

# BEYOND THE STACKS

Holyoke Public Library

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October 2021

## Welcome New staff!

*Nancy Kocsmiersky, Development Office*

**We are happy to announce that the library has hired several new and not so new faces who have started working at the library. They cannot wait to meet you all!**



In September, the library welcomed back our Assistant Library Director, **Jason Lefebvre**. Jason has many years experience working at the Holyoke Library. He brings a wealth of experience and energy to the library.

Meet **Rene Pellissier**, our new Children's Librarian



I am a graduate student at Texas Woman's University. My favorite children's authors are Tamora Pierce, Kay O'Neil, Ashley Herring Blake, and Tara Lazar.

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Meet **Nelson Zapata** our new Custodian.



Nelson has jumped in to support his fellow staff. He's working hard to keep the library safe and clean for all who use the library, both inside and outside.

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Meet **Brenda Torres**, our new Library Assistant.



Brenda is working at the front desk in the evenings and is looking forward to helping all of our patrons.

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# Children's Room News

Holyoke Library Children's Room

**Fall is here and we want everyone to come down to the Children's Room for books, crafts, and fun!**

**In Person Storytimes are back!** Starting Saturday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Children's room will be doing in person story times every Wednesday and Saturday in October.



## In Person Storytime

SATURDAYS OCTOBER 2ND 16TH & 30TH  
WEDNESDAYS OCTOBER 6TH 20TH & 27TH  
AT 10:00 AM IN THE HOLYOKE  
CHILDREN'S ROOM

EVENT IS LIMITED TO 10 CHILDREN ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS.

IF DEMAND IS HIGH A SECOND STORYTIME WILL BE HELD AT 11:00

### **Stories Read Aloud in Spanish**

- The Children's Room is excited to remind patrons about our video series, ***Tiempo de Cuentos en Español!*** Join Carlos as he reads some of our favorite stories in Spanish, starting with *El lobezno perdido* by Rachel Bright.



Check out the first video [here!](#)

### **Listen to Children's stories on the phone.**

To listen to our Dial-A-Story and hear some great children's stories read by library staff and volunteers, please call **413-420-5600!**

### **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](mailto:nhayes@holyokelibrary.org) to subscribe!

### **Come learn fun Crafts.**



### **Children's Room YouTube Channel**

The Children's Room has a YouTube channel! All videos will be posted to our channel as well as on Facebook. Subscribe [here!](#)

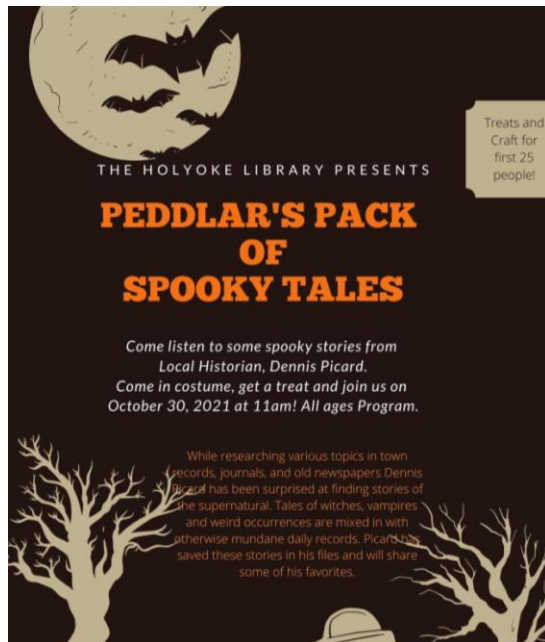
HOLYOKE CHILDREN'S ROOM  
YOUTUBE CHANNEL



To get a craft kit or to see what we have available, please email our children's librarians **Nathan** at [nhayes@holyokelibrary.org](mailto:nhayes@holyokelibrary.org), **Rene** at [rpellissier@holyokelibrary.org](mailto:rpellissier@holyokelibrary.org) or call the Children's Room at **413-420-8105!**

## Live Events at the library!

JOIN US SATURDAY, October 30  
AT 11AM  
at the old Maple St entrance stairs.  
Open to all ages!



