

BEYOND THE STACKS

Holyoke Public Library

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New Library Intern

The library welcomes a new library Intern



"Hi, my name is Ashley Rodriguez. I'm the new intern joining the Holyoke Public Library from Three Rivers Community College. Where I'm currently pursuing my General Studies Associate Degree alongside my Library Technology Certificate. I love reading children's books, mainly middle grade, young adult, comic book and graphic novels. A few of my favorite authors include Amparo Ortiz, David A. Robertson, Elisabet Velazquez, Elizabeth Lim and Nicola Yoon."

Welcome our new Teen Room Librarian

This February, the library welcomed a new Teen Librarian, Robin Siniaho. Robin has many years experience working in Public libraries.



"A little about myself. I have spent most of the last 15 years working in public libraries. I recently started graduate school to get my MLIS. This is the first time that I am going to be able to fully devote myself to Teen Services and I am thrilled about it. I plan to host a wide variety of programming with ideas ranging from music appreciation to summer job hunting.

I am looking to develop partnerships with the Teens of Holyoke to help guide me to create a space and programming that truly meets their wants and needs. In that endeavor I am looking forward to creating a *Teen Advisory Board*. This "TAB" will meet once or twice a month to help brain storm new programs, choose materials, and further the mission of serving Holyoke's young adults. I invite everyone to stop in the Teen Area. Sign up for TAB, take a quick survey and say "Hello!"

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Children's Room News

Holyoke Library Children's Room



Join Us For Story Time

Holyoke Library Children's Room
10 AM

In person Storytimes are back

Daytime story times are Monday, Wednesday and Saturday mornings at 10am. Evening story time is Tuesdays at 6pm.



El Tiempo de Cuentos en Español con Carlos

Available: video series, El Tiempo de Cuentos en Español (Spanish Story Time)! Join Carlos as he reads some of our favorite stories in Spanish! Check it out on our Facebook page and YouTube channel!



Craft hour

Come down for crafts! Call (413)420-8105 or email rpellissier@holyokelibrary.org to register.

Dial-A-Story

The library has Dial-A-Story! Available 24/7, our Dial-A-Story provides a selection of wonderful stories read aloud by your local librarians and guests. Email nhayes@holyokelibrary.org with requests for new stories!

To listen to our Dial-A-Story,
please call 413-420-5600!

In person Game night is here!



GAME NIGHT!

Thursdays in February

Grades K-6

6:00 PM

Children's Activity Room

MCAS Study Program is on our website –

Lumos StepUp is a comprehensive MCAS study program that provides assessments and online workbooks with hundreds of practice questions for **Math and English Language Arts for students in grades 3-8**. Students, parents and educators can conveniently access this program with a Holyoke Public Library card from anywhere using a computer, phone or any device with internet access.

HOLYOKE CHILDREN'S ROOM YOUTUBE CHANNEL



Children's Room YouTube Channel

The Children's Room has a YouTube channel! Subscribe [here!](#)

Children's Room Newsletter

Keep up to date with everything happening in the Library's Children's Room by subscribing to our newsletter, sent out every month! Fill out [this short form](#) or email nhayes@holyokelibrary.org to subscribe!

To see what we have available, please email our children's librarian **Nathan** at nhayes@holyokelibrary.org or **Rene** at rpellissier@holyokelibrary.org call the Children's Room at **413-420-8105!**

Celebrate Black History Month 2/1 - 3/1



Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of black people in U.S. history.

Come down to the library and check out the Black History Month display and be inspired to take out some books, movies and other items celebrating Black history!

For More info, check out these links:

- [Black History Facts](#)
The History Chanel - Black History Facts
- [Black Cultural Connection](#)
Black History Little Known Facts
- [Biography - Black History Month](#)
- [Black History and Culture](#)

Diversity Poster Contest

Feb 23- March 18

The Holyoke Library is happy to host a Diversity Poster Contest to celebrate all of the diversity in our community. This contest is open to all ages and winners win prizes!



