

# BEYOND THE STACKS

Holyoke Public Library

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## Congratulations Jason!!

Jason, our Assistant Director earned a **Master's in Library and Information Science** from the University of Southern Mississippi!



*Jason receiving his librarian survival kit and cake!*

Jason achieved this great accomplishment while working full time at the library. The library board, administration and staff are all proud of Jason for this major milestone that he has earned. Thank you to Robin, Vi, Mayra, Cal, and Nathan for setting up the celebration and all of the staff who supported the event.

Jason, Great Job!

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## Welcome our new Financial Manager, Allie!

**Welcome Allie to the library!**



### Bio:

Allie is a versatile professional with expertise in Finance, HR, Business Development, Digital Marketing, and Fundraising. Allie holds an MS in Project Management and has a background in Industrial Engineering.

Beyond her professional pursuits, Allie is deeply passionate about giving back to the community. During the challenging times of COVID-19, she founded and funded "im2," a small non-profit dedicated to producing masks to support those in need. In 2023, Allie empowered Latin women in Westfield through financial literacy seminars, reflecting her commitment to fostering education and empowerment.

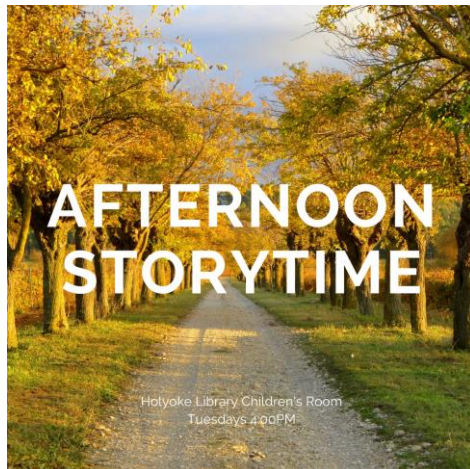
Allie also enjoys staying active with activities like volleyball and yoga, expressing her creativity through painting and photography, and finding satisfaction in organizing functional areas such as offices and common spaces. Allie Aguirre's career is marked by a dedication to excellence, a passion for community impact, and a commitment to continuous learning and growth.

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# Children's Room News

*Holyoke Library Children's Room*



## Afternoon Story times are here

Daytime story times are Tuesday afternoons at 4pm.



The Just for Kids Streaming Collection for public libraries gives children—and their parents—a thoroughly kid-safe, advertisement-free media platform they can freely explore and enjoy.



Just for Kids has the educational videos children want to watch—Sesame Street, The Electric Company, The Wubbulous World of Dr. Seuss, The Berenstain Bears, Franklin, and thousands more—plus songs, games, and other interactive activities that are sure to entertain, educate, and inspire young minds!

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Berenstain Bears and thousands more—plus songs, games, and other interactives that are sure to entertain, educate, and inspire young minds!



## Craft hour

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

## 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](mailto:nhayes@holyokelibrary.org) to subscribe!

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

# 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 Room Homework Resources

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

If you have any questions feel free to email our **teen librarian Robin** at

[rsiniaho@holyokelibrary.org](mailto:rsiniaho@holyokelibrary.org) or call 413-420-8119. CHECK our INSTAGRAM PAGE!

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

## 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](#)

## Staff Picks are back!

*The library staff are happy to be offering their personal suggestions of good books and movies to check out for information and fun.*



Check these out by the Community bulletin

## Library Hours

**September 2023- May 2024**

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

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

(Closed: select Saturdays, 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](#)

### 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](mailto: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

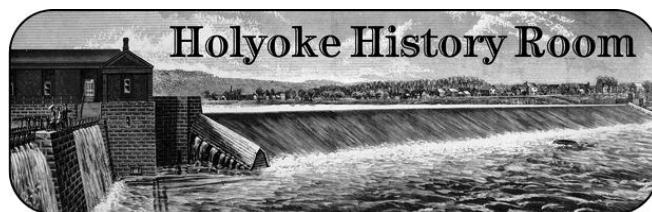
[Rocket Languages Tutorial](#)



[ArtistWorks Tutorial](#)

## History Room News

Eileen Crosby, *Archivist*



Free genealogy consultations and workshops offered every month by the Holyoke History Room

### Upcoming workshops:

**Wednesday, January 10, 2:00-4:00 PM: Organizing your Genealogy - A Workshop with Hillary Schau.**

Family history researchers often accumulate a mountain of paper and numerous digital files.

Professional genealogist Hillary Schau comes to the rescue with this 75-minute workshop on tips and tricks for getting and staying organized as you pursue your genealogical



journey. A 30-minute Q&A follows the presentation. In the Computer Classroom. Seats are limited, so please pre-register by calling the History Room at (413) 420-8107. Limited to 12 participants.

### February Drop-in Genealogy Consultations.

**Tuesday, 2/6: 4-6PM, and Wednesday, 2/14: 2-4PM**

### Tuesday, March 5: 4:00 -6:00 PM:



**Hispanic Genealogy Research & FamilySearch, with Irisneri Alicea Flores.**

Many Latinos and Latinas hit early brick walls in their family history research because they don't realize how many relevant records

are available through the FamilySearch database. Iris will help participants learn to navigate FamilySearch and discover what they can find out about their ancestors. Pre-register by calling the History Room at (413) 420-8107.

