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Holyoke Public Library

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Teen Room News Summer Mural

During the month of July, the library Teen Room had an exciting opportunity to work with a collective of female artists from Puerto Rico called the **Colectivo Morivivi**, to create a series of murals in the library.



A total of 9 teenage girls from **Girls Inc.** participated in the mural project as part of their summer externship, and 4 teenage girls from the library/ greater Holyoke community also participated in the mural project.

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Farewell Friends!

Holyoke Library Development Office



Jason, outgoing Assistant Director

It is with regret that the library is announcing that Jason LeFebvre, our Assistant Director, Rachel Dowd our Teen Librarian and Gregg Mitchell, Children's Librarian are leaving the Holyoke library.

Since Jason joined our library 14 years ago, he has been a valuable and well respected member of the team. As the Children's Librarian and later as Assistant Director, he was appreciated by his co-workers. The hard work and many contributions, including the extended hours of dedication are greatly appreciated. We will miss Jason's humor, professionalism, empathy and strength. We respect his decision and wish him the best for his future as an Academic librarian.

We are also saying goodbye to Rachel, Teen Librarian. For the last 2 and a half years, Rachel has grown attendance in the Teen Room and created an inviting space for many teens. Rachel has left the library to pursue her career as a Media Specialist at a public school. Gregg was very hard working and enthusiastic. He has moved on to be a Children's librarian at another public library.

On behalf of everyone at the Holyoke Library, please let us all wish Jason, Rachel and Gregg Good luck for the future and hope to see them again soon!

Children's Room News

Holyoke Library Children's Room

The Children's Summer Reading program was great!



It officially began on Monday, July 1st and was open to students grades K-8. **Every Friday from July 5th until August 2nd** children could bring in their completed reading log to receive a small weekly prize. Every Week, there were a variety of programs for all ages.



Patrons enjoying Craft making event.

Ice-Bird Magic Show - The Incredible Jonathan "Ice-Bird" Nelson returned to dazzle both young and old with his signature brand of magic.



Reading Buddies - Families came for a read aloud and to make their own stuffed animal to take home.



Scienctellers -

Scienctellers returned to present Aliens: Escape from Earth. An action-packed and educational alien adventure using science experiments for special effects.



Check out : <http://www.sciencetellers.com/aliens>

If you have any questions please call
Nathan, Children's librarian at 413-420-8105.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

POKÉMON CLUB - EVERY TUESDAY

PLACE CHILDREN'S ROOM
TIME 4:00- 6:00PM

POP UP RECORDING SESSIONS WITH HOLYOKE MEDIA—EVERY WEDNESDAY

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

ORIGAMI CLASS - EVERY 2ND ND 4TH WEDNESDAY

PLACE CHILDREN'S ROOM- ACTIVITY RM
TIME 5:30 - 6:30PM

JUMPSTART YOUR GENEALOGY

—FOUR WEDNESDAYS 10/16, 10/23, 10/30 AND 11/6

For the class schedule and descriptions see: <http://www.holyokelibrary.org/historynews.asp>

PLACE COMPUTER CLASSROOM
TIME 4:30 – 6:00PM

DR JUNGLESTEIN'S HALLOWEEN SPECTACULAR SHOW OCTOBER 19, 2019

Are you ready for some ghoulish times? This 45-minute program combines Halloween fun with Jungle Jim's special brand of balloon magic. Performance includes the Thriller Dance Challenge, Mummy Balloon Wrap Extravaganza, Ghostbusters Training and the giant 6-foot balloon!

PLACE CHILDREN'S ROOM
TIME 2:00PM

RAILROAD HERITAGE OF HOLYOKE, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 6:00 PM.

Holyoke native and railway enthusiast Dick Joyce will first share the 2015 video of his "Tour of Railroad Heritage of Holyoke." Then he will lead an informal conversation about the twentieth-century rail lines that were an integral part of Holyoke's economy until the 1960s. An exhibit of related texts and documents from the Holyoke History Room will be on view. Free.

PLACE COMMUNITY ROOM
TIME 6PM

HOLYOKE LIBRARY 149TH ANNUAL MEETING

- OCTOBER 31, 2019,
ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

PLACE COMMUNITY ROOM
TIME 6PM

History Room News

Eileen Crosby, *History Room Curator*

Jumpstart Your Genealogy (now with Spanish language assistance)



Wednesdays: October 16 - November 6
4:30 – 6:00 PM

with Hillary Schau and José Méndez

This four-class session is aimed at those new to genealogy and those who want a refresher on researching and organizing their family histories. Pre-register for one or more (even all four) sessions. Led by professional genealogist Hillary Schau. New this year: family historian José Méndez will offer bilingual (Spanish/English) research assistance at each class as needed.