"A PEDDLER'S PACK OF SPOOKY TALES FROM HILL AND VALLEY: VINTAGE STORIES FROM YOUR GRANDPARENTS FIRESIDE"

**Our story teller- Dennis D. Picard** has been a museum professional in the living history field for forty years. He began his career in 1978 at *Old Sturbridge Village* and spent twelve years filling various positions including lead interpreter, where he researched and designed many public programs which are still offered by that institution today. He recently retired after 27 years at *Storrowton Village Museum*, in West Springfield.

While researching in town records, journals, and old newspapers Dennis was surprised at finding stories of the supernatural. Tales of witches, vampires and weird occurrences are mixed in with otherwise mundane daily records. Picard has saved these stories in his files and will share some of his favorites.

## 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), [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](#).

### JOB & CAREER TRAINING

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**Rocket Languages**

## History Room News

Eileen Crosby, *Archivist*

The History Room is currently open by **APPOINTMENT** only.

To make a research appointment, call 413.420.8107.

Leave a message and wait for a confirmation.

For more details, see [Using the Collection](#).

Masks are highly recommended for all patrons in our small space. We also offer remote research assistance by telephone or email. Drop-in research is not available at this time.

The Holyoke History Room's Virtual and Mobile Tours are still available! The first two walking tours of **Explore Historic Holyoke** ([www.holyoke.occell.com](http://www.holyoke.occell.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.



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

Stay informed about History Room events by checking the News page ([Holyoke Public Library](#) [holyokelibrary.org](http://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@holyokelibrary.org](mailto:historyroom@holyokelibrary.org).

## Teen Room News

One of the best parts of the Holyoke Library is our Teen Room. Enjoy computers, check out the latest books, play a game from our large game collection, color and craft, or just relax with friends!

### 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

**\*\* Now available- BRAINFUSE -for Tutoring help!**  
You will need your library card to login.  
Click this link : [BrainFuse!](#)

Or log in thru our website, just scroll down to the BrainFuse link.

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

If you have any questions feel free to email a librarian at [library@holyoke.org](mailto:library@holyoke.org) or call 413-420-8101.

## Big Library Read- Nov 1-15

The first Global ebook Club.



She thought being stranded was the worst thing that could happen. She was wrong.

Join others from around MA and the world from Nov 1-15 use #biglibraryread on social media for a chance to win prizes including a tablet!

Go to <https://biglibraryread.com/> to learn more.

## Library Hours of Operation

Updated Operation hours are

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

Friday - Saturday – 8:30am-4:00pm,

(Closed Sundays and holidays).

Computers shut down 30 minutes before closing time.

**\* IF Holyoke CITY HALL CLOSSES DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER THE HOLYOKE LIBRARY IS ALSO CLOSED.**

**Curbside services are still available.**

Most services are currently available with seating and computer use in limited capacity.

[Place holds online](#)

[Book Reservation Form](#)

[Curbside Service FAQ](#)



**History room use is by appointment only.** But we often have day of openings available, just call (413) 420-8107 to check and schedule an appointment to view and use the history room's resources.

**\*\* Services not currently available:**

- Bathroom Use
- Water Fountain Use

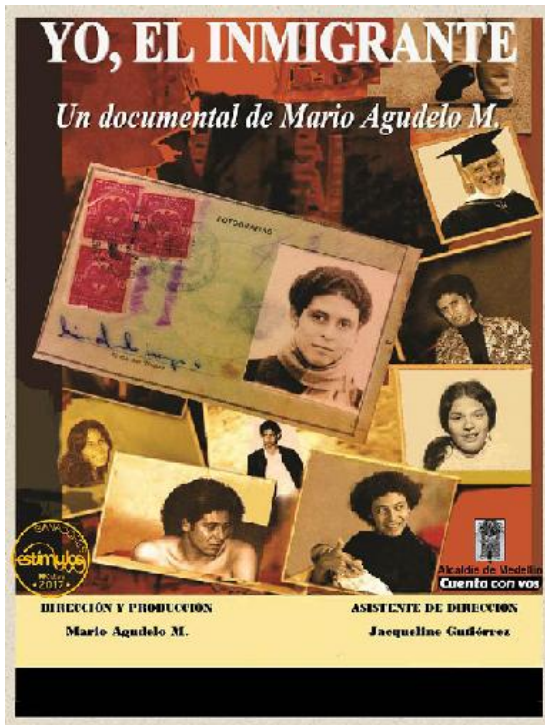
**To note: Visitors and staff are required to wear masks in our building. Please wear a mask covering your mouth and nose at all times. We provide plenty of sanitation options including masks and sanitizer.**

