

# BEYOND THE STACKS

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## Thank You!

*Nancy Kocsmiersky, Development Office*



*No one succeeds alone.*

2020 has reminded us how much  
we all need each other  
even if it can only be virtually.

The library could not sustain their programming and  
their online offerings without the generosity of our  
Donors both big and small.

**We are very grateful for you,  
our patrons and donors!**

You keep us going!

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## Holyoke Library sponsors musical Event

*Aguinaldo a la Banda Allá* is a holiday celebration of the Puerto Rican culture in Massachusetts and Puerto Rico sponsored by the Holyoke library among many other local organizations. Artists from both areas came together to sing and dance, led by Puerto Rican star, @Silverio Pérez. Because while we may be physically distant, music unites us all. The event was streamed via Facebook Live on Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.



*¡Aguinaldo a la Banda Allá!* ¡Un regalo musical de @Silverio Pérez a sus amistades lindas en Holyoke, Boston, y es más, en todo Massachusetts! El evento se transmitió a través de Facebook Live el viernes 18 de diciembre a desde la página de @Ágora Cultural Architects (@culturalagora) y los colaboradores del evento.

# Children's Room News

Holyoke Library Children's Room



## Dial-A-Story

The library has an exciting new service: Dial-A-Story! Available 24/7, our Dial-A-Story provides a selection of wonderful stories read aloud by your local librarians and featured guests such as the fantastic storyteller Mary Jo Maichack!

New stories will be released periodically and we're taking requests; what stories do YOU want to hear on our Dial-A-Story?

Email [cpope@holyokelibrary.org](mailto:cpope@holyokelibrary.org) with your requests and we'll make them happen!

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

## HOLYOKE CHILDREN'S ROOM YOUTUBE CHANNEL



## Children's Room YouTube Channel

The Children's Room is so excited to announce our new 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 Weekly Newsletter

Keep up to date with everything happening in the Holyoke Public Library's Children's Room by subscribing to our weekly newsletter, sent out every Wednesday! Newsletters include information about upcoming grab & go activity kits, book clubs, online story times, book recommendations, and more!

Fill out [this short form](#) or email [cpope@holyokelibrary.org](mailto:cpope@holyokelibrary.org) to subscribe!

## El Tiempo de Cuentos en Español



## El Tiempo de Cuentos en Español con Carlos

We are very excited to announce our new video series, El Tiempo de Cuentos en Español (Spanish Story Time)! Join Carlos as he reads some of our favorite stories in Spanish, such as *El amor es bondadoso*, *El lobezno perdido*, and more!

Check it out here and keep an eye out for future uploads on our Facebook page and YouTube channel!

## Grab & Go Kits

The Children's Room is also offering free Grab & Go Kits! We have a **Rock Candy Science Kit**, **Medieval History kit** and **Dinosaur themed kit**, a bag that contains various art supplies that encourages kids to create and have fun. We will be announcing more kits throughout the Winter and Spring, so keep an eye out!

*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 **Charlie** at [cpope@holyokelibrary.org](mailto:cpope@holyokelibrary.org) or call the Children's Room at **413-420-8105!**

## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Continues into 2021!



When 2020 started, The Holyoke Library had great plans for our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and goals we wanted to accomplish. Then, as we all know, our world was hit with COVID-19. We were told to stay inside and the library was closed with patrons only able to use our services remotely.

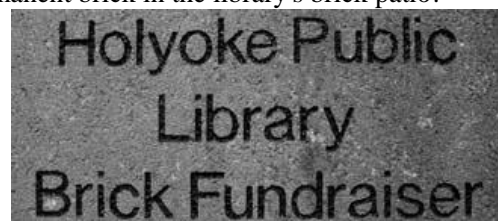
**Now, 2020 is finally over  
but the Celebration continues!**

We are working on creating a couple of activities to replace our celebrations for the library's 150<sup>th</sup> year of service to the community. We will keep you updated on our activities and hope that you can join us whether it's virtually or hopefully in person! Thank you for your continued use and patronage of the Holyoke Public Library.

