

BEYOND THE STACKS

Holyoke Public Library

www.holyokelibrary.org

October 2024

The Summer Reading program was Great!

The Summer Reading program ran from June 27th through August 2nd for kids and teens. Adult programming lasted until August 8th.



The Holyoke Public Library hosted a kickoff party on June 27th which had many people playing games, doing the scavenger hunt and eating Free ice cream.

Over the course of the summer, we had 5,673 building visits and Circulation Staff handled 1,125 questions at the main desk. We also had three days in July when we had over 300 visits to the building. This is an excellent number!



Our dedicated library staff is busy working on Fall and Winter events. Check out the [library calendar](#) to keep up to date on all the library programs. We hope to see you at one of the events!

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Children's Room News

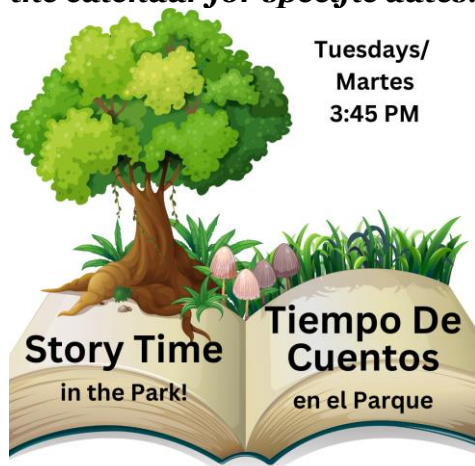
Holyoke Library Children's Room

The Children's Library has many activities planned for fall. Like a nocturnal animal event in October.

We also provide access to quality early educational programming year-round.



Come to the Children's room for Storytimes and Crafts this Fall. Check the calendar for specific dates.



Call our librarians, Nathan or Rene at (413)420-8105 for more info.

Children's Room Newsletter

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

Library Hours

FALL HOURS

September 2024- May 2025

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

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

***Closed Sundays, & Holidays**

Check the library calendar for specific dates.

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

Computers shut down 30 minutes before closing time.

Holyoke History Room

The History Room has more limited hours than the rest of the library: please [click here for specific details](#).

Don't have a Public Library Card?

Click [here](#), to fill out the form and get a card.

Mobile Printing and Faxing Available

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

- Printing from your laptop or mobile device:

Open your browser, go to print.princh.com and enter the 6-digit library code (109284) to select the printer or click this link Princh.com, to have the number prepopulated.

- When printing at the library: locate the print guide poster near the printer and scan the QR code.

-Once on Princh.com, Upload your document, enter your email, proceed to the **Print Release Terminal** and pay for your print job.

- Then, once your documents are sent, come to the library to pick them up. [Click for more info](#)

Need to send a Fax? From your phone or computer/tablet, go to Faxscan24.com and follow instructions to input fax number and payment. Also, Fax in person from our public use fax machine on the first floor.

Coronavirus- COVID 19

Helpful Links:

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

Assistant Library Director publishes a Book

The library is proud to announce that Jason Lefebvre, our Assistant Library Director, published his second picture book. The book, "So Much Slime", can be seen outside the library in our story walk frames in the library park.

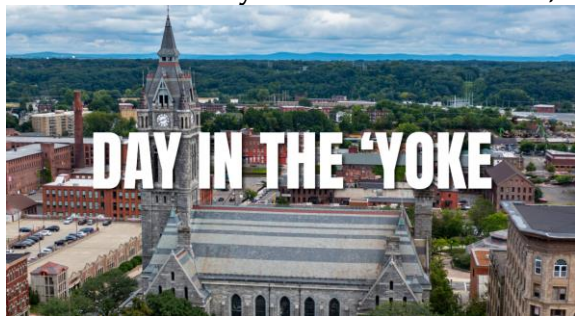


Jason in the library park next to the story walk.