**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.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to call us at (413) 420-8101 or email us at [library@holyoke.org](mailto:library@holyoke.org). Keep checking our [HPL website](#) and [Facebook](#) for updates on our reopening and fun events!

## Live Events!



**Estímulos PPCultura 2017 Award Winning Documentary “Yo, el inmigrante.”**  
**To screen at Holyoke City Hall Auditorium**  
**With special appearance by Mario A. Agudelo,**  
**Director and Producer**  
**and L. Orlando Isaza, El inmigrante**  
**\*Reservations required for in-person (limited to 30) and remote access.**

Holyoke, MA – “Yo, el inmigrante”, premio Estímulos PPCultura 2017 winning documentary will screen at Holyoke City Hall Auditorium on **Wednesday, October 6, 2021, at 6:30pm.**

The film will be screened in Spanish with English subtitles. This event is the film’s first premiere in the United States as part of Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations.

**\*For more information/reservation, send an email to [library@holyoke.org](mailto:library@holyoke.org).** To view *Yo, el inmigrante* trailer, [click here](#). To download the full press release [click here](#). For more information about the Holyoke Public Library, visit [www.holyokelibrary.org](http://www.holyokelibrary.org).

## Reference Room News

*Reference Room*

**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.

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](mailto:mbaron@holyokelibrary.org) or [clivengood@holyokelibrary.org](mailto: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 program is to provide Internet access for

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

The “**Wi-Fi Hotspot Kit**” consists of a mobile wireless hotspot device, as well as its cable, charger, and case.

### \*\* **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.**

## Food Drive at the Library!

- From October 6 thru November 5th



Starting Wednesday October 6th, everyone is invited to drop off non perishable food at donation boxes in the library lobby. [See list of items needed.](#)

**\*\*From 10/6 – 11/5/21, patrons can donate 5 or more items to cancel Holyoke library late book fees of \$10 max!**

**\*This does not include lost book/item fees.** Just bring your donation to the front desk with you library card before putting it in the donation box for credit.

The Holyoke Library is proud to be working with [Margaret's Pantry](#) on 56 Cabot St to collect food for our neighbors. Margaret's Pantry provides food for 3 meals and 3 snacks for 4 days a week to those in need. 2020 saw a large increase in food requests.

## 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](http://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!](#)

## 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 is eligible to get the COVID-19 vaccine now!  
**\*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 THROUGH December 31, 2021

**WALK UP COVID-19 Testing Site is now open at the [War Memorial](#) at 310 Appleton St. M, W, F from 2pm- 6pm. Line starts at front door.**

**\*Drive up Testing will run until 12/31/21.**

**DRIVE UP COVID-19 Testing Site in Holyoke [Holyoke Community College](#) - 303 Homestead Ave. Testing will run until 12/31/21.**

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 M near the Bartley Center. 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.** - To help speed up the process, please have your information ready. They will ask for your full name, address (you must be a Massachusetts resident), phone number and email address.- 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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Website: [www.holyokelibrary.org/](http://www.holyokelibrary.org/)

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/

<http://www.facebook.com/hplteenroom/>

History Room: 413-420-8107

[www.facebook.com/holyokchistoryroom/](http://www.facebook.com/holyokchistoryroom/)

Computer Room: 413-420-8118

Fundraising: 413-420-8109

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