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Holyoke Public Library

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Summer 2025

Summer Reading Programs

From June 30- August first, the Holyoke Library will be presenting their Summer Reading programs.

LEVEL UP AT YOUR LIBRARY!



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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, Teen room and Adult Services 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 the HPL website for more info.

We hope to see you all this summer! See our full listing of events on page 2.

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Contact info and Monthly Movie

Our Summer Reading Kick-Off party was held on June 26th and was a fun start to the Summer Reading program. And was a great success!

The Children's, Teen and Adult librarians were all outside engaged with parents and kids.





Balloons created by Bruce Bowey - an awardwinning family entertainer who delights audiences with his hilarious blend of magic tricks, ventriloquism and balloon twisting.

Children's Room News

Holyoke Library Children's Room

In addition to the Summer Reading programs we will continue with our regular programs. Check out our programs:



New Book Collection

Also, the Children's Room has recently started a small collection of Haitian Creole books in the children's room, located near the Spanish section.

These will have a blue and red spine label and the call number will start with J/L for Juvenile Language.



Summer Story times are Saturday at 10am and Tuesday afternoons at 4pm, for all ages.

Parent and Caretaker Resources

The library also offers many online suggestions for parents and caretakers. Check out Resources online.

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 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!

Summer Reading 2025

Check out the full list of activities!

Children's Programs

Story Times -11:00am Tuesdays July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29

Craft Hour -2:00pm Mondays June 30, July 7, 14, 21, and 28

STEAM Activity -4:00pm Thursdays

Game Days -11:00am Fridays July 11, 18, 25 and August 1

Science Heroes -1pm Wed. July 9
"Adventure of the Missing Color" is an
experiment-filled hands on show to get kids excited about science

Learn in Motion -1pm Sat. July 12 Come play some outdoor games and activities. Bring the whole family!

Cardboard Kingdom -1pm Wed. July 16 Join Paper Heart Puppets in creating yo own puppet and improvising a performa *Registration Required

The Reptile Nook -1pm Sat. July 19 invertebrates up close.

Rona Leventhal -1pm Wed. July 30 Local storyteller will bring us mysteries, puzzles and mind twisters: Stories to Ponder & Play With!

Programas Niños

Cuentos - 11am, martes 1, 8, 15, 22 y 29 de julio

Hora de Manualidades - 2pm, lunes 30 de junio; 7, 14, 21 y 28 de julio

Dias de Juegos - 11am, viernes 11, 18, 25 de julio y 1 de agosto

Héroes de Ciencia - 1pm, miércoles 9 de julio "El Misterio del Color Perdido" es un espectáculo interactivo lleno de experimento para emocionar a los niños sobre la ciencia.

Aprende en Movimiento - 1pm, sábado 12 de

El Reino de Cartón - 1pm, miércoles 16 de julio Únete a Paper Heart Puppets para crear tu propio marioneta e improvisar una presentación. *Se requiere inscripción

El Rincón de los Reptiles - 1pm, sábado 19 de Conoce de cerca reptiles, anfibios e invertebrados.

Big Joe el Narrador - 1pm, miércoles 23 de julio Accesorios, marionetas e historias que los niños no olvidarán fácilmente.

Rona Leventhai - 1pm, miércoles 30 de julio Narradora local con historias de misterio, rompecabezas y juegos mentales: ¡Historias para Pensar y Jugar!

Teen Programs

Create Crafternoons - 2:00pm Thursdays July 3 and 17

Level up your crafting skills! Come paint, draw, bedazzle and more.

Cookie Decorating - 2pm Thurs. July 10 Level up your icing skills on intricately decorated cookies. Led by Carolyn from Magic Tree Henna.

*Registration Required

Crafting With Kim - 2pm Tuesday July 15
Level up your Fabric Craft. Come work
with textiles to create a one of a kind

Paint By Numbers - 2pm Thurs, July 24 Level up your Painting Skills. Choose from a selection of Paint by Numbers kits.Let's be Bob Ross together.

Game Days - 1:00pm Tuesdays July 1 and 15

Level up your game play. Come play Operation, The Game of Life, Uno and

Switch Games - 1pm Tuesday July 8 Join us to play Switch games on the big screen in the community room.

Giant Games - 1:00pm Tuesday July 22 Come play wicked big games of Uno, Connect Four, Jenga, Sorry and more!!

Programas para Adolescentes

Crear _____

Tardes de Manualidades - 2pm, jueves 3 y 17 de julio ¡Mejora tus habilidades artisticas! Ven a pintar,

ualidades con Kim - 2pm, martes 15 de ora tus habilidades con telas. Crea un p

JUGAR

Dias de Juegos - 1pm, martes 1 y 15 de julio Ven a jugar Operacion, La Vida, Uno y mas. Juegos de Nintendo Switch - 1pm, martes 8 de Universa a nosotros para jugar en pantalla grande sala comunitaria.



Adult Programs

Watercolor - 1:00pm-2:30pm Thursday July 3

Watercolor beach paintings with Pop Up Art School in the community room.

Yard Games - 1pm Monday July 7 Come play corn hole, ladder ball and more in the Library Park (Community Room if it rains).

Game Time 3:00pm - 5:30pm
Thursday July 24
It's time to play Dominoes, Cribbage,
Trash, War and more in our Board Room.

Video Game Day - 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Play Nintendo Switch games like Mario Kart, Super Smash Bros., Donkey Kong and more in our Community Room



Puzzle Walls - All Week July 7-12
A unique take on an Escape Room. Each
experience takes the form of a freestanding
wall covered in puzzles - groups are divided
noto either side of the wall and must
communicate with each other to solve. We
will have two distinctive walls for you and
your friends to try and solve.

Programas para Adultos

Juegos de Patio - 1pm, lunes 7 de julio
Juega corn hole, ladder ball y más en el parque de la
biblioteca (o sala comunitaria si llueve)

Dia de Juegos de Video - 2pm a 5pm, martes 29



Programa para Todas las

Edades

Teen Room News



Teen Room Community Resources

Nuestras Raices: Programs agriculture, sustainability, health, and culture Plus much more!

- If you have any questions, email our teen librarian Robin at rsiniaho@holyokelibrary.org or call 413-420-8119. CHECK our INSTAGRAM PAGE! https://www.instagram.com/holyokelibraryteens/

Library of Things

The Holyoke Library is happy to announce the expansion of our "Library of Things". A library of things is any collection of non-traditional items such as kitchen appliances, electronics, toys and games, art, science kits, craft supplies, and more to be loaned out.



We now have available to check out:
Corn Hole set
Pickleball rackets and ball set
Portable Walkman-style CD player
Bicycle repair kit with pump
Button machine
Projector
Portable DVD player

Karaoke machine

Cassette player and mics



These and more can be found on the ground floor near the new books.

<u>Also coming soon:</u> a Giant Jenga Game and a Giant Sorry Game.

*These items will all circulate for 14 days with no renewals and no holds.

HPL Library of Things Guidelines (English / Español)

Library Hours

June 2025- September 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 CLOSES 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 <u>here for details</u>**

Don't have a Public Library Card?

Click <u>here</u>, 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 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. <u>Click for more info</u> 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 <u>Faxscan24.com</u> 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 <u>re-Discover Your Public Library.</u>

LIBRARY OR FOR CHILDREN'S ONLINE RESOURCES

SOME OF THESE ONLINE SITES INCLUDE:

NEWSPAPERS ONLINE

Explore our new full-color image edition of The <u>Springfield Republican!</u> 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



LANGUAGE LEARNING ONLINE

with your library card



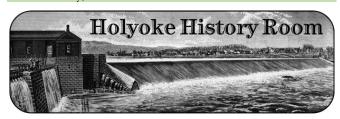
Rocket Languages Tutorial



<u>Job & Career Accelerator</u> combines everything you need for a successful job search into one easy-to-use online application.

History Room News

Eileen Crosby, Archivist



On the third floor:

Tuesdays 10-2 & 3-6; Wednesdays and Thursdays 10-4 (Closed Monday and Fridays except by appointment)

See the History Room webpage for changes to hours and vacation closures.

historyroom@holyokelibrary.org (413) 420-8107

Drop In Genealogy Lab

Fourth Wednesdays 2:30 - 5:00 PM

The History Room brings in 2 professional genealogists once a month to offer free, one-on-one assistance to family history researchers.

Hillary Schau has broad experience with many types of research hurdles.

Irisneri Alicea Flores specializes in Spanish-language sources.

Summer Lab Hours: 2:30 - 5:00 (Hillary Schau - 2:30-4:30; Irisneri Alicea Flores, 3:00-5:00).

Come for help or just to share your progress. Upcoming dates: July 23 & August 27.



Need help with general research or beginning genealogy? Stop by the History Room whenever we are open.

Resource Spotlight:



Ancestry Library Edition:

Free to use from all Library Computers. Gives access to US, Canadian and international records.