Jason was recently interviewed by *The Holyoke Sun* where he talked about the writing process. To check out the article, [Click Here](http://sun.turley.com/hs-archives/HOL092024.pdf). Or <http://sun.turley.com/hs-archives/HOL092024.pdf>

A Day in the 'Yoke 10/19

Join Us for "[A Day in the Yoke](#)" is a city-wide celebration in Holyoke held on October 19, 2024.



The day will feature events including [Doors Open Holyoke](#) - Stop by the Holyoke Library for a self-guided or guided tour of our historic building. Also, [The Great Holyoke Brick Race](#), [Paper City Food Fest](#), and The [Volleyball Hall of Fame Class of 2024 Induction](#), among others.

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!

Come down to the main desk and fill out a form.

Then a Library Staff member will help 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 [HPL ONLINE RESOURCES](#), [E-CATALOG](#)(EBOOKS, AUDIO, ETC.) [YOUR VIRTUAL LIBRARY](#) OR [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](#)

History Room Digital collections

Genealogy Resources online



LEARN NEW SKILLS

Rocket Languages Tutorial



Try Rocket Languages, just use your library card!

History Room News

Eileen Crosby, Archivist

The Holyoke History Room Events:

The Evolution of Fashion from the 'Teens to the Jazz Age

Saturday October 5, 1:00PM- Community Room:

Fashion Historian Ren Antonowicz explained how war, the Jazz Age, Prohibition, and women's newly-earned right to vote affected style and dress in these



periods. Her talk also discussed the impact of trends in fashion on women of different social classes. Karen (Ren) studied Textiles, Fashion Merchandising, and Historic Costume at the University of RI. She has taught fashion history and now uses her knowledge and collection of vintage apparel to create presentations and workshops for libraries, senior centers, schools, and historic homes.

City of Stories/ Ciudad de Historias:

Contact the History Room for more information about the new City of Stories Bilingual Walking Tours and how you might help this project develop.

[Check out our website](#) for more information.



Get ready for Genealogy

**HOLYOKE HISTORY ROOM
DROP-IN GENEALOGY LAB
WEDNESDAYS
OCTOBER 9 & 23RD
2:00 -4:00 PM**

with Hillary Schau & Iris Alicea Flores
(4th Wednesday includes bilingual Spa/Eng help and Spanish-language resources)



**SALA DE HISTORIA DE HOLYOKE
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Polish and Eastern European Immigration in the Industrial Era- Holyoke & Western Mass -

Saturday, October 26, 2024, 1:00 PM in the Holyoke Public Library Community Room

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, people from Poland and other Eastern Europe countries immigrated to Western Massachusetts in significant numbers. Many in the upper Pioneer Valley farmed the rich soils in Franklin and Hampshire Counties; others came to work in the mills and factories in Holyoke and Chicopee. Join us as **Robert Forrant, Distinguished University Professor of History at the University of Massachusetts Lowell**, brings his expertise in the history of labor, industrialization, and de-industrialization in New England to the topic of Polish immigration to the area. This talk is a prelude to "*New Roots In River Banks: Contributions of Polish & Other Eastern European Immigrants to the Connecticut River Valley*," a traveling exhibit from the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association opening on November 16 at Holyoke Heritage State Park.

A House in Holyoke Through Time-The Lovering School, with Bob Comeau - Monday, November 18, 2024, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Website: <https://hol yokelibrary.org/history-room>

Email : historyroom@hol yokelibrary.org

Telephone : (413) 420-8107

Open: Tuesdays 10-6 (closed 2-3pm)
Wednesdays 10-4
Thursdays 10-4
And by appointment

Art Installations at HPL

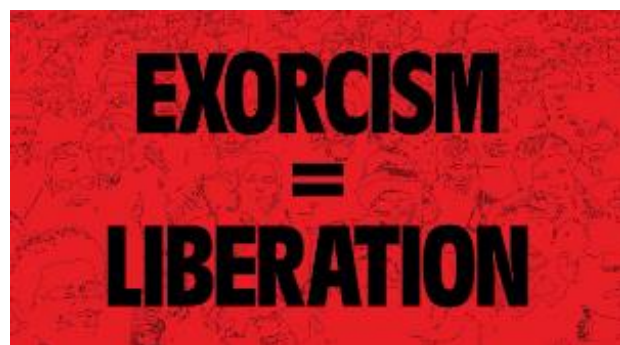
Adult Services, 4th floor

On October 16th, the Holyoke Library will host Puerto Rican artist Yanira Castro in partnership with Holyoke Media talk about the current art installation on the fourth floor.

