

BEYOND THE STACKS

Holyoke Public Library

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October 2022

Hispanic Heritage Month

Each year, Americans observe **National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15**, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. *Click picture to learn more.*



Come to the Library to check out books which celebrate and educate about the cultures of generations of Hispanic Americans who have influenced and enriched our nation and society.

Also [Check out some books for more info here.](#) Keep checking our [HPL website](#) and [Facebook!](#)

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Big Library Read- Nov 2-16

The only Global eBook Club. The Big Library Read kicks off on November 2. The book is:
A Snake Falls to Earth by Darcie Little Badger



Join others from around MA and the world from **Nov 2-16** use **#biglibraryread** on social media for a chance to win prizes including a tablet! Go to <https://biglibraryread.com/> to learn more.

Children's Room News

Holyoke Library Children's Room

The Children's Library provides access to quality early educational programming year round.

Activity Kits - Did you know that the Children's room and Teen's area have recently added activity kits to their collection?



Each kit can be checked out for up to three weeks (one kit per card). With over 25 themes to choose from, there is something for everyone. Themes for each kit range from Weather and Birding to Coding and Sight Words. Kits are stored in a clear backpack for easy transport and consist of all sorts of items including books, activities, games, DVDs, and other fun stuff.

Come down for Storytimes and Crafts this Fall. Check the calendar for specific dates.



Call our librarians, Nathan or Rene at (413)420-8105 for more info.

Children's Room Newsletter

Keep up to date with everything happening in the Children's Room by subscribing to our newsletter! Fill out [this form](#) or email nhayes@holyokelibrary.org to subscribe!

Library Hours

FALL HOURS

September 2022- May 2023

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

Friday - Saturday - 8:30am-4:00pm

*Closed Sundays, select Saturdays, & Holidays
Check the library calendar for specific dates.

Computers shut down 30 minutes before closing time.

*** IF Holyoke CITY HALL CLOSES 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](#)

To note: Masks are no longer required. Visitors and staff are encouraged to wear masks in our building. We provide free hand sanitizer.

Don't have a Public Library Card?

Click [here](#), to fill out the form and get a card.

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.

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://dtacconnect.eohhs.mass.gov/>
- [COVID-19 Fact Sheets \(multilingual\)](#)
- [Frequently asked questions](#)

Teen Room News

Robin Siniabo, Teen Librarian

The Teen Room is happy to welcome our new Intern, Evan.



“My name is Evan Delano. I'm so happy to be interning in the Holyoke Public Library's Teen Room!

I am a student at Simmons University, where I'm working towards my Masters in Library and Information Science. I also work in the Children's Department at the East Longmeadow Public Library. Come say hello in the Teen Room and let's chat about our favorite Young Adult authors! “

Summer Reading was a fun time at the Teen room. We plan to have more fun activities this Fall and Winter. Stay tuned for upcoming events on our website at <http://www.holyokelibrary.org/events.asp>

*New "Activity kits" are available for circulation in the Children and Teen Departments.

Questions, suggestions? Feel free to email at rsiniaho@holyokelibrary.org or call 413-420-8119. CHECK OUT our Instagