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Holyoke Public Library

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Summer 2026

Summer Reading Programs

From June 29 - August 1st, the Holyoke Library will be presenting their Summer Reading programs.
PLANT A SEED, READ



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. Check out [THIS VIDEO](#) and the [HPL website](#) for more info.

Our Summer Reading Kick-Off party was held on June 26th and was a fun start to the Summer Reading program. It was a great success! Families enjoyed face painting and creations from the Balloon Man. We hope to see you all this summer! See our full listing of events and more pictures on page 7.

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The Children's, Teen and Adult librarians were all outside engaged with parents and kids. We had several community partners sharing information.



HPL Staff-Robin, Meg, Nathan, & Abbey



Community partners



Family enjoying the festivities.

Children's Room News

Holyoke Library Children's Room

Come down to Check out our Summer Reading programs.



There will be a variety of programs in our theme of Plant, Eat and Read! Check the Children's Room page online for more activities and to register for programs as needed. [Children's room](#)



Join us for Storytimes



Parent and Caretaker Resources

The library also offers many online suggestions for parents and caretakers such as [choosing-childrens-books-reluctant-reader](#). [Check out more Resources](#) on our website.



The Boston Public Library eCard gives you instant access to thousands of ebooks, movies, audio files magazines and more! Click [here](#) to get or renew your eCard.

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@hol yokelibrary.org or **Rene** at rpellissier@hol yokelibrary.org
Call the Children's Room at **413-420-8105!**

Teen Room News



There are many activities happening in the teen room most days. **Sign up for Summer Reading.** Check out our [Teen Programs Page](#) or Teen Room [Instagram](#) to see what's going on!

If you have any questions feel free to email our teen librarian Robin at rsiniaho@hol yokelibrary.org or call **413-420-8119**.

Hope to see you in the Teen Room!

Library of Things

The Holyoke Library has a "Library of Things". A library of things is any collection of non-traditional items such as kitchen tools, electronics, games, and more to be loaned out.



We now have available to check out:

Pickleball rackets and ball set
Portable Walkman-style CD player
Bicycle repair kit with pump
Giant Jenga game

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

*These items will all circulate for 14 days with no renewals and no holds. HPL Library of Things Guidelines ([English](#) / [Español](#)) Ask staff for more information or call 413-420-8101.

Birth/Death Project

A celebration of life and storytelling program at the library July 11th.

<https://reallivetheatre.net/birth-death-project>



Library Hours

June 2026- September 2026

Monday - Thursday - 8:30am to 6:00pm

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 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



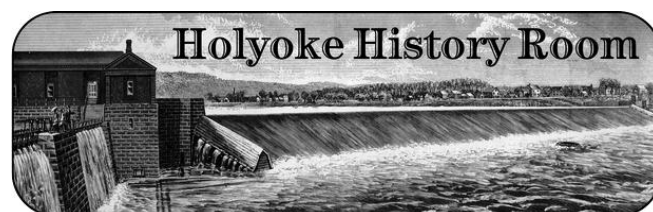
[Rocket Languages Tutorial](#)



[Job & Career Accelerator](#) combines everything you need for a successful job search into one easy-to-use online application.

History Room News

Eileen Crosby, *Archivist*



Reading Room open for drop-in research:

Tuesdays 10-2 & 3-6

Wednesdays & Thursdays 10-4

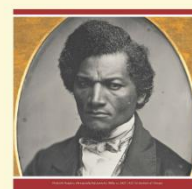
Closed July 27 - Aug 1

Please check [the website](#) for up-to-date information
historyroom@holyokelibrary.org (413) 420-8107

250th Anniversary of American Revolution

In recognition of the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution and its continuing promise, the library is hosting ***Frederick Douglass: Advocate for Equality***, an exhibit created by the Gilder-Lehrman Institute for American History. The 6-panel exhibit will be on view on the First Floor of the Library from June 24 through July 23. Born to Harriet Bailey, an enslaved woman in Maryland in February 1818, Douglass lived twenty years as a slave and nearly nine years as a fugitive.

From the 1840s to his death in 1895, he attained international fame as an abolitionist, reformer, orator of almost

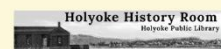


Frederick Douglass: Advocate for Equality explores Douglass's epic life from 1818 to 1895. This 6-panel exhibition from the Gilder Lehrman Institute features excerpts of Douglass's writings and examines his escape from slavery, his work as an abolitionist, and his relentless fight for equality for all individuals during the Jim Crow era.

Frederick Douglass: Advocate for Equality

On View at
The Holyoke Public Library
June 24 - July 23, 2026

On the First Floor - Open to all during Library hours.



unparalleled stature, and author of three classic autobiographies. The exhibit explores Douglass's epic life from 1818 to 1895, examining his escape from slavery, his work as an abolitionist, and his relentless fight for equality for all individuals during the Jim Crow era. Individuals and groups may view the exhibit anytime the library is open. The exhibit is aimed at middle grades through adult.



Numerous supplementary essays, readings, and videos on Douglass's life and work will be on the [History Room website](#). Groups wishing to reserve library space for discussion or for viewing of supplementary videos [may do so here](#) and may contact the History Room for assistance with planning their event.

A second Gilder Lehrman Institute exhibit, *Who Can Vote?*, will be on view at the Library in November.

New digital Resources



George P.B. Alderman (1862-1942) is well known in Holyoke as the architect of many of the city's elaborate Queen Anne-style homes and a number of its public buildings. The History Room has now digitized [Illustrations of Buildings Designed and Erected under the Supervision of Geo. P.B. Alderman & Co., Architects](#) [Holyoke, Mass., 1907] and made it available on its webpage. The book covers Alderman's work in the wider region, but many pages feature Holyoke buildings. We are very grateful to the descendants of one of the volume's illustrators, George W. Wing, who made this rare volume available to us for scanning. The digitization project was undertaken by History Room volunteers and by intern Noah Neiweem.

Did you know that you can also now use your Holyoke Public Library card to access the [Historical Archive of the Springfield Republican newspaper](#)? This searchable database goes back to 1844!

Genealogy

Genealogy continues! Family history researchers just getting started can stop by the History Room any time it is open, but our two professional genealogists offer specialized help once a month at our **Genealogy Lab in the Computer Classroom**.

Drop-in Genealogy Lab
 June 24, July 22
 2:30 - 5:00 PM

Laboratorio de Genealogía
 24 de junio, 22 de julio
 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!

Holyoke Public Library
 250 Chestnut St.

The next lab meets July 22, 2:30-5:00. Hillary Schau and Iris Alicea Flores will be there to help. The Lab takes a break in August and begins again in September.

Are you interested in starting or joining a participant-led Genealogy Club at the Library? Contact us or watch for the survey on the [History Room webpage](#)!

Fall 2026 History Rm Events

A Preview of the History Room's Fall 2026 events (made possible with funding from the Holyoke Local Cultural Council):

- **September 24, 1:00 PM:** *Personal Digital Archiving with Lena Salina*
- **October 17, 1:00 PM:** *Exploring Hispanic Genealogy & Indigenous & African Caribbean Roots, with Iris Alicea Flores*
- **December 5:** *Mt. Tom Ski Area, with photographer James M. Long*
- **Coming in 2027:** *Les Filles du Roi and French-Canadian Genealogy, with Jack Keane*
- **September – December:** *Monthly Genealogy Lab*

Reference/Adult Dept.

The Reference / Adult department is excited to share our Adult Summer Reading programming! Adults can participate by completing a [Summer reading log](#). Win prizes for the time that you spend reading. Check out the [July Calendar](#).



Welcome our Summer Intern Madi, a student from Bard Microcollege, interning in Reference and Adult Services over the summer! She has been a great help!



Celebrate America's 250th anniversary with acts of kindness and volunteering. Come to the fourth floor and share your acts of service both big and small. We will have our Blue Poster and Stars to post them. We hope to collect 250 Stars by September 1st! Check out the flyer for more Info.



Keep checking our website for more events at [Holyoke Library Calendar](#). You can also call the reference desk and talk to Cal or Abbey at 413-420-8106.