On TUESDAY FEB 22 AT 10:00AM COME DOWN or watch on ZOOM and LEARN SOME DESIGN BASICS and PICK UP FREE ART SUPPLIES while supplies last!

Starting WEDNESDAY FEB 23, YOU CAN START to BRING IN YOUR ENTRIES!

For more Information check out- [Poster Contest Info](#)

Library Hours

September 2021- May 2022

Monday - Thursday - 8:30am to 8:30pm

Friday - Saturday - 8:30am-4:00pm,

(Closed Sundays and holidays).

Computers shut down 30 minutes before closing time.

*** IF Holyoke CITY HALL CLOSSES DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER THE HOLYOKE LIBRARY IS ALSO CLOSED.**

Holyoke History Room Hours

The History Room has more limited hours than the rest of the Library. Please click [here for details](#)

To note: Visitors and staff are required to wear masks in our building. Please wear a mask covering your mouth and nose at all times. We provide free masks and sanitizer.

Don't have a Public Library Card?

Click [here](#), fill out the form and a Library Staff member will contact you to schedule a time when you may stop by and pick up your new library card.

Mobile Printing and Faxing Available

Need to print from your computer or mobile device? Don't have a printer? Use this:

- **From your computer**, email your document to holyoke-browsing@printspots.com to be printed.

- **From mobile devices**, download the **PrinterOn App** from [Google Play](#) or [Apple App Store](#). Search for Holyoke, MA. Select Holyoke Browsing Printer. Follow directions.

- **Then**, once your documents are Sent to be printed at the library, call or email to pick them up via Curbside Service. (See Above)

Need to send a Fax? From your phone or computer/tablet, go to [Faxscan24.com](https://faxscan24.com) and follow instructions to input fax number and payment.

Coronavirus- COVID 19

Helpful Links:

- [Mass.Gov/covid19](https://www.mass.gov/covid19)
- [Unemployment & COVID-19](#)
- <https://dtaconnect.eohhs.mass.gov/>
- [COVID-19 Fact Sheets \(multilingual\)](#)
- [Frequently asked questions](#)

ONLINE RESOURCES

** A library card is needed to access some of our online resources.*

Don't have a Public Library Card?

Get one from the Holyoke Public Library!

Click <https://holyoke.cwmars.org/eg/opac/register> and fill out the form and a Library Staff member will contact you to schedule a time when you may stop by and pick up your new library card. To learn what you can access with your Holyoke Public Library card, check out [re-Discover Your Public Library](#).

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

[HTTP://HOLYOKELIBRARY.ORG/REFERENCEDATABASES.ASP](http://holyokelibrary.org/referencedatabases.asp) ,
LIBRARY 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.

Check out other Massachusetts newspapers [here](#).

EDUCATION

Online Courses and Continue Education Classes



[Online Non-Credit Courses Tutorial](#)

LEARN NEW SKILLS

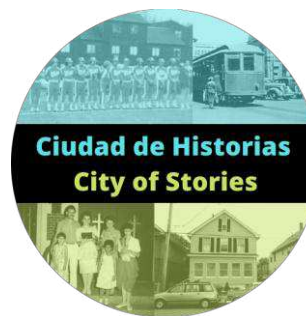
Rocket Languages Tutorial



[ArtistWorks Tutorial](#)

History Room News

Eileen Crosby, *Archivist*

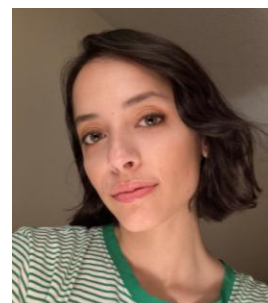


The Holyoke History Room has received a Mass Humanities grant for \$15,600 that will allow the creation of three online walking tours of Holyoke. *Ciudad de Historias/City of Stories* will provide an online introduction to historic places in the Flats, South Holyoke, and downtown, along with stories of life in Holyoke from current residents.

