

BEYOND THE STACKS

Holyoke Public Library

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January 2023

Nutcracker Ballet preview at the library

On Saturday, December 3, 2022 the community was invited to a special preview of the Nutcracker Ballet by Holyoke's Massachusetts Academy of Ballet in Open Square.



The Nutcracker with Doll and fighting the Mouse Queen

Those who attended were registered for a chance to win a **pair of free tickets** to The Nutcracker on December 17. There was also Cookie-decorating in the **Children's Room**.

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Clara and ensemble



Sugar Plum Fairy

Also available was a Print-your-own heirloom-recipe station in the **Computer Room**

The History Room and the Computer Room joined forces to offer a print-your-own heirloom recipe activity. All who participated left with their recipe **printed on 100% cotton rag paper**, of the kind once made (literally) by the ton in Holyoke. Anyone who wishes can include their recipe in the Holyoke History Room's new Community Recipe Collection can send it to this email : historyroom@hol yokelibrary.org.

Take-and-Make graham cracker gingerbread house kits were also available. Our staff also had a display of gingerbread houses in the lobby to inspire all!

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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 Story times are available

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

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.

Children and Teen Game Night



Thursdays at 6pm on the second floor in the Activity room. No registration required, Just come!

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!

Meet our New Evening Library Assistant

The Holyoke Library is happy to welcome a new addition to the staff, Cal Sieh.



"A little about me: This will be my 5th year working in public libraries. I love a challenging question. I grew up in the Midwest, but Holyoke is my home. A few of my favorite things: skateboarding, horror movies and hanging out with animals of all kinds. Thank you for welcoming me to the Holyoke Public Library. I'm excited and grateful for this opportunity to get to know you!"

Cal Sieh

pronouns: they/them/theirs

BUILDWAVE

Learn Game Building on Feb 22, 2023



Want to foster your child's interest in STEM? Come to the library as we host **ImagArena for the Buildwave: A hands-on building game!**

Buildwave is a creative building program that feels like a video game! Over the course of the workshop students create with over a dozen different building materials, including Lego®, PlusPlus®, and custom-made Buildwave materials. The workshop is structured like a video game, with an audiovisual setup featuring animations and music that guide students through the different building waves. As your child creates with wave after wave of new objects, they build creative confidence, become better collaborators, and encounter design and engineering fundamentals. Learn more by visiting our website www.buildwave.com.

Date: Feb. 22, 2023- Wednesday from 12- 3pm

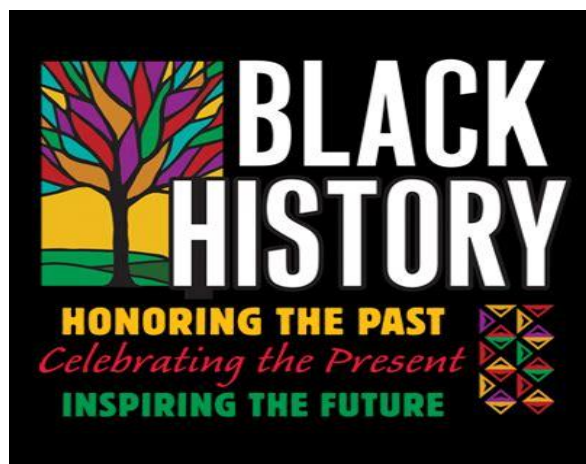
***Event repeated on April 19th from 10am- 4pm**

Where: library Community Room

Age Range: Grades K - 6

****Limited Number of Participants: Maximum: 20 -registration is required at 413-420-8101.**

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 in February and check out the Black History Month display and CHECK OUT books, movies celebrating Black history!

**[Link to Items in Library catalog](#)*

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](#)

COVID CLINICS

Come down to the library for Covid Vaccine Clinics this winter in the community room.
FOR MORE SPECIFIC INFO:

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

Protect yourself, your family, and your loved ones.

Dates: Monday 12/12/22

Time: 3pm – 7pm

Location: Holyoke Public Library Community Meeting Room

Vaccine(s) being offered:

- COVID-19 Vaccines (Moderna, Novavax & Pfizer)
- Bivalent COVID-19 Boosters

Follow the link to register:

- Appointment preferred, not required

<https://home.color.com/vaccine/register/cdrmaquire?calendar=>

check it out on our website at: [Calendar 1/12/23](#),
[Calendar 2/7/23](#), [Calendar 3/7/23](#)

Library Hours

September 2022- May 2023

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

Friday - Saturday – 8:30am-4:00pm,

(Closed Sundays, select Saturdays 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 no longer required to wear masks in our building. We still provide free hand 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 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

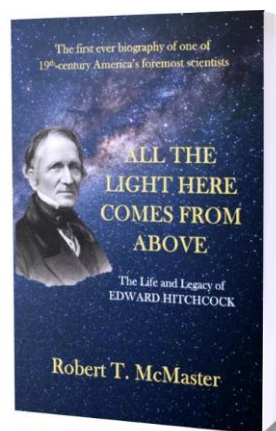
[Rocket Languages Tutorial](#)



[ArtistWorks Tutorial](#)

History Room

Presents: **EDWARD HITCHCOCK: AMERICA'S FIRST DINOSAUR EXPERT** with Bob McMaster



**February 11, 2023
at 11:00 AM
in the Community Room**

EDWARD HITCHCOCK was one of 19th-century America's most eminent scientists. He was the first American scientist to publicly embrace the theory of continental glaciation, but he is better known for his landmark research on what he called

the "fossil footmarks" of the Connecticut Valley. No biography had been written of him until 2021, when *All the Light here Comes from Above: The Life and Legacy of Edward Hitchcock* was published by retired HCC biology professor Bob McMaster. In his presentation, Bob will review the life of Edward Hitchcock, his legacy as a scientist, and his role in the early development of Mount Holyoke College, Amherst College, and the UMass Amherst.