Holyoke Cooling Stations



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. Under 6 are free. Other sites in Western MA: 413cares.org

Computer Lab

The Holyoke Public Library Computer Lab on the third floor, and all public computers in the building, are easily logged into with your library card number. We also have free public Wi-Fi at the library!

Bring in your own laptops, Notebooks, or mobile devices to take advantage of our services.



For learning about computer or technology topics, we offer **free one-on-one (or group at request) tutoring sessions and classes!**

See our [Computer/Technology Tutoring page](#) for more information on scheduling your classes. Or call 413-420-8118.

Summer Reading 2026

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Check out the full list of activities for kids, teens and adults!

Registration Kick-Off Party
Thursday, June 25
1:00-5:30pm

Come register for our Summer Reading Program and enjoy free ice-cream, get your face painted, attend a drag story time, meet the Balloon Man, and have some fun.

Children's Reading Program
Children can sign-up to receive a reading log at the start of our program to keep track of the time they spend reading. Once a week bring in the completed log to receive an incentive prize.

Teen Reading Program
Teens can track their progress on a reading log. For every hour they read, and every program they attend, they will receive one raffle-ticket. Teens can choose to enter to win a variety of prizes from games to gift cards. Raffle tickets will be drawn the first week in August.

Adult Reading Program
Adults can sign-up to receive a reading log, to earn prizes by attending events and tracking their reading.



HOLYOKE PUBLIC LIBRARY

2026 SUMMER READING PROGRAM
JUNE 29TH - AUGUST 1ST

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The Massachusetts Statewide Summer Library Program is funded by the Massachusetts Library System, the Boston Branch, and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

FIESTA DE LANZAMIENTO DE REGISTRACIÓN
Jueves, 25 de Junio
1:00 a 5:30pm

Ven y regístrate para nuestro programa de Lectura de Verano, disfruten de helado gratis, pintura facial, y Asiste a un Cuento de drag conoza a el hombre de las bombas y tengan un buen tiempo.

PROGRAMA DE LECTURA PARA NIÑOS
Los niños pueden inscribirse para recibir un registro de lectura al comenzar el programa y llevar un control del tiempo que pasan leyendo. Una vez por semana, pueden traer el registro completado para recibir un premio como incentivo.

PROGRAMA DE LECTURA PARA ADOLESCENTES
Los adolescentes pueden llevar un registro de lectura. Por cada hora que lean y cada evento al que asistan, recibirán un boleto para una rifa. Podrán usar los boletos para participar en sorteos de premios que van desde juegos hasta tarjetas de regalo. Los boletos ganadores se sortearán la primera semana de agosto.

PROGRAMA DE LECTURA PARA ADULTOS
Adultos pueden inscribirse para recibir un registro de lectura y ganar premios asistiendo a los eventos y llevando un seguimiento de sus lecturas.



BIBLIOTECA PÚBLICA DE HOLYOKE

PROGRAMAS DE VERANO 2026
DEL 29 DE JUNIO
AL 1 DE AGOSTO

PLANTAR UNA SEMILLA. LER!



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El Programa Estatal de Lectura de Verano de Massachusetts está financiado por el Sistema de Bibliotecas de Massachusetts, las Boston Branch y la Junta de Comisionados de Massachusetts.

More pictures from our summer Reading kickoff.



The kids loved the Face Painting and everyone loved the free ice-cream which you received for signing up for the Summer Reading program!



We welcomed many community Partners who shared valuable information with our families.



Lawn Games kept people busy and gave people a chance to appreciate the **Flags for Heroes** installed by the Holyoke Rotary Club in the Library Park.



Inside the library, "Honey I shrunk the Kids" was a great way to end the day.



Rainbow Organizing and Response (ROAR) helped welcome everyone into the library.

This event and the Summer Reading program, was made possible in part through the support of many generous donors. Thank you!

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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Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!

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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!

Summer Movies/ Películas de Verano Come and Join us



July 23 @ 3pm

Julio 23 a las 3pm

August 19th @ 3pm

Agosto 19 a las 3pm

***Bocadillos Desponsibles
Snacks will be Provided***