Anyone wishing to get involved in this community history project can call the History Room or contact **Project Coordinator Alex Santiago** at

ciudadhistorias@holyokelibrary.org . The collaborative

project will involve members of the public, HCC students, and Holyoke Media. The History Room is working closely with *Nueva Esperanza*, which also received a Mass Humanities grant for its El Corazón walking tours.



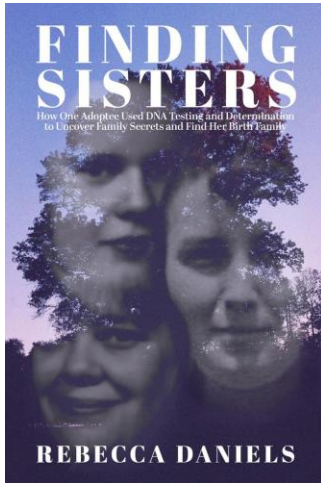
Alex Santiago

El Salón de Historia de Holyoke ha recibido una beca de Mass Humanities por \$15,600 que permitirá la creación de tres recorridos a pie en línea de Holyoke. *Ciudad de Historias/ City of Stories* facilitará una introducción en línea a lugares históricos en los Flats, South Holyoke y el centro de la ciudad, junto con historias de la vida en Holyoke de los residentes actuales. Cualquier persona que desee participar en este proyecto comunitario de historia puede llamar al Salón de Historia o ponerse en contacto con la **Coordinadora del Proyecto Alex Santiago** por correo electrónico ciudadhistorias@holyokelibrary.org. El proyecto colaborativo involucrará a miembros de la comunidad, estudiantes de HCC y Holyoke Media. El Salón de Historia está trabajando cercanamente con *Nueva Esperanza*, que también recibió una beca de Mass Humanities por sus recorridos a pie por El Corazón.

For more information or to get involved, write to ciudadhistorias@holyokelibrary.org or

Contact the History room at:
413-420-8107 historyroom@holyokelibrary.org
Hours: Tues. 10-2 & 3-6, Wed. 10-4,
Thurs. 10-4 (and by appointment)

History Room Events



Join us in person or online on **March 3 at 6 PM** for a talk with Rebecca Daniels, author of *Finding Sisters: How One Adoptee Used DNA Testing and Determination to Uncover Family Secrets and Find Her Birth Family* (Sunbury Press, 2021).

With almost no information on her genetic heritage, adoptee Rebecca Daniels went in search of her birth parents, using DNA testing, genealogical research, thoughtful letter writing, and a willingness to make awkward phone calls with strangers. But along the way, she found much more: two half-sisters, a slew of cousins on both sides...a family waiting to be discovered.

“Refreshingly honest and personal. Like no other DNA success story, *Finding Sisters* uses footnotes and family tree diagrams to show exactly how the search unfolds” – advance praise from Richard Hill, author of *Finding Family: My Search for Roots and the Secrets in My DNA*.

Rebecca Daniels is a retired professor of theater and the author of *Keeping the Lights on for Ike*, based on her father’s letters home during WWII. She is currently working on a memoir about her later-life second marriage and sudden widowhood.

Pre-registration required to attend in-person (limited capacity) or online. To register for the in-person event, call 413-420-8107. To register for the Zoom event: <https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZAsce-qrT8vG9O4kmjlnaV37WKVwdPPfTXV>
Masks required of those attending in person.

The History Room welcomed help in the fall from two Amherst College seniors in the Spanish Senior Seminar.

Abner Aldarondo, a Spanish and Latinx Studies major from Holyoke, developed bilingual metadata for the Nuestros Senderos project, bringing this collection of local family history materials a big step closer to going online. **Kya Rincon**, a Spanish and Political Science major from New York, helped organize a large collection of news clippings related to the local Puerto Rican Diaspora. Abner plans to attend graduate school and Kya already has a job offer in New York. We are grateful for their help and wish them much success!