ROBERT T. MCMASTER has advanced degrees from Boston College, Smith College, and the University of Massachusetts. He taught biology at Holyoke Community College from 1994 to 2014. Besides his biography of Edward Hitchcock, he has authored the Trolley Days Series, four novels set in Holyoke in the World War I era, and *Rose of Glenkerry: A County Wicklow Mystery*, a contemporary novel set in Ireland.

**Librarian for Historical Collections:
Eileen Crosby, Ph.D., M.S.L.S.**

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)
Closed Mondays and Fridays except by special arrangement.

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

Teen Room



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 Room 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@holyokelibrary.org or call 413-420-8119. CHECK our INSTAGRAM PAGE!
<https://www.instagram.com/holyokelibraryteens/>

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@holyokelibrary.org or clivengood@holyokelibrary.org.

Nutcracker Ballet preview on 12/3/22 —Continued from pg 1

Staff Gingerbread House display in lobby.



If interested, SCAN this code to check out our catalog for some books on Gingerbread houses.



For an easy Graham Cracker House design check out this Website for instructions:

<https://easybudgetrecipes.com/graham-cracker-gingerbread-houses/>

Upcoming Library Events

Events Coming to the library in 2023:

JANUARY

- 1/12 – **COVID Vaccine Clinic**- 3-7pm, Community Room *event repeated – 2/9 and 3/7

-1/17 –**Community Legal Aid Info** – 6- 8pm, Community Rm.

-1/24 - **Fabulous Folktales** – 2- 3pm, Community Rm.

FEBRUARY

- 2/7 – **Love Poetry to Share** – 3:30 - 4:30pm, Community Rm.

- 2/9 – **COVID Vaccine Clinic** - 3-7pm, Comm. Rm.

- 2/11- “**Edward Hitchcock...**” – 11am, Comm. Rm.

- 2/22 – **BUILDWAVE**- 12- 3pm, Comm. Rm.

MARCH

- 3/7 – **COVID Vaccine Clinic**- 3-7pm, Comm. Rm.

- 3/16 –**Musician Jeff Snow**-The Softer Side of Celtic- 6:30pm, Comm. Rm.

APRIL

- 4/19 – **BUILDWAVE**- 10am- 4pm, Comm. Rm.

- 4/29 – **Mini Golf and Games at the Library!** – 9:30am - 3:30pm, all around the library.

Check our website for any updates or additional events. Click for [HPL Calendar](#). For more information, call the main desk at 413-420-8101.

Mini Golf and Games 2023! SAVE the DATE

SAVE THE DATE - April 29, 2023

Mini Golf and Games at the Library!
¡Minigolf en Juegos a la Biblioteca!

Saturday, April 29
9:30 am - 3:30 pm
Mini Golf for all ages
Under 5, Free
Ages 5-12, \$3; Adults, \$5



Come play 18 holes
INSIDE the Library!
Human Foosball
outside in the park!

*This year we're also
part of the
City of Holyoke's
150th Anniversary
Celebrations*

For more information:

City Anniversary- exploreholyokey.com

Mini Golf event-

www.holyokelibrary.org/aboutfriendsgolf.asp



This FUN
community event is
also a
FUNDRAISER for
the Library.
Proceeds from
sponsorships
(Hole Sponsors,
Event Sponsors,
Team Sponsors),
ticket sales and the
auction will support

library programming and services, especially for
children and young adults.

****To become a Sponsor, Donor or Volunteer,
please contact Nancy Kocsmiersky, Mini Golf
Chair, at the HPL Development Office
(413-420-8109), or send an email to
nancy@holyokeylibrary.org.
Thank you!**

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!](#)

Holyoke Farmer's Market

War Memorial 310 Appleton Street, Holyoke, MA



Holyoke Farmers' Market is on every First and
Third Saturday from 10am – 2pm on 310
Appleton Street. The winter market began on
December 10th and continues until March 18th.
The Holyoke Farmers' Market accepts SNAP and
HIP. Spanish interpreter and translations available
at every market.

Food Bank Resources -Local

[Food Bank of Western MA*](#)



Find a food pantry or free meal. 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 boosters.

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 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.**

COVID TESTING SITE

DRIVE UP COVID-19 Testing Site in Holyoke

[Holyoke Community College](#) - 303 Homestead Ave. A map with the testing site location is posted on the [Holyoke Board of Health website](#).



The testing takes place at Lot M.
Hours and days of operation:
- Monday-Friday 10am -5pm and
- Saturday - Sunday 10am - 2pm
- Turnaround time is typically 4 days or fewer.

- **Appointments preferred but not required.** - for Information on all of the Test sites across the State at: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/stop-the-spread>

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



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.

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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

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Editor's Note

Nancy Kocsmiersky, Development Assistant

Hi all, my name is Nancy and I am the editor of the Quarterly Newsletters.



I hope that everyone enjoys getting these little snapshots into the library events and activities. **If you have any Comments, Questions, Corrections, or Suggestions for new articles please email me at nancy@holyokelibrary.org.**

Thank you and keep Reading!