

# BEYOND THE STACKS

Holyoke Public Library

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Spring 2025

## Spring Adult Programs

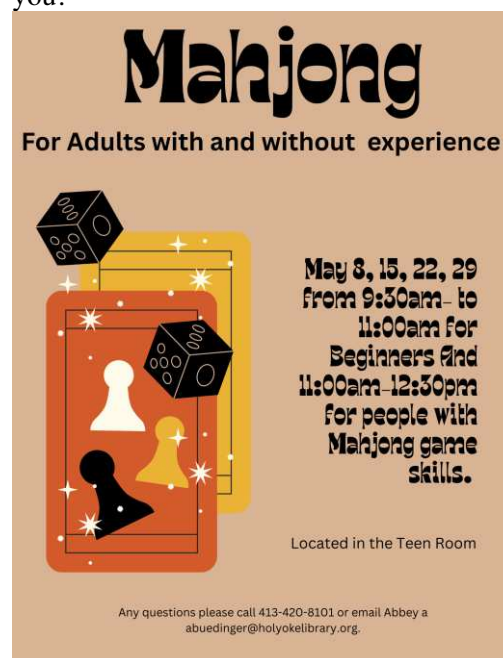
The Adult programming has increased at the library and we are encouraging everyone to try one or more class. There are a variety of options for every taste.



Have a green thumb? Come get some plants clippings.



Interested in playing Mahjong? We have classes for you!



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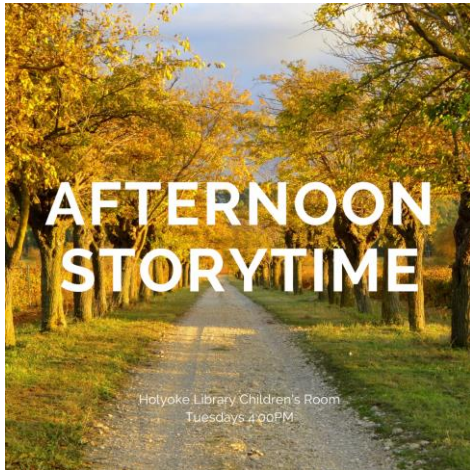
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The Reference / Adult department is very interested in knowing your recommendations for future programming. Please feel free to contact them at 413-420-8106 or at [abuedinger@hol yokelibrary.org](mailto:abuedinger@hol yokelibrary.org) or [aacevedo@hol yokelibrary.org](mailto:aacevedo@hol yokelibrary.org).

Hope to see you at the library soon!

## Children's Room News

*Holyoke Library Children's Room*



**Morning story times are Mondays and Wednesdays. Afternoon Stories are Tuesdays**  
Story times are Mondays and Wednesdays at 10am and Tuesday afternoons at 4pm. Saturdays at 10am for all ages.

### **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!**

## Summer Reading 2025

**LEVEL UP AT YOUR LIBRARY!**



**Our kickoff event in June and will be the start of the Summer Reading program.**

Play is one of the ways we learn to relate to others. Level Up at Your Library reminds us that libraries are not just a space for knowledge, they are a space for fun! The Children's room and Teen room will have many fun activities all summer to keep everyone engaged and entertained.

*Level Up at Your Library* is an all-ages summer reading program based around puzzles and games. Check out [THIS VIDEO](#) and our website for more info.

**We hope to see you all this summer!**

## 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, 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 Asian and Pacific American History Month 5/1 – 5/31

May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month – a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. In the month of May we take time to reflect and celebrate the important role that Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (AANHPIs) have played in our shared history. [Explore Smithsonian](#) events happening online and in-person and find resources, podcasts, and collection items to learn more about AANHPI contributions.



Since 1979, May has been a dedicated time to celebrate Asian Pacific American heritage, but it wasn't until 1992 that May was officially designated Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Selected to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the U.S. in May 1843 and the completion of the transcontinental railroad in May 1859 that was made possible by thousands of Chinese laborers.

Come down to the library and be inspired to take out some books, movies and other items celebrating Asian and Pacific American history and culture!

For More info, check out these links:

- [Asian American pacific Islander History Facts](#) The History Chanel - History Facts
- [Asian American stories- library catalog](#)

## Library Hours

**September 2024- May 2025**

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

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

(Closed: Sundays, Holidays and select Saturdays,)

Check the library calendar for specific dates.

**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:

**- Printing from your laptop or mobile device:**

Open your browser, go to [print.princh.com](http://print.princh.com) and enter the 6-digit library code (109284) to select the printer or click this link [Princh.com](http://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](#)  
If you require further help, you can always ask staff for help.