"Exorcism = Liberation":

"What is your first memory of dirt."

"Storytelling and Aural Archive of What is your first



memory of dirt? Local teens interview their families and neighbors about their first memories of land."



The teens involved will share what they've learned from their friends, family, and community members, followed by Yanira sharing the sound scaping, having a talkback, as well as conversation with the audience

around their memories of land in relation to liberation. *Scan the code to Hear the stories.*

This soundscape installation is part of a series of presentations in cities around the country and in Western Mass with strong Puerto Rican diaspora communities.

For more information: [Exorcism=Liberation Yanira's Website Link](#)

A Puerto Rican Art Exhibit "TWO LENSES; ONE CULTURE."

The Holyoke library is hosting an art exhibit by two Puerto Rican artists from October 5- November 1st.



We invite you to enter the world of two artists, two generations, two lenses. Come celebrate through their creative expression! **Featured artists:** [Frankie Borrero](#) and Jankaleisha Burgos Cruz.

On October 5th, both artists were at the library for a Meet and Greet to present the art work.

Come down to the library and enjoy the work of local Puerto Rican artists.



Part of the exhibit near the video section.

Teen Room News

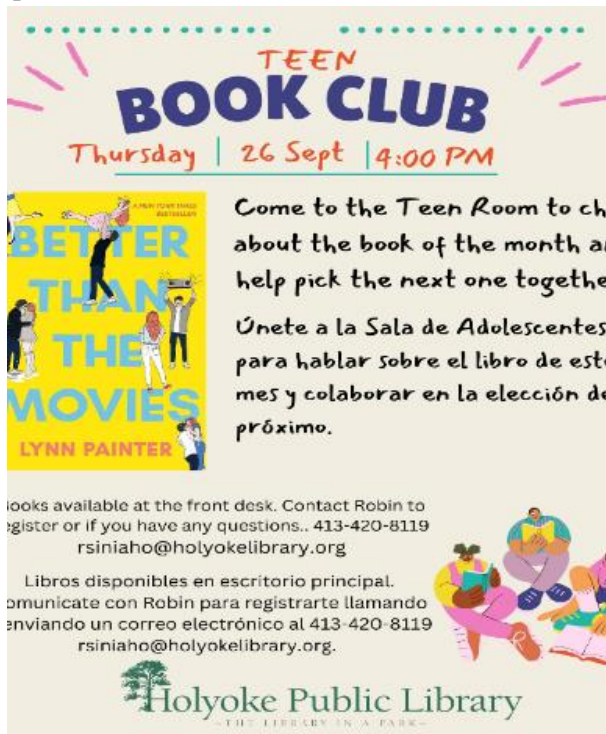
Teen Room, 1st floor

We're having a fun time at the Teen room. From summer reading programs to our fall activities such as these below. All Teens are invited!

Join us this Fall and Winter for a season full of fun Programs!

Sign up NOW for the Teen email to keep up with all of the activities! [TEEN EMAIL](#). (Click link, then scroll down to sign up.)

We also have a **Teen Book Club**. Our last book, in September was "*Better Than the Movies*"



Help decide the next books!

These and more fun activities will continue this Fall and Winter. Stay tuned for more events, check the [Library Calendar](#)

Questions, suggestions? Feel free to email at rsiniaho@hol yokelibrary.org or call 413-420-8119. CHECK OUT our Instagram PAGE! <https://www.instagram.com/hol yokelibraryteens/>

Holyoke Halloween



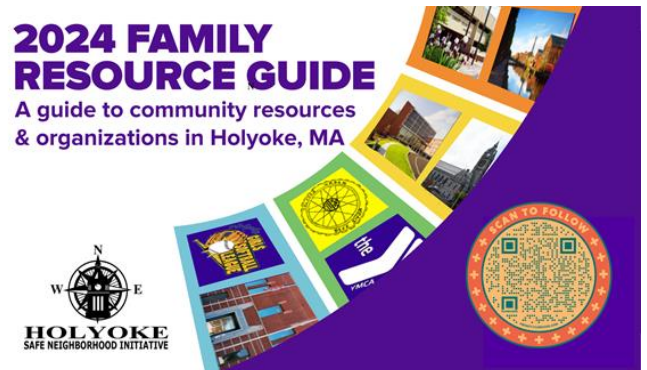
Announcing HPL's Holyoke Halloween! A week of spooktastic fun with events for all ages! Starting October 23rd till Halloween!

HPL's Holyoke Halloween kicks off with the second movie night of the month on October 23rd at 6pm.

Stay tuned for more events, including events from Youth Services! Keep checking [the Calendar](#).

Community Resources

Holyoke Safe Neighborhood Initiative (HSNI) provides the Holyoke community with information on how to access resources for Food, Housing, Goods, Transit, Health, Financial Assistance, Care, Education, Work & Legal. They do this with the 2024 Family Resource Guide and partnerships with nonprofits such as [413cares.org](https://www.413cares.org).



To view the 2024 Family Resource Guide, please [Click Here](#) or scan the QR Code on the picture: (If scan not working, click on the picture to download it, then scan)

Hispanic Heritage Month

* September 15 – October 15 *



Hispanic Heritage Month is a celebration of Hispanic and Latino history and culture. While we celebrate Hispanic and Latino communities beyond this month, from September 15 to October 15 we give extra recognition to the many contributions made to the history and culture of the United States, including important advocacy work, vibrant art, popular and traditional foods, and much more. Check out some books and read more about Hispanics/Latinos: [History](#), in [Novels](#), [In Spanish](#)

As Noted by Holyoke Public School last year, “Holyoke is a multicultural city with 81 percent of our students and more than half of our city’s residents identifying as Latino or Latina, so this recognition is especially important here. “

Library Movie Night!



Remember to come to our monthly Movie Night! Every month patrons will vote for the movie to be presented. The list of options will be in the lobby with a box to put down your vote.

Our next movies will be presented on Thursday 10/17 and Wednesday, 10/23- Halloween themed starting at 5:00pm, in the Community room. We hope to see you there!

***Sign up for [our Email list](#) and stay up to date on all library events/opportunities. [JOIN US!](#)

Trivia Night!

Adult Services, 4th floor



The library is excited to announce a Trivia Night for adults during this Halloween season. This will be a fun night of trivia for adults! Come by yourself or with a team of 2 people maximum. First and second place teams Win tickets to UMass games!

Time: 6:00pm-7:30pm

Day: Wednesday, October 30th.

Where: in the Community Room

Any adult is welcome to come and play this fun and social game. [Check the website](#) calendar for more information. You can register in advance at 413-420-8101 or by emailing Abbey - abuedinger@holyokelibrary.org.

FREE Computer Tutoring

Want free computer lessons? Click the image below or sign up on the right side of this page!



¿Quieres lecciones de computación gratis?



¡Haz clic en la imagen de abajo o regístrate en el lado derecho de esta página!

For more information, mas informacion: 413-420-8118.

Reference Room News

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

Adult Programming:

Chess Club run by **Adult Librarian Abbey** is still in full swing every Tuesday from 4pm-5pm

Mahjong with our lovely volunteer Sue will continue until mid-October! Remember:

Mahjong is broken into two groups. We ask that you call to register and let us know which group you'll be joining!

- 10-11am is the beginners group
- 11-12:30 is the advanced group

Our Silent Book club ran by gracious volunteer **Kathy** has it's official start this Wednesday October 9th from 4-5:30pm in the Periodical Room.

Silent Book Club will happen every second Wednesday of the month. There are no assigned books! It's bring your own book (BYOB) or silent activity! And if you are able, please call us at 413-420-8106 to let us know you'll be joining us!

If you have any questions or suggestions for books, please feel free to contact the Reference Department at 413-420-8106 or by emailing Aria at aacevedo@holyokelibrary.org. or Abbey at abuedinger@holyokelibrary.org

PLANTS, PLANTS, PLANTS!



Periodical Reading room.

Over the last few months, patrons may have noticed the new life on the tables and on every floor.

We can all thank our new Reference/ Adult services librarian, Abbey.



Abbey at 4th Floor windows.

Abbey has been bringing her own personal plants and other donated plants to brighten our library, to help make the spaces more beautiful and to clean the air. Especially, check out our fourth floor.



4th Floor Reading room.



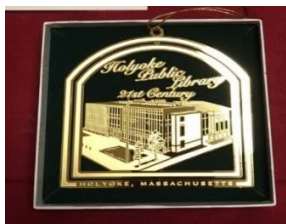
Main Floor Reading room.

Support the Library, DONATE!

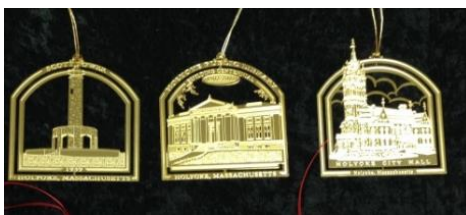
You can **DONATE** at the front desk, by mail to 250 Chestnut St: Attn/Development Office or online at www.holyokelibrary.org and click on the [DONATE BUTTON](#).

You can also support by buying **Library Merchandise** (e.g., the historic ornament series, and Holyoke books) are sold via the Circulation Desk.

***These ornaments make great Holiday Gifts!**



New Library -21st century Ornament



Scott's Tower, Library Centennial and City Hall Ornaments

Mini Golf and Games At the Library 2025

The Annual Mini Golf and Games at the Library, ¡Minigolf y juegos en la Biblioteca! event is planned for **April 12, 2025**.



SAVE THE DATE, and contact event Chair Nancy Kocsmiersky, HPL Development Office at nancy@hol yokelibrary.org, 413-420-8109 if you have questions or want to help. [Check out our website](#) for pictures

and info on the past Mini Golf and Games events.

Sponsors, Donors and Volunteers are needed and appreciated! Thank you.

Nutcracker Preview 12/7

The Historic Holyoke Public Library will again be the backdrop for A Nutcracker Preview from the [Massachusetts Academy of Ballet](#) on Saturday, December 7th at 11:00 AM.

Dancers in full costume—from mice to the Sugarplum Fairy—will perform excerpts from the ballet and pose for selfies with visitors.

Join us for a morning of holiday fun! A variety of children's and adults' holiday activities are also planned for that day.



Full Cast taking pictures.

When: December 7th, Saturday

Where: Main Reading room across from lobby

Check the library calendar [here: HPL CALENDAR](#).

*****Sign up for [our Email list](#) and stay up to date on all library events/opportunities. [JOIN US!](#)**

COVID 19 Vaccine and tests

The COVID-19 vaccine is free. You don't need an ID or insurance to get the vaccine. **For more information about how to find an appointment [click here](#).**

*****FOUR FREE COVID-19 TESTS are available from the Federal Government beginning Monday 9/28/24.**

The tests will be delivered by mail. Use this link: [USPSTests https://www.covidtests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov)



Scan QR to check EXPIRATION OF COVID tests.

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

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

* HPL Annual Meeting

On **Tuesday, October 29, 2024** the library will be having the Annual Meeting to review Fiscal Year 2024, discuss the upcoming year's plans and to vote for the new Board.

Where: Community Room

When: 5:30pm

Members of the Holyoke community are invited to attend.

Looking for a new book, Music or Movie?

Wowbrary

The newest stuff at your library

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