## Make your Mark at the Library

*Nancy Kocsmiersky, Development Office*

The library is once again 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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) 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*

**New Virtual Projects:** History Room Staff and Volunteers have been working behind the scenes on two major online local history projects. These will begin to roll out in January, 2021, and continue into the spring:



**“Claiming Place: Preserving the history of Puerto Rican and Latino Culture and Politics in Western Massachusetts through digitization of the Vecinos/Neighbors and La Familia Hispana, Inc. video collections.”**

This project represents a critical step forward in preserving and providing access to sources on Holyoke’s Puerto Rican and Latino history. Many of the digitized videos will be available on the History Room’s YouTube Channel. See a preview of the project here:

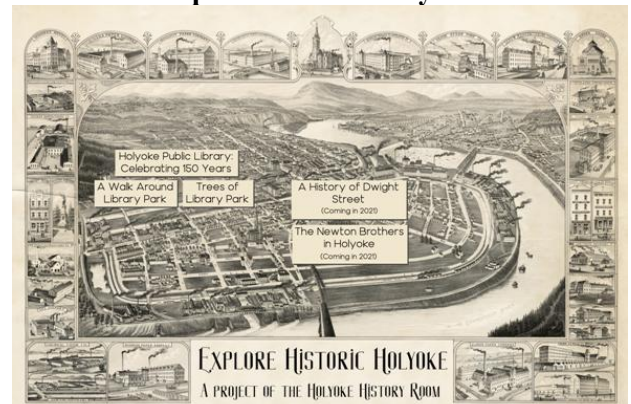
[https://youtu.be/H\\_axlUrZ6c](https://youtu.be/H_axlUrZ6c)

Digitization was made possible by a grant from the *Council on Library & Information Resources*.



Council on Library and Information Resources

## “Explore Historic Holyoke”



**Watch for the History Room's virtual local history tours--coming out later this month.** Made possible by a grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

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### History Room Events:

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



And keep an eye on the Holyoke History Room News page for announcements of upcoming events:

<http://www.holyokelibrary.org/historynews.asp>

**The Holyoke History Room** continues to accept research inquiries by telephone and email. Archivist Eileen Crosby can provide limited scans of materials and provide guidance on using online library resources for genealogical research: (413) 420-8107 – [historyroom@hol yokelibrary.org](mailto:historyroom@hol yokelibrary.org). Some resources require a Holyoke Public Library card: see the library homepage for how to renew your card or get a one.

## Teen Room News

*Veronica 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](mailto: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: Slime!**

Available for curbside pickup while supplies last— call or email the Teen Librarian at 413.420.8119 x 27 or [vwhite@hol yokelibrary.org](mailto:vwhite@hol yokelibrary.org)

The Holyoke Public Library presents:  
**Mad Science Craft Kits!**  
**Now Available: Borax Crystals!**

This kit will allow you to make your very own crystal creations using Borax and a few household items!

Available for curbside pickup while supplies last— call or email the Teen Librarian at 413.420.8119 x 27 or [vwhite@hol yokelibrary.org](mailto:vwhite@hol yokelibrary.org)

**We now have a Holyoke Library Teen Discord!** Discord is a text and voice chat application. Its sleek and simple design makes it an excellent and safer alternative to apps like Skype. Fill out the form on the bottom of the [Teen Services page](#) to get an invite. The Discord server will feature spaces for the Anime Club, homework and research help, book chats, fandom and more!

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If you have any questions feel free to email our teen librarian Veronica at [vwhite@holyokelibrary.org](mailto:vwhite@holyokelibrary.org) or call 413-420-8119. Hope to see you in the Teen Room as soon as we can!

### Other Online Resources

[Middle School](#) -- Math, English Language Art, Social Studies Skills Improvement & more

[High School](#) -- Math, English Language Art, Social Studies, Science, Technology and more.

For more about this and other Teen Room information CHECK OUT OUR INSTAGRAM PAGE!

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

## Reference Room News

*Reference Room*

**Reference librarians** are available to provide guidance in every aspect of the research process. Reference librarians can help you:

- find information on a topic
- develop research strategies for papers and projects
- search library catalogs, article databases, and Internet resources

Resources found in the Reference Collection include dictionaries, encyclopedias, atlases, handbooks, bibliographies, indexes, and other reference books.

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

**Try out these links.**

<a href="#">All Titles</a>	<a href="#">Health</a>	<a href="#">Literature</a>
<a href="#">Biography</a>	<a href="#">History</a>	<a href="#">Magazines/Journals</a>
<a href="#">Business</a>	<a href="#">Hobbies</a>	<a href="#">Multicultural</a>
<a href="#">Careers</a>	<a href="#">Humanities</a>	<a href="#">Newspapers</a>
<a href="#">Education</a>	<a href="#">Kids</a>	<a href="#">Science</a>
<a href="#">General</a>	<a href="#">Law</a>	

## 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.

### I. [Small Businesses and Startups](#)

Host workshops and provide free resources to help local business grow and be found online.