### Holyoke History Room Reading Room open:

**Tuesdays 10-2 & 3-6; Wednesdays and Thursdays 10-4 (and by appointment)**

[historyroom@holyokelibrary.org](mailto:historyroom@holyokelibrary.org) (413) 420-8107

## Nutcracker Ballet Preview at the library

On Saturday, December 2, 2023 the community was invited to a special preview of the Nutcracker Ballet by Holyoke's Massachusetts Academy of Ballet.



*Sugar Plum Fairy*



*Dancers and audience taking pictures*



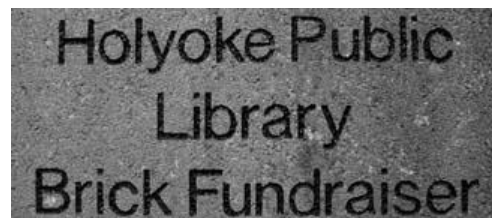
*Soldier resting*

There was also crafts available in the Children's room and gingerbread kits distributed to patrons.

## Make a Lasting Mark

*Nancy Kocsmiersky, Development Office*

The library is once again offering the opportunity to create a lasting family tribute, honor a loved one, or express the support of your business by reserving a permanent brick in the library's brick patio by old the Maple St entrance!



To get the order form [Click Here](#) or contact Nancy at [nancy@holyokelibrary.org](mailto:nancy@holyokelibrary.org) or to donate online go to [LibraryDonationPage](#). \*Just write that it is a brick donation in the notes section and you will be emailed the form. Bricks are usually installed in the spring. Thank you for your support.

## \* Monthly Movie night



Join us for a monthly All Ages movie night where families can enjoy a movie and a snack in the Community room.

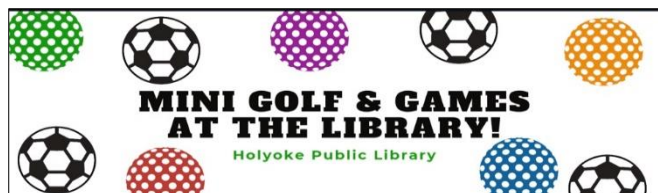


*A fun night at the library!*

Movies are voted on from a list created by the front desk staff. Keep checking our website for the schedule at [Holyoke Library Calendar](#). You can also call the front desk at 413-420-8101.

## Mini Golf and Games at the Library is back!

Nancy Kocsmiersky, Development Office



The Holyoke library is pleased to announce plans for our annual Fundraiser April 19-20, 2024:

**“Mini Golf and Games at the Library!”** – a series of FUN activities inside and outside of the Holyoke Public Library on **Saturday, April 20.**  
- **Mini Golf in the Library**, for all ages (under 5 free), 9:30 am - 3:30 pm, 18 holes of miniature golf inside the building!



NEW this year:

- **\* Preview Night!** Join us for a casual event featuring early access to the Mini Golf course and special Friday night only auction items. **\*Friday April 19 only.\***
- **\*\* Glow in the Dark Mini Golf in the Library**, for all ages (under 5 free), 9:30 am - 3:30 pm, 9 holes of miniature golf in the Community room! **\*Saturday only.\***

**We need many Volunteers and Sponsors to make this event great! Join us!**

For more information check out our website at [Holyoke library Mini golf](https://www.holyokelibrary.org/mini-golf). Or scan code.



Ready to join us? Email [nancy@hol yokelibrary.org](mailto:nancy@hol yokelibrary.org), or call 413-420-8109.

## Congratulations Jason!

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Jason with HPL Board President, George Mettey



Jason with Board member, Manuel Frua-Ramos and co-worker Vi.



Jason with co-worker Mayra

## Giving Tree at the Library

This past December, the Holyoke Public Library, led by Jason, partnered with Margaret's Pantry and the Sisters of Providence Ministries to collect holiday gifts



*Giving Tree with wishes on Mittens*  
For children who may not be lucky enough to get everything on their list.

This project was a great success, with all gift requests fulfilled!

## STAY IN TOUCH!

### HOLYOKE PUBLIC LIBRARY

250 Chestnut St, Holyoke, MA 01040

413-420-8101, [library@holyoke.org](mailto:library@holyoke.org)

Website: [www.holyokelibrary.org/](http://www.holyokelibrary.org/)

Facebook : [www.facebook.com/holyokepubliclibrary/](https://www.facebook.com/holyokepubliclibrary/)

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/HolyokeLibrary>

### DEPARTMENT CONTACTS:

Main Desk: 413-420-8101

Reference Dept.: 413-420-8106

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/](https://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 about your public library's newest books, movies and music. **This is a free user service** supported by grants, donations, and volunteers. To receive a copy of Wowbrary via your e-mail, [click here](#) to subscribe.

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## Get Free COVID test kits at HOME

There's a new federal resource to get free FDA-authorized Coronavirus test kits. At [COVIDtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov), you'll find information about testing and a link to the U.S. Postal Service – [special.usps.com/testkits](https://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.

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Holyoke, MA 01040

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