**Need to send a Fax?** From your phone or computer/tablet, go to [Faxscan24.com](http://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.

## 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

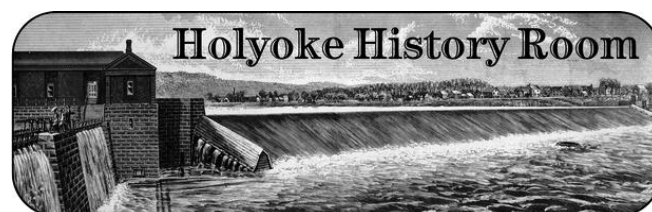
[Rocket Languages Tutorial](#)



[ArtistWorks Tutorial](#)

## History Room News

Eileen Crosby, *Archivist*



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

### **Jumpstart Your Genealogy Class**

## Jumpstart Your Genealogy



**May 1st, 8th, 15th: Thursdays, 4:30-6:00\***

**Led by Hillary Schau and Irisneri Alicea Flores**

**Seats are limited, so please pre-register: 413-420-8107**

- **May 1: Getting started; best practices for organizing & keeping track of your research**
- **May 8: Finding and using vital records and the census**
- **May 15: Immigration, naturalization, military and other record types and events**

A FREE program made possible by a grant from the Holyoke Local Cultural Council.

\*Gather and ask questions 4-4:30, followed by 90-minute class and time to pursue your own research at the end. Holyoke Public Library Computer Classroom, third floor.

### **Mountain Park**

**a talk by Jay Ducharme**

**Monday, May 12 - 5:30 PM - in the Community Room**

Following its opening in 1894 as a picturesque retreat on the side of Mount Tom, Mountain Park evolved into one of the most beloved amusement parks in New England.



At the beginning of the 20th century, Holyoke was the most prosperous community in the state and one of the first planned industrial cities in the United States. The city's progress drew crowds of visitors to Mountain Park, and the park gradually developed into a bustling destination.

Although the park closed its gates in 1987, the echoes of laughter from generations of visitors still reverberate throughout the Pioneer Valley.

**Jay Ducharme** worked at Mountain Park for over a decade, just as his father before him, and has spent much of his life preserving and sharing the history of the park. He is a member of the board of directors for the Holyoke Merry-Go-Round, the only part of Mountain Park that has remained in the city. The rarely seen images and videos in this presentation have been gathered from the collections of the Holyoke Public Library, Wistariahurst Museum, local newspapers, and residents.

**This talk is free and open to the public.**

#### Drop-in Genealogy Lab:

**Holyoke History Room - Drop-in Genealogy lab**  
**Wednesday, May 28, 2:30 -5:30 PM**

with Hillary Schau  
(2:30-4:30)  
& Irisneri Alicea  
Flores (3:30-5:30)

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**Sala de Historia de Holyoke - Laboratorio de Genealogía**  
**Miércoles, 28 de mayo, 2:30 -5:30 PM**

Our two, professional genealogists visit once a month to offer support to family history researchers.

Both have wide expertise and Iris also offers specialized, bilingual help with Spanish-language genealogy sources.

**Next date: May 28**

**Hillary Schau (2:30-4:30)**

**Irisneri Alicea Flores (3:30-5:30)**

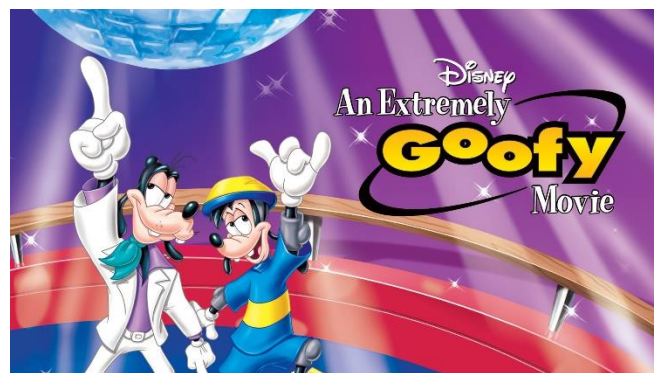
Laboratorio de Genealogía: Nuestras dos genealogistas profesionales visitan una vez al mes para ofrecer apoyo a los investigadores de historia familiar. Ambas genealogistas tienen una amplia experiencia e Iris también ofrece ayuda especializada y bilingüe con fuentes genealógicas en español.

**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

## \* Monthly Movie night

**Family Movie Night! /**  
**¡Noche de Películas para Familias!**  
**Every month. All are welcome. / Todos los meses.**  
**Todos están bienvenidos.**

**¡Meriendas desponsibles! / Snacks available!**



**Wednesday, May 21st at 6pm / Miercoles, 21 de Mayo a las 6pm: An Extremely Goofy Movie**  
**Visit the calendar to see what's showing next month. / Visita el calendario para ver que presentación va a ver el próximo mes.**

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.



## Congratulations to Our Library Staff!

We are happy to celebrate our staff who were presented with Longevity Awards for many years of service to the City of Holyoke.



**Maria Pagan, our library Director was honored for her forty years of service.**

**Four decades of unwavering commitment to the Holyoke Library! Your dedication has been a driving force behind our success. Thank you for your remarkable contribution.**

**Mark Gaudry, the library custodian was also commended for his 45 years of service. He is the longest serving employee of the City of Holyoke!**

**Nathan, the Children's Librarian who has given over 15 years of service to the Holyoke public library.**



**Nathan, Congratulations on Celebrating fifteen years of excellence! Your dedication, passion, and expertise have been instrumental in shaping our success. Thank you for your continuous collaboration, and positive attitude!**

**We are also happy to celebrate our Security staff.**



**Martha our Cataloger in Technical Services department who has given over 20 years of service to the Holyoke public library.**

**Martha, Thank you for your incredible dedication and loyalty over the past Twenty years. Your contributions have been invaluable.**



**Abe receiving his award from his supervisor, Marcus.**

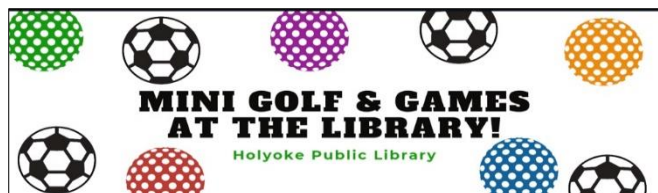
**Abe, Congratulations on being named Employee of the Month by Orion Protective Services. This recognition is a testament to your hard work.**

**The dedication and consistent hard work of the people who work at the Holyoke Public library are what makes our mission to help kids, adults and all patrons possible. Thank you!**



# Mini Golf and Games at the Library! April 12

Nancy Kocsmiersky, Development Office



**"Mini Golf and Games at the Library!"** – was held inside of the Holyoke Public Library on **Saturday, April 12.** - Mini Golf in the Library, FREE for all ages 9:30 am - 3:30 pm, 18 holes of miniature golf inside the building!

*Little Golfer putting.*



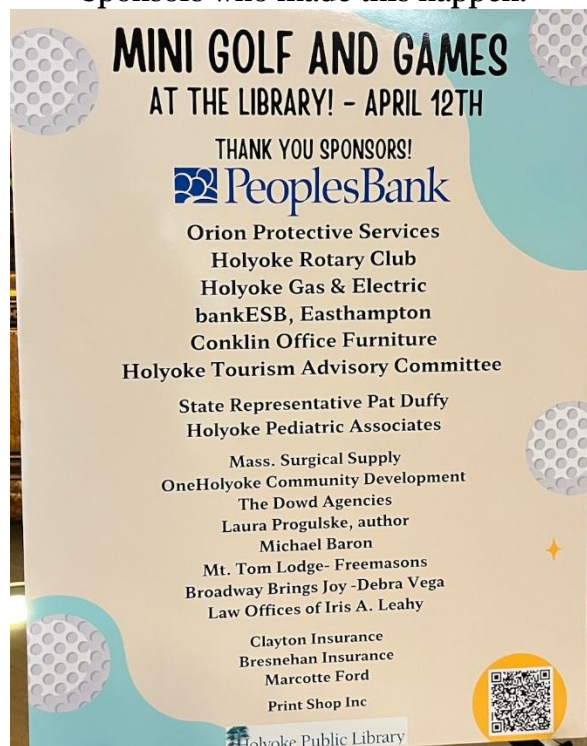
*Young Golfer trying a tricky shot!*

This event was a great success! Fun was had by all. Many Holes were decorated with special themes and had funny and unique designs.

*Broadway Brings Joy hole- the winner of our Best Decorated Hole contest!*



We give many THANKS to our Volunteers and Sponsors who made this happen!



For more information or more pictures check out our website at [Holyoke library Mini golf](http://Holyoke library Mini golf). Or scan code.



## STAY IN TOUCH!

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

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

### DEPARTMENT CONTACTS:

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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/](http://www.facebook.com/holyokehistoryroom/)

Computer Room: 413-420-8118

Fundraising: 413-420-8109

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

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