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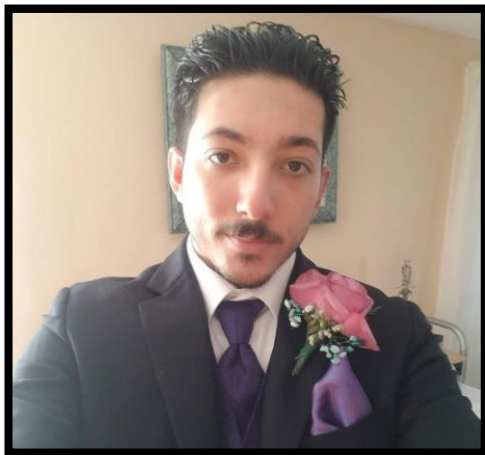
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Welcome New staff!

Nancy Kocsmiersky, Development Office

In January, the library welcomed a new Computer IT Manager, Carlos Vicenty . He jumped right in to learn from his predecessor and to help the library staff and patrons with our technology issues.



Welcome Carlos!

Goodbye to our friends!

The library has lost two very hard working and helpful staff members.

Jose Figueroa - Computer IT Manager.



“I can't thank Jose enough for being our champion and jumping in when the library opened in 2013 with new technology and no IT staff. He saw the needs and went right to finding the solutions...and now, as he prepares for new endeavors, he is still thinking of the library's well being in that he is making sure that once he leaves us, the library will be in good hands. Thank you Jose. Please note that your work has not gone unnoticed and you are appreciated more than words can say.” - Maria Pagan, Director

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Charlie Pope - Children's Librarian



Charlie was only with us for a short time but their impact was felt by all. With engaging and fun programming, Charlie worked hard to give kids many options to engage and learn with the library resources. We will all miss you!

Children's Room News

Holyoke Library Children's Room

Have a Movie night on us!

The Children's Room is now offering **Family Movie Night Bundles** through our curbside pickup service! Each bundle comes with a DVD, microwavable popcorn, carnival popcorn bags, and an activity sheets!



We currently have 6 movie bundles available: *The Addams Family* (2019), *The Peanuts Movie*, *The Boxtrolls*, *Hoot*, *The Rocketeer*, and *James and the Giant Peach*.

Call 413-420-8105 to claim one today!

* Only one movie bundle per family per week.



Check out ***The Mummy at Mystery Mansion***, a spooky educational program created by Talewise, an extension of **ScienceTellers!**

To watch the video, please follow these instructions:

1. Click [this link](#) to be brought to the Talewise online educational platform
2. Click "Get Access" and log in or sign up
3. **Enter the coupon code 13502** at checkout - no payment details are required!
4. Enjoy the video!

Dial-A-Story

The library has Dial-A-Story! Available 24/7, our Dial-A-Story provides a selection of wonderful stories read aloud by local librarians and featured guests. Email nhayes@holyokelibrary.org with your requests for new stories!

To listen to our Dial-A-Story, please call 413-420-5600!

Children's Room YouTube Channel

The Children's Room has a YouTube channel! All future story times, craft corners, and other videos will be posted to our channel as well as on Facebook. Subscribe [here!](#)

Children's Room Newsletter

Keep up to date with everything happening in the Holyoke Public 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!

* Coming Soon- BRAINFUSE -for Tutoring help!

El Tiempo de Cuentos en Español con Carlos

Available: video series, El Tiempo de Cuentos en Español (Spanish Story Time)! Join Carlos as he reads some of our favorite stories in Spanish! Check it out on our Facebook page and YouTube channel!



Grab & Go Kits

The Children's Room is also offering free Grab & Go Kits! We now have a **Frog Door Knob hanger Kit**, a bag that contains various art supplies that encourages kids to create and have fun. More kits are coming throughout the Spring.

The kits are free and are first come first served.