We are a Family Search Affiliate Library! Create a free personal account at FamilySearch and log into it from any Library Computer. Our new Affiliate Library status allows you get to far more original records than are available from home.

Questions? Stop by the History Room during open hours.

Projects:

We have an App! Explore Holyoke's older and more recent history with the History Room's City of Stories



app of bilingual walking tours of The Flats and South Holyoke. Search for "City of Stories Holyoke" where you get apps. This summer, we are working on adding audio (and better audio) to each stop on the tours.

Check it out at our interactive kiosk on the Third Floor or download it yourself! Made possible by a grant from Mass Humanities.

App store link Google Play link

Thank You!

Thanks to all who attended the seven lectures and workshops we hosted over the course of the Spring. In March, we were also glad to welcome students from HCC's Education in America class, who dug into materials on schooling in Holyoke and asked great questions.



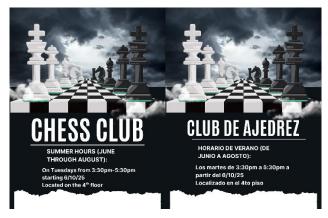
In April, we designed a private professional development experience for staff from Wayfinders, who explored our extensive collection of documents on local urban planning and renewal. The History Room is now working on scheduling

events for the fall.

And, as always, much thanks to the interns and volunteers who keep our work moving forward.

Reference Dept. Programs





Keep checking our website for more events at Holyoke Library Calendar. You can also call the reference desk at 413-420-8106.

Important Message on Funding Cuts

Message from Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) Director, Maureen Amyot

Massachusetts Libraries

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS

Federal Uncertainty Causes Cuts

On March 14, 2025, President Trump signed Executive Order 14238 eliminating the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

"The President has determined that the Institute of Museum and Library Services is 'unnecessary.' But we know the opposite to be true. We know that welcoming ALL, including diverse voices in our collections, and providing free and equitable access to library services make public libraries the cornerstone of a free democratic society," said Director Amyot. "Libraries change people's lives. That's why these reductions in critical library services hurt..."

At the annual Massachusetts Library Association conference, MBLC Director Maureen Amyot addressed the impact of ongoing federal uncertainty caused by the executive order and spoke about the MBLC's efforts to preserve as many <u>federally funded statewide services</u> as possible. Director Amyot announced the FY2026 plan for statewide research databases, the statewide eBook program, and the Commonwealth Catalog.

The MBLC spends close to \$2.2 million of its federal allocation to fund statewide research databases, an amount that cannot be made up in state funding. Databases provide every Massachusetts resident with trustworthy online content covering topics such as science, health, history, biographies, and more. Last year, there were over 9 million full-text downloads from research databases, an increase of 12% in just one year. Sixty percent of database usage comes from schools. Starting on July 1, 2025, statewide research database offerings will be significantly reduced.

Support for the eBooks will continue. Residents borrowed close to two million eBooks and audiobooks through LEA last year, an increase of 19% in just one year. The funding for the Commonwealth Catalog (ComCat) will also continue for FY2026. More than 103,000 items were borrowed through ComCat last year. Maintaining these services comes with the elimination of services that were announced in April and the MBLC anticipates announcing further reductions in the coming weeks.

In Massachusetts, there were 28 million visits to public libraries last year and people borrowed more than 59 million items. Since 1996, federal funding from IMLS has been essential in ensuring the Commonwealth's residents have equitable access to library services regardless of geographic location, social or economic status, age, level of physical or intellectual ability, or cultural background.

Visit the MBLC website.

Holyoke Summer Cooling Stations



There is hot, and then there is hot! Extreme heat is a period of high heat and humidity with temperatures above 90 degrees for at least two to three days. Extreme heat is responsible for the highest number of annual deaths among all weather-related hazards. If you do not have AC, cooling stations are available around Holyoke. The Holyoke library is a designated cooling station.

Also Check out - Holyoke Mall, the Senior Center and Pouliot Pool at 575 Maple St, Holyoke, MA 01040. Open - 9am-6pm. Day passes are \$3. Maximum cost for families is \$20. Kids under 6 are free.

Thank You Donors!

As the Holyoke library ended its fiscal year on June 30th, we take a look back in gratitude at all of the people, companies, and organizations who have supported us.

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David Sacks

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Family Movie Night! /
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Every month. All are welcome. / Todos los meses.
Todos están bienvenidos.
¡Meriendas desponsibles! / Snacks available!



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