- A. **Guides and FAQs**
- B. **Workshop Materials**
- C. **Handouts**
- D. **Videos**
- E. **COVID -19 Resources**
- F. [Resources in Spanish](#)
- G. [S.C.O.R.E.](#)

### II. Job Seekers

Offer job seekers practical tools and lessons on digital skills that can help them find a job or grow their career.

- A. [Get-started Guides](#)
- B. **Workshop materials**
- C. **Handouts**
- D. **Videos**
- E. **COVID-19 Resources**
- G. [MassHire](#)

### III. Students and Educators

Give teachers, students, and administrators the tools they need to teach or learn digital skills.

- A. **Get-started Guides**
- B. **Workshop materials**
- C. **Handouts**
- D. **COVID-19 Resources**
- E. **Links...**

### IV. Veterans and Military families

Assist transitioning service members, military spouses, and veterans as they build civilian careers and businesses.\

- A. **General Info and Guides**
- B. **Workshop materials**
- C. **Videos**
- D. **Links...**

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](mailto:mbaron@holyokelibrary.org) or [clivengood@holyokelibrary.org](mailto:clivengood@holyokelibrary.org).



## Community Resources -Holyoke



The **Holyoke Safe Neighborhood Initiative** is a creation of the [Hampden County Sheriff's Department](#) which operates as a partnership between local, state & federal law enforcement; city & state government; service organizations; and residents coming together to create safe, healthy & neighborhoods. [HSNI](#) offers programs that connect youth and families with community partners.

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.

**HSNI looks for volunteers** to assist in community clean-ups, Family Fun Nights, and Sports Leagues  
You can volunteer by [clicking here](#).  
Click here to [Meet our Local Partner Agencies!](#)

## Beware of Phone Scammers!

*Millions of Americans, including the Holyoke library have been the victims of a new phone scam and it's increasing every year. It's called spoofing.*

**Spoofing** is when a caller deliberately falsifies the information transmitted to your caller ID display to disguise their identity. Scammers often use neighbor spoofing so it appears that an incoming call is coming from a local number, or from a company or a government agency like the Holyoke Library that you may already know and trust.

If you think you've been the victim of a spoofing scam, you can [file a complaint with the FCC](#). Check out this info from the FCC on how to deal with scams like [Caller ID Spoofing](#).

**FCC Consumer Video: Don't Hang On, Hang Up!**  
To [watch this video with captions](#), hit play, click on

the settings icon, then click "Subtitles/CC" and select from available languages.

## 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 Testing Sites - Holyoke

**STOP THE SPREAD TESTING SITES  
EXTENDED TESTING THROUGH March 31<sup>ST</sup>**

### **WALK UP COVID-19 Testing Site in Holyoke**

A walk-up COVID testing site opened in Holyoke at **323 Appleton St.** Testing hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 2pm to 6pm. Testing will run until 3/31/21.

### **DRIVE UP COVID-19 Testing Site in Holyoke**

A Stop the Spread test has opened at [Holyoke Community College](#). Testing will run until 3/31/21.

A map with the new traffic pattern and testing site location is posted on the [Holyoke Board of Health website](#).

**The testing will remain at HCC, but now takes place at Lot H. Hours and days of operation:**

- The site will operate Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 7am - 11am. Tuesday and Thursday 2pm -7pm.
- Turnaround time for results 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!

### HOLYOKE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

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## Looking for a New book, Music or Movie?



Looking for your next book? Want to find more authors like your favorites? [NoveList Plus](#) has all your reading answers. Find books that match your interests, read-alikes for your favorite titles and authors, or ready-made book lists on your favorite genres. With [NoveList Plus](#) you'll fill up your to-read list in no time!

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## Wowbrary

The newest stuff at your library

**Wowbrary** regularly informs you by email and/or RSS about your chosen public library's newest books, movies and music. **Wowbrary** makes it easy for you to place a hold on a new title. **This is a free user service** supported by grants, donations, sponsorships, book sale commissions and volunteers. To receive a copy of Wowbrary via your e-mail, [click here](#) to subscribe.