To get a Grab & Go kit or to see what we have available, please email our children's librarian **Nathan** at nhayes@holyokelibrary.org or call the Children's Room at **413-420-8105!**

Children's Room News

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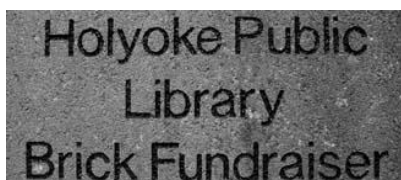


Join professional magician Ed Popielarczyk every Monday at noon on our [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube channel](#) for Magic Mondays! Each week, Ed will teach you a new magic track- he'll make a magician out of you! Watch a playlist of all of our Magic Monday videos [here!](#)

[MCAS Study Program is on our website](#) – **Lumos StepUp** is a comprehensive MCAS study program that provides assessments and online workbooks with hundreds of practice questions for **Math and English Language Arts for students in grades 3-8**. Students, parents and educators can conveniently access this program with a Holyoke Public Library card from anywhere using a computer, phone or any device with internet access.

Make your Mark at the Library

The library is offering the opportunity to Create a lasting family tribute, honor a loved one, or express the support of your business by reserving a permanent brick in the library's brick patio!



To get the order form [Click Here](#) or Contact Nancy at nancy@holyokelibrary.org or to **Donate online** go to [LibraryDonationPage](#).

**Just write that it is a brick donation in the notes section and you will be emailed the form.*

Bricks are usually installed in the Spring. Thank you.

Curb Side Pickup at the library

Though the Library Building is closed, we are getting library materials into the hands of our patrons.

Curbside Service is available M-Th 10-4:30pm, and F 10-3:30pm. Limit of 5 items per library card holder.

Place holds

- Choose an item on the [Online Catalog](#) or <http://holyokelibrary.org/index.asp> or with the **CWMARS App**
- **Call the Library** with your list at 413-420-8101
- **Email your list** to library@holyoke.org
- **Drop off your list** with your returns via the **book drop** outside the entrance

Mobile Printing and Faxing Available

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

- **From your computer**, email your document to holyoke-browsing@printspots.com to be printed.

- **From mobile devices**, download the **PrinterOn App** from [Google Play](#) or [Apple App Store](#). Search for Holyoke, MA. Select Holyoke Browsing Printer. Follow directions.

- **Then**, once your documents are Sent to be printed at the library, call or email to pick them up via Curbside Service. (See Above)

Need to send a Fax? From your phone or computer/tablet, go to Faxscan24.com and follow instructions to input fax number and payment.

Coronavirus- COVID 19

Helpful Links:

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

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),
[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](#)

LEARN NEW SKILLS

[Rocket Languages Tutorial](#)



[ArtistWorks Tutorial](#)

History Room News

Eileen Crosby, *Archivist*

The Holyoke History Room's Virtual and Mobile Tours are now live! The first two armchair and walking tours of **Explore Historic Holyoke** (www.holyoke.oncell.com) introduce the historic buildings around Library Park and the trees on the grounds. Enjoy—and use Visitor Feedback page to tell us about your experience.

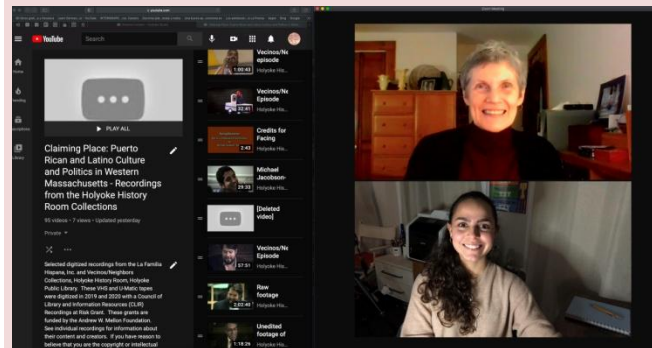


Watch for the History Room's virtual local history tours.

Made possible by a grant from the
Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

Our video digitization project, ***Claiming Place: Preserving the History of Puerto Rican and Latino Culture and Politics***, continues to post newly-digitized historic footage to the **History Room's YouTube Channel** (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuG1q990a2Xm4k3H2e8CzSQ>). Watch for more releases over the course of the spring. This project is funded by the **Council on Library and Information Resources**.

As we complete the project, we will be sad to lose our metadata and video expert, project assistant **Ismary Santiago-Lugo** (shown here at a virtual session with **Historical Collections Librarian Eileen Crosby**).



Recent History Room online events included ***The Life & Times of St. Patrick***, with **Sean Murphy**, and **Ask-a-Genealogist**, with **Lisa Dougherty** (**March 30**) ([Meeting Registration - Zoom](#)).

History Room Events:

Stay informed about History Room events by checking the News page ([Holyoke Public Library \(hol yokelibrary.org\)](http://www.holyokelibrary.org)) and subscribing to the **History Room email list**. (<http://eepurl.com/Tq8ib>)

Did you miss our online lectures? View the recordings on our YouTube Channel:



The Holyoke History Room can be contacted at (413) 420-8107 – historyroom@hol yokelibrary.org.

Teen Room News

Vicky White, Teen Librarian

The Holyoke Public Library presents:

Book Clubs in a Bag!

Now Available:



Available for curbside pickup-call or email the Teen Librarian at 413.420.8119 x 27 or vwhite@hol yokelibrary.org

Book-Club-In-A-Bag
and
Mad Science Craft kits
available via curbside pickup!

The Holyoke Public Library presents:

Mad Science Craft Kits!

Now Available:

Baking Science Cookie Kits



Available for curbside pickup while supplies last- call or email the Teen Librarian at 413.420.8119 x 27 or vwhite@hol yokelibrary.org

On March 11th, the Teen room hosted a fun Tik Tok event for LGBTQIA+ and allied Teens. The Teen room continues reaching out to keep teens engaged and socially interacting. More online social events are planned, check out our [Teen Services page](#).

QT'S OF WESTERN MASS

TIK TOK PJ PARTY

A COMMUNITY ZOOM EVENT FOR LGBTQIA+ IDENTIFYING OR ALLIED TEENS IN WESTERN MA

MARCH 11 - 7PM

REGISTER AT THE LINK BELOW:

<http://bit.ly/3paaJrd>

CO-HOSTED BY: HOUSE OF COLORS, GLEN MA, OUT NOW, AND HOLYOKE & SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Homework Resources

[Boston Public Library eCard](#): Sign up today for access to eBooks, movies, newspapers, databases, and much more

[Gale Databases](#): Databases for your research needs

[Khan Academy](#): Free and helpful videos and lessons about a variety of academic subjects

**** Coming Soon- BRAINFUSE -for Tutoring help!**

If you have any questions feel free to email our teen librarian Vicky at vwhite@hol yokelibrary.org or call 413-420-8119. CHECK OUT our INSTAGRAM PAGE!

<https://www.instagram.com/holyokelibraryteens/>

Reference Room News

Reference Room

The Holyoke Library Reference Dept is happy to announce the **Container Gardening Workshop**



Dottie Caron, Master Gardener with the Western Massachusetts Master Gardeners Association, will give a step by step introduction on how to start planting with seeds for indoor or outdoor container gardening.

****The library will be offering a limited supply of starter materials for Free to participants. Included will be a pot, Potting soil, and seeds.** Anyone interested in getting the free supplies can contact **Michael or Cheryl at 413-420-8106 or at mbaron@holyokelibrary.org**. Due to a limited supply, these Free kits will be given out first come first served. This Online video will be posted on April 17, 2021. You can watch on our website or our Facebook page anytime.

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

The Holyoke library has an extensive **e-reference collection** with full-text books available online.

Try out these links.

All Titles	Health	Literature
Biography	History	Magazines/Journals
Business	Hobbies	Multicultural
Careers	Humanities	Newspapers
Education	Kids	Science
General	Law	

Grow with Google

The Holyoke Library is working with [Grow with Google](#) which offers our patrons Free training, tools and events to help users grow their skills, career or business.

If you have any questions or suggestions for other topics, Please feel free to contact the Reference Department at 413-420-8101 x1 or emailing mbaron@holyokelibrary.org or clivengood@holyokelibrary.org.

* Wi-Fi Hotspot Lending

We have 5 Hotspot Devices to Loan!

In fulfilling the Library’s mission to provide access to educational resources, the Holyoke Public Library has established a **Wi-Fi Hotspot Lending Program** to assist patrons needing Internet access for a limited time. The intention of the hotspot lending program is to provide Internet access for

- Students to use for help with remote learning
- Patrons to search and apply for jobs and other assistance.
- Workers to travel with internet for meetings
- Patrons to have access to the library’s digital resources such as our databases, eBooks, etc.

Patrons will be able to take advantage of our Wi-Fi hotspot lending program with a Holyoke Public Library card. The Wi-Fi hotspot lending program is not intended to provide continual Internet access for any one household

The “**Wi-Fi Hotspot Kit**” consists of a mobile wireless hotspot device, as well as its cable, charger, and case. When a patron borrows a hotspot kit, the patron’s use of the equipment is available under the following terms and conditions in addition to the standard Library policies (notably the Library’s **Internet and Electronic Information Use Policy**). And other terms and conditions as described below for which the user is responsible.

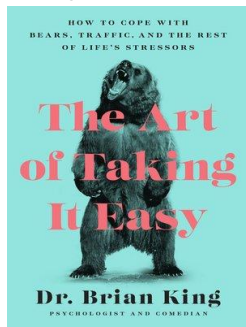
** **TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

To borrow a Hotspot Kit, patrons must be 18 years of age or older and have a Holyoke Public Library card (in good standing -- i.e. library card is not blocked due to unpaid fines or lost material). - Call ahead to reserve a kit. At checkout, Library staff will confirm that all items are present in the hotspot kit. The patron must sign the Library’s **Hotspot Lending Program Rules and Agreement** before checking out. Only one hotspot kit may be borrowed on a patron’s account/per household at any given time.

The loan period for the Hotspot Kits are three (3) days or 14 days with no grace period.

The [Big Library Read](#)

A **global eBook club** will soon be starting with [The Art of Taking it Easy](#) by Dr. Brian King. From **April 5 - April 19, 2021**, readers will be able to check out the ebook of *The Art of Taking it Easy* without waitlist or holds. In his laugh-out-loud book, psychologist and stand-up comedian Dr. King, offers readers a guide to embracing humor to reduce stress and live a happier, fuller life.



Community Resources -Holyoke



[The Holyoke Safe Neighborhood Initiative](#) is a creation of the [Hampden County Sheriff's Department](#) which has a partnership between law enforcement; local government; service organizations; and residents.

The Holyoke Safe Neighborhood Initiative (HSNI) partners with [413cares.org](#), a local non-profit serving Western Massachusetts, to provide our community with access to resources for Food, Housing, Goods, Transit, Health, Financial Assistance, Care, Education, Work & Legal.

Click here to [Meet their Local Partner Agencies!](#)

Beware of Phone and Email Scammers!

Millions of Americans, have been the victims of phone and email scams. The [phone scam is spoofing](#). This can also happen with emails. Always double check the identity of the sender.

Check out info from the FCC has on how to deal with scams like [Caller ID Spoofing](#).

Food Bank Resources -Local

[FoodBank of Western MA](#)

Find a food pantry or free meal during COVID-19 crisis- During the COVID-19 crisis, some members of The Food Bank have adjusted their hours or have decided to close. *Click on the link above to see this schedule to find free meals or a food pantry. This schedule is updated frequently, so please check back regularly.*

COVID Vaccine and Testing Sites - Holyoke

GET YOUR COVID 19 VACCINE

Everyone in Phase 1, individuals age 75 and older, individuals age 60 and older, individuals with 2+ certain medical conditions, residents and staff of low income and affordable senior housing, K-12 educators, K-12 school staff, and child care workers, and [certain workers](#) are eligible to get the COVID-19 vaccine now!

Phase 2-April 5th - All others in Phase 3 - April 19th. Pre-Register for the Vaccine by going to the [Mass.gov Covid-19 website](#) or call 211 for help registering.

STOP THE SPREAD TESTING SITES EXTENDED TESTING THROUGH June 30th

WALK UP COVID-19 Testing Site in Holyoke
[Holyoke War Memorial](#) at 323 Appleton St. Testing hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 2pm to 6pm. The public will not be allowed to enter the building during testing hours.

**Testing will run until 6/30/21.*

DRIVE UP COVID-19 Testing Site in Holyoke
[Holyoke Community College](#) - 303 Homestead Ave. Testing will run until 6/30/21.

A map with the new traffic pattern and testing site location is posted on the [Holyoke Board of Health website](#). The testing takes place at Lot H. Hours and days of operation:

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 7am - 11am. Tuesday and Thursday 2pm -7pm.

- Turnaround time is typically 4 days or fewer.

- This test site is first come, first serve. **There are no appointments.** - for Information on all of the Test sites across the State at: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/stop-the-spread>

STAY IN TOUCH!

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

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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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Holyoke, MA 01040

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The newest stuff at your library

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