Abner and Kya working in the History room.

Stay informed about History Room events by checking the **News** page ([Holyoke Public Library \(holyokelibrary.org\)](https://holyokelibrary.org)) and subscribing to the **History Room email list**. (<http://eepurl.com/Tq8ib>)

Teen Room News



One of the best parts of the Holyoke Library is our Teen Room. It is a space that teens may truly call their own and express themselves.

Teen Rm Homework Resources

[Gale Databases](#): Databases for your research needs
[Khan Academy](#): Free and helpful videos and lessons about a variety of academic subjects

**** Try BRAINFUSE -for Tutoring help!**

If you have any questions feel free to email our **teen librarian Robin** at rsiniaho@hol yokelibrary.org or call 413-420-8119. CHECK our INSTAGRAM PAGE! <https://www.instagram.com/hol yokelibraryteens/>

Reference Room News

Reference Room

Reference librarians are available to provide guidance in every aspect of the research process.

The Holyoke library has an extensive **e-reference collection** with full-text books available online.

All Titles	Health	Literature
Biography	History	Magazines/Journals

Grow with Google

The Holyoke Library is working with [Grow with Google](#) which offers our patrons Free training, tools and events to help users grow their skills, career or business.

If you have any questions, Please feel free to contact the Reference Department at 413-420-8101 x1 or emailing mbaron@hol yokelibrary.org or clivengood@hol yokelibrary.org.

Virtual Presentation- 2/22

Have financial worries? Need to stretch every dollar? Attend our **Free, virtual presentation** on **Tuesday 2/22/22 – 6-8pm.**

How to Drastically Cut Costs in Difficult Times



Consumer advocate **Richard Nathan** will tell you about the benefits of credit unions, how to invest on your own with no-load mutual funds, how to buy new and used cars wisely, how to save money when getting car, home, and life insurance, and much more. Mr. Nathan has been teaching consumer education for more than 30 years. **This virtual event is FREE and open to the public. Registration is required.**

[Please register here.](#) Or on our website. After signing up, you will receive a ZOOM meeting link by email.

* Wi-Fi Hotspot Lending

We have the 5 Hotspot Devices to Loan!

In fulfilling the Library's mission to provide access to educational resources, the Library has established a **Wi-Fi Hotspot Lending Program** to assist patrons needing Internet access for a limited time. The intention of the hotspot lending program is to provide Internet access for

- Students to use for help with remote learning
- Patrons to search and apply for jobs and other assistance.
- Workers to travel with internet for meetings
- Patrons to have access to the library's digital resources such as our databases, eBooks, etc.

Patrons can take advantage of our Wi-Fi hotspot lending program with a Holyoke Public Library card. The Wi-Fi hotspot lending program is not intended to provide continual Internet access for any one household

The **"Wi-Fi Hotspot Kit"** consists of a mobile wireless hotspot device, as well as its cable, charger, and case. When a patron borrows a hotspot kit, the patron's use of the equipment is available under the following terms and conditions in addition to the standard Library policies (notably the Library's **Internet and Electronic Information Use Policy**). And other terms and conditions as described below for which the user is responsible.

****To borrow a Hotspot Kit**, patrons must be 18 years of age or older and have a Holyoke Public Library card (in good standing -- i.e. library card is not blocked due to unpaid fines or lost material). Call ahead to reserve a kit. At checkout, Library staff will confirm that all items are present in the hotspot kit. The patron must sign the Library's **Hotspot Lending Program Rules and Agreement** before checking out. Only one hotspot kit may be borrowed on a patron's account/per household at any given time.

The loan period for the Hotspot Kits are three (3) days or 14 days with no grace period.

Together We Read: "The Five Wounds"

[Together We Read](#) is a **Digital Book Club for participating libraries in the United States.**

Patrons of the Holyoke library can join the digital book club and borrow **The Five Wounds** in eBook or audiobook format. February 7 – 21, 2022.