All classes take place in the Computer Classroom, Third Floor. Class sessions are from 4:30 – 5:30.

One-on-one help or research on your own: 5:30-6:00.

I. October 16: Introduction to online and print sources for genealogy; starting your family tree; staying organized.

II. October 23: Vital Records and the Census: how to locate and understand the foundational records of your family tree.

III. October 30: Immigration and Naturalization Records: learn the basics of finding and understanding passenger lists, immigration documents, and other sources that document your ancestors' origins and movements.

IV. November 6: Everything else! Brief introductions to Military Records, Land Records, DNA research, personal papers, and digital recordkeeping.

Free, but pre-registration is required. **To pre-register: Call (413) 420-8107** and leave your telephone and email address. You will receive a call back to confirm your registration. * *Enrollment limited to 11 per session.*

For more information contact History Room Archivist Eileen Crosby at (413) 420-8107.

History Reading Room Hours

Tuesdays 10-6, Wednesdays 12-6, Thursdays 10-4

Email: historyroom@hol yokelibrary.org

Teen Room News

Summer Mural Project

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The teens worked with the ladies from **Colectivo Morivivi** and Rachel Dowd the Teen Librarian to create the design and then paint them in two areas in the library. From day one the artists worked on inspiring the teens to think deeply about what messages they wanted to convey with the murals.



Day 1- Artists and youth brainstorming ideas.

Once the design process was complete, they moved on to the painting process which included prepping the wall with a base coat and then projecting the design on the walls to trace out the outlines.



Artists and youth tracing while the design was projected.



With direction and supervision from the artists, the teens were ready to start adding the colors and details to the mural.

The First Mural is in the Community room.



The completed design.

The mural in the Community Room is about women from different backgrounds/ cultures growing together and being united by their Latinx heritage.

- The poem was crafted during a poetry exercise where they made poems as a group from words cut from magazines. Meaning - Women rising together.

- The bridge in the background is the bridge connecting Holyoke and Chicopee, a backdrop that many of the girls see on a daily basis.



The five teen artists portrayed in the mural.

-Each of **the flowers/ plants** have a different meaning and were selected by the girls during the brainstorming process. The flowers are from different places around the world. Mostly from tropical places except the one in the center which is a native flower of MA. They are all connected thru their roots like the people are all connected.

- The plants are covering their eyes to protect their anonymity and to depict how justice is blind in an ideal world.

The Second mural is by the New Books section.



The mural near the new books is about community organizing, and folks of different backgrounds coming together for a common cause.

- The girl in the purple Holyoke shirt is a teen girl from the mural project who is a young activist.
 - There is also a drag queen to represent the LGBTQ community, and a boy in a wheelchair to represent folks who have disabilities.



People from all walks of life coming together to protest!

Funding

This project was fully funded from organizations such as the **Friends of the Holyoke Public Library**, the **Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC)**, and the **Library Initiative for Teens and Tweens**. These organizations have been incredibly supportive and enthusiastic. Girls from the organization Girls Inc. were able to participate in the mural project as part of a paid internship program, and youth from the library and Holyoke were also invited to participate. Iohann Vega of **Radioplasma Recording Studio** was also able to work with the youth to document the project.

If you would like to know more about the meanings of these murals and the process, *come down to the library for a tour and/or check out this interview with the artists/teachers:*

<https://radioplasma.com/2019/08/05/colectivo-morivivi-the-murals-at-holyoke-public-library/>

Artists website: <https://www.colectivomorivivi.com/>

For more about this and other Teen Room information
CHECK OUT OUR INSTAGRAM PAGE!

<https://www.instagram.com/holyokelibraryteens/>

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Climate Change – What is it? What can you do about it?

On September 25, 2019, the library participated in Climate Preparedness Week by hosting a talk on Emergency planning and Climate Change.

This bilingual talk provided a brief overview of climate change, and offered solutions that can be taken as individuals, as social movements, and at the local, national, and global level.

The Speaker:

Eric Toensmeier is a Senior Fellow with Project Drawdown and the award-winning author of *The Carbon Farming Solution*, *Paradise Lot* and *Perennial Vegetables*.

For more info:

<https://www.mass.gov/be-prepared-for-emergencies>,
<https://www.drawdown.org/>
<https://www.climatecrew.org/>
<https://www.ready.gov/heat>