

BEYOND THE STACKS

Holyoke Public Library

www.holyokelibrary.org

Spring 2026

Spring Adult Programs

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



We have our ongoing Ukelele program for kids, teens and adults available until the end of July. Registration by email is required at abuedinger@holyokelibrary.org. This program is partially funded by a Holyoke Cultural Council grant.

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Interested in playing Mahjong? We have beginner classes for you!

Mahjong

For Adults with and without experience

-April 15 and 22 from 6-7:30pm in the community room. Ask about more classes.

Art Programs for adults – next class on April 25.



Registration by email is required at abuedinger@holyokelibrary.org.

This program is partially funded by a Holyoke Cultural Council grant.

We also have drop-in games for adults.

Check the library calendar for more specific information.

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@holyokelibrary.org or csieh@holyokelibrary.org.

Hope to see you at the library soon!

Children's Room News

Holyoke Library Children's Room

School Vacation Week Activities will be going on from April 21-25.

-April 21st 12-2pm Dr. Seuss related activities (Puzzles, games, activity sheets etc.)



-April 22nd 12-2pm Fun with Hot Wheels (Create your own track)

-April 23rd 12-2pm Color by Sticker
Call or stop by to register for each activity. Supplies are limited!

-May 30th 12-3pm Karaoke in the Community Room



Story Time/ Tiempo de cuento

Holyoke Library Children's Room/
Sala de niños de la biblioteca de Holyoke
10:00 AM



Morning story times are Mondays and Saturdays. Saturday story times are 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 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 2026

PLANT A SEED, READ.



Our kickoff event on June 25th and will be the start of the Summer Reading program.

Plant a Seed, Read is rooted in the concept of farm-to-table. A farm grows food that nourishes our bodies; a library grows ideas that nourish our minds. Both food and stories connect us to our family, culture, economy, and ecology. We have fun activities planned all summer. Check out [THIS VIDEO](#) and our website for more info.

We hope to see you all this summer!

Teen Room News

Teen Scene- Early Release Days. Come hang out at the Library on Wednesdays after school. Check the schedule in the Teen Room for more information or to suggest an activity!

TEEN SCENE
at the Library
Come Hang Out!

Holyoke Public Library
Wednesdays
at 2:00 PM

Early Release Day!
• Art
• Games
• Bookclub
• Snacks
• Movies
• More

for more info email rsiniaho@holyokelibrary.org

- 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/>

Celebrate Asian and Pacific American History Month 5/1 – 5/31

May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. 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](#) to find resources to learn more about AANHPI contributions.



May was 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 made possible by thousands of Chinese laborers. Come down to the library and take out some books, movies and other items celebrating Asian and Pacific American history and culture:

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

Library Worker's Day

National Library Workers Day is on **Tuesday, April 21.**



Now is the perfect time to highlight the critical role library workers play in keeping our libraries running. Let's celebrate and recognize the amazing STARS who work in the Holyoke library!

Stop by and say HI! to your library staff!

Library Hours

September 2025- May 2026

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 WILL ALSO CLOSE.**

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](#) 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](#)

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](#) 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

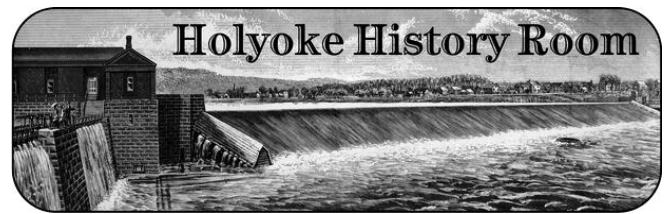
[Rocket Languages Tutorial](#)



[ArtistWorks Tutorial](#)

History Room News

Eileen Crosby, *Archivist*



On the Third Floor of the Library - [Drop-in Hours, Resources, and more](#)

Recovering Histories of Indigenous Presence in the Connecticut River Valley



-Illustrations by Francis Back for Raid on Deerfield website, Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association, 2004.

Recovering Histories of Indigenous Presence in the Connecticut River Valley with Dr. Marge Bruchac -Thursday, May 28, 2026 - 5:30 PM

Join us as historian, performer, and museum

consultant Dr. Marge

Bruchac (Nulhegan

Abenaki) explores

Indigenous presences

along the Kwinitekw

(Connecticut River). This

talk offers glimpses into

colonial relations, while

also reflecting on the

lives of Native families

who remained highly

visible – literally “hiding in plain sight” – in the

aftermath of warfare and displacement, utilizing long-

standing Indigenous skills, kinship networks, and

ecological knowledges to make a comfortable living,

while supplying their white neighbors with medicinal,

material, and practical assistance.

Made possible by a grant from the Holyoke Local Cultural Council, a local agency funded by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency.

Free and open to the public.



Parsons Paper Payroll Ledger Digitized

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Received of the PARSONS PAPER COMPANY, by their Agent, the sum specified to our Signatures, being in full of all demands up to 1861

NAME	No. PAPER	No. REAM	No. DATA	PRICE	TOTAL AMOUNT	RENT, or BOARD	BLANKS PAID	DATE	SIGNATURES
S. A. Holcott				25	5.00		5.00		S. A. Holcott
Oliver Wood				25	5.00	100	11.00		Oliver Wood
William Wood				25	5.00		11.50		William Wood
Margaret Smith				25	5.00		10.50		Margaret Smith
Wm. Wood	442			25	5.00		10.00		Wm. Wood
Wm. Wood	443			25	5.00		10.00		Wm. Wood
Wm. Wood	444			25	5.00		12.00		Wm. Wood
Wm. Wood	445			25	5.00		7.50		Wm. Wood
Wm. Wood	446			25	5.00		7.50		Wm. Wood
Wm. Wood	447			25	5.00		10.00		Wm. Wood
Wm. Wood	448			25	5.00		8.00		Wm. Wood

Parsons Paper Payroll Ledger Digitized- Thanks to a wonderful collaboration with Professor Nick Horton’s statistics class at Amherst College, our 1861-1869 Parsons Paper payroll ledger is now accessible from the [History Room’s Digital Commonwealth Repository page!](#)

The page images cannot be searched, but students in this class undertook the painstaking work of transcribing many of the names into a searchable pdf. The ledger lists employees and wages, often providing clues as to their roles and degree of literacy. Since our City Directories begin in 1869 and include mostly men, the ledger is a valuable resource for locating both men and women in Holyoke prior to that year. Let us know if you need help searching!

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

**Next date: April 22
 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](#)
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!**

Drop-in Genealogy Lab:

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 April 22, May 27, June 24
 2:30 -5:00 PM

Laboratorio de Genealogía
 22 de abril, 27 de mayo, 24 de junio
 2:30 -5:00 PM

2:30-4:30: Hillary Schau
 3:00-5:00: Iris Alicea Flores (also has expertise with Spanish-language resources)

Get tips for getting started or going deeper with your family history research!
 ¡Obtenga consejos para empezar o profundizar en la investigación de su historia familiar!

ancestry
 FamilySearch
 RootsMagic
 HeritageQuest
 Holyoke History Room
 Holyoke Public Library
 250 Chestnut St.

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

Movie Afternoon
Películas de Familia

May 21st @ 5pm
 Mayo 21 @ las 5pm

June 25th @ 3pm
 Junio 25th @ las 3pm

DRAGON
 HONEY, I SHRUNK THE KIDS

Wednesday, May 21st at 5pm / Miercoles, 21 de Mayo a las 5pm: How to Train your Dragon
 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 Maria!

We are happy to celebrate our outgoing library Director, Maria Pagan for her many years of service to the library and the City of Holyoke.



Maria Pagan, our library Director was honored for her forty plus 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.

On February 25th, The Holyoke Library hosted a celebration in Maria's honor to celebrate her years of service and to wish her well for her retirement and the future.



George Mettey, Holyoke Library Board President presents Maria with a plaque.



Many people came to support Maria at her farewell party. Including past volunteers, staff and members of the library board of directors.



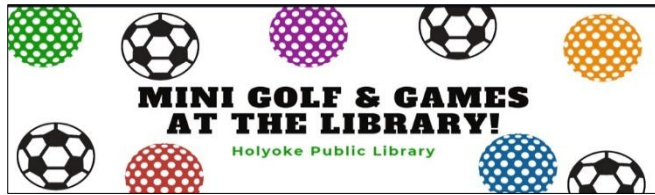
Ann G. with Maria, above. Board and family below.



A permanent plaque was installed on a column near the Main reading room in Maria's honor.

Mini Golf and Games at the Library! May 2, 2026

Nancy Kocsmiersky, Development Office



“Mini Golf and Games at the Library!” – will be held inside of the Holyoke Public Library on **Saturday, May 2.**
 - FREE for all ages
 9:30 am - 3:30 pm, 18 holes of miniature golf inside the building!

This event is fun and an event which helps fund programming and services at the library.

[Donate here to support the library!](#)

Come see all of the holes decorated with special themes and had funny and unique designs.

****Sponsors are still needed! [Sign Up Here!](#)**

Broadway Brings Joy’s hole was the winner of our Best Decorated Hole contest!



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

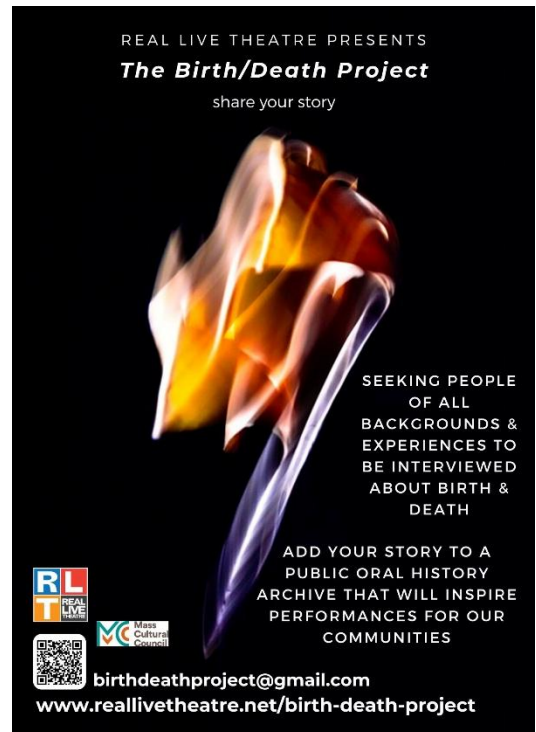
****Special thanks to PeoplesBank our Double Diamond Sponsor!**



For more information and to join in the fun, check out our website at [Holyoke library Mini golf](#). Or scan this code.



Real Live Theatre Project



The Holyoke Public Library is glad to be a supporter of the Birth/Death Project by the Real Live Theatre Company of Western Mass. To learn more or to sign up to participate, please email them at birthdeathproject@gmail.com.

STAY IN TOUCH!

HOLYOKE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Facebook: 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/

Computer Room: 413-420-8118

Fundraising: 413-420-8109

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FREE COMPUTER HELP AT THE LIBRARY.

Tech Hub Classes & Tech Support

At Holyoke Public Library

📅 Classes: Every Other Tuesday
🕒 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

🔑 Tech Support: Every Other Tuesday
🕒 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

April 7 - July 14

- Computer Basics
- Windows OS Basics
- Internet & Online Safety
- Avoiding Misinformation
- Email Basics
- Career Search Skills
- Google Workspace



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