Community Resources -Holyoke



[The Holyoke Safe Neighborhood Initiative](#) is a creation of the [Hampden County Sheriff's Department](#) which has a partnership between law enforcement; local government; service organizations; and residents.

The Holyoke Safe Neighborhood Initiative (HSNI) partners with [413cares.org](#), a local non-profit serving Western Massachusetts, to provide our community with access to resources for Food, Housing, Goods, Transit, Health, Financial Assistance, Care, Education, Work & Legal.

Click here to [Meet their Local Partner Agencies!](#)

Beware of Phone and Email Scammers!

Millions of Americans, have been the victims of phone and email scams. The [phone scam is spoofing](#). This can also happen with emails. Always double check the identity/email of the sender.

Check out info from the FCC has on how to deal with scams like [Caller ID Spoofing](#).

Food Bank Resources -Local

[Food Bank of Western MA](#)

Find a food pantry or free meal during COVID-19 crisis- During the COVID-19 crisis, some members of The Food Bank have adjusted their hours or have decided to close. Click on the link above to see this schedule to find free meals or a food pantry. This schedule is updated frequently, so please check back regularly.

COVID Vaccine and Testing Sites - Holyoke

GET YOUR COVID 19 VACCINE

Everyone, individuals age 75 and older, individuals age 60 and older, individuals with 2+ certain medical

conditions, residents and staff of low income and affordable senior housing, K-12 educators, K-12 school staff, and child care workers are especially recommended to get the COVID-19 vaccine and booster.

Pre-Register for the Vaccine by going to the [Mass.gov Covid-19 website](#) or call 211 for help registering.

Get free COVID test kits at HOME

There's a new federal resource to get free FDA-authorized Coronavirus test kits. At [COVIDtests.gov](#), you'll find information about testing and a link to the U.S. Postal Service – [special.usps.com/testkits](#) – where you can order up to four rapid tests to be sent to your home address. **Or order your kits by calling 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489).** Your kits will be mailed through the U.S. Postal Service within 7 to 12 days.

The tests are completely free. There are no shipping costs, and you don't have to give a credit card or bank account number. You only need to give a name and address. Once you place an order, you'll get an order confirmation number. If you give your email address, you'll also get an order confirmation email and delivery updates. **Anyone who asks for more information than that is a scammer.**

STOP THE SPREAD TESTING SITES EXTENDED TESTING THROUGH March 31, 2022

WALK UP COVID-19 Testing Site in 310 Appleton St. Testing hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 2pm to 6pm. The public will not be allowed to enter the building during testing hours.

DRIVE UP COVID-19 Testing Site in Holyoke Holyoke Community College - 303 Homestead Ave. Testing will run until 3/31/22.

A map with the new traffic pattern and testing site location is posted on the [Holyoke Board of Health website](#). The testing takes place at Lot H.

Hours and days of operation:

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 7am - 11am. Tuesday and Thursday 2pm - 7pm.
- Turnaround time is typically 4 days or fewer.
- This test site is first come, first serve. **There are no appointments.** - for Information on all of the Test sites across the State at: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/stop-the-spread>

***Testing will run until 3/31/22**

STAY IN TOUCH!

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Children's Dept: 413-420-8105

Teen Dept: 413-420-8119/

<http://www.facebook.com/hplteenroom/>

History Room: 413-420-8107

www.facebook.com/holyokehistoryroom/

Computer Room: 413-420-8118

Fundraising: 413-420-8109

Looking for a New book, Music or to Keep Learning?

Wowbrary

The newest stuff at your library

Wowbrary regularly informs you by email and/or RSS about your chosen public library's newest books, movies and music. **Wowbrary** makes it easy for you to place a hold on a new title. **This is a free user service** supported by grants, donations, sponsorships, book sale commissions and volunteers. To receive a copy of Wowbrary via your e-mail, [click here](#) to subscribe.



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