

TIME 3:45 -5:30PM

AFTERNOON AT THE MUSEUM FOR TEENS WEDNESDAY

APRIL 24TH AND MAY 1ST

PLACE TEEN ROOM AND AMHERST COLLEGE

TIME 3PM-6:30PM

JEFF SNOW:THE SOFTER SIDE OF CELTIC - MAY 1ST

PLACE COMMUNITY ROOM

TIME 6:30PM

GAMES AND GAB – RIVERVALLEY COUNSELING WILL ANSWER TEEN SEX ED. QUESTIONS – MAY 6TH

PLACE TEEN ROOM

TIME 3:00-5:00PM

DROP IN GENEALOGY - EVERY 3RD TUESDAY THRU SPRING

PLACE COMPUTER CLASSROOM ROOM

TIME 5:00 -7:30PM

PERFUME MAKING WITH ESSENTIAL OILS CLASS

- MAY 29TH

PLACE COMMUNITY ROOM

TIME 6:00PM

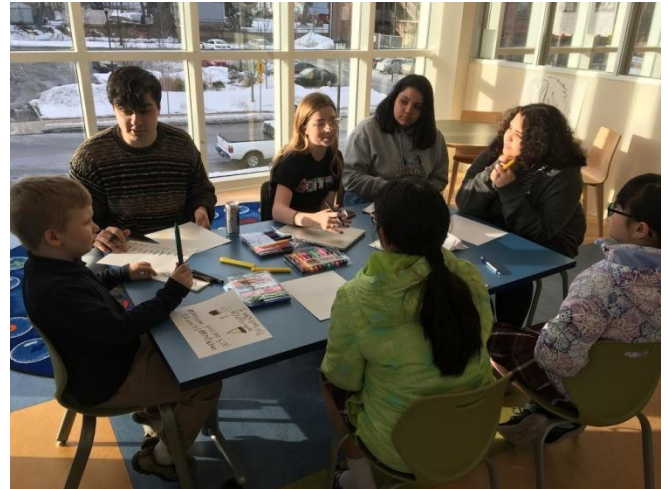
For an updated listing- Check the calendar Online:

<http://www.holyokelibrary.org/events2.aspx>

Children's Room News

Gregg Mitchell, *Children's Librarian*

The Holyoke Public Library has teamed up with the University of Massachusetts' Italian Studies Department to offer the public of Holyoke free Italian language lessons.



Mixed age Italian group being led by UMass student.

Learners of all ages are invited to attend lessons every **Monday from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM**. The Italian instructors are upper level undergraduate students who, under the supervision of their professor, teach a multi-leveled activity session.

New learners can learn basic vocabulary, play bingo with Italian words, listen to Italian music and sing along, as well as get a better understanding of Italian culture. There is also an advanced group which meets at the same time to practice their conversation skills. Some native speakers attend the course to assist in the finer points of pronunciation and this provides an additional resource for patrons to utilize.

Patrons of all ages may participate in either group based on how they feel about their proficiency. Some of the younger patrons may take to the language rather quickly, especially if they are already familiar with Spanish.

Children can learn foreign languages more quickly than adults. The reason for this is that the Broca's area of the brain is extremely active when a person is still a child. This area, when not put to use becomes underdeveloped, making it more difficult for people to learn a foreign language the older they get. ***It is for this reason, that children should be encouraged to learn a foreign language when they are young and their brain is continuing to grow.***

Teen Room News

Rachel Dowd, *Teen Librarian*

The Teen Room has many activities on going and planned for Spring. Including, **Garden Girls**, an 8 week outdoor education series for girls ages 13-17, kicked off at the library on April 4th. The group will be planting public gardens and fruit trees throughout Holyoke, and learning about the natural world around them.

The **Teen Advisory Group (T.A.G.)**, held its first meeting over the winter. The group will be helping plan youth led library programs for other teenagers in the Holyoke community. The group is currently in the process of planning a "late night at the library" event, where the library will be open after hours during an upcoming Friday. At this event teens will have the opportunity to watch a movie, eat pizza and snacks, play games, and sing karaoke, and dance.



Teens taking Charge!

Reading with Rooster continues to be one of our most popular weekly programs at the library. Children and teens have the opportunity to work on their reading skills by reading aloud to Rooster, a highly training therapy dog. They also get the chance to chat with Rooster's wonderful owner Katrin (pictured), about dog care and training.



Teens and kids playing UNO with Rooster!

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

History Room News

Eileen Crosby, *History Room Archivist*

Upcoming Events:

May 21, 5:00-7:30: Genealogy Clinic with professional genealogist **Hillary Schau**. Drop in any time between 5 and 7:30pm at the Computer Classroom to get help with genealogy research.

May 22, 6:30 PM: The History of Golf in Holyoke. Join **Tom Kass** in the Community Room for this talk on the origins of three golf courses that existed in Holyoke and the people associated with their development through the years. Tom has been a member at two of Holyoke's courses and has given presentations on other aspects of life in Holyoke, past and present.



Players at Wycoff Country Club circa 1909.

June 8, 10:30 AM: Exhibit opening: Vincent D'Addario: a Life in Photography. For Holyoke native Vincent S. D'Addario (1930-2011), the art and craft of photography was a both a livelihood and a passion. This exhibit highlights 35 extraordinary images from the History Room's recently acquired collection of Mr. D'Addario's prints and negatives. **Guest Speaker James Gehrt**, photographer, Digital Projects lead at Mount Holyoke College, will place D'Addario's work in context at this Exhibit Opening in the Community. **The Exhibit**



will be on view throughout the Library June 8 – July 5. This is supported in part by a grant from the Holyoke Local Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

For more information, call the History Room directly at (413) 420-8107. History Room Hours: Tuesdays 10-6, Wednesdays 12-6, and Thursdays 10-4, plus some Special Saturdays throughout the year.

Check out: <http://www.holyokelibrary.org/historyabout.asp>
Email: historyroom@holyokelibrary.org

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Thank You!

Nancy Kocsmiersky, Development Associate

To our Event Sponsors, Hole Sponsors, Donors and Volunteers: Thank you for your support of the "Mini Golf in the Library" fundraiser on April 6th.

With your help, we were able to run this wonderful community event AND donate proceeds of about \$5000 to support the Holyoke Public Library programs. Logos of these sponsoring companies were displayed on the scorecards given to players:

*** Ross, Webber, & Grinnell Insurance ***
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*** Martin J. Clayton Insurance Agency ***
*** WayFinders * Racing Mart Fuels, 330 Main St ***
*** Brad Matthew Jewelers ***
*** Holyoke Mall * Mass. Surgical Supply ***
*** Homewood Suites by Hilton ***

For more info about the event Check out:
<http://www.holyokelibrary.org/aboutfriendsgolf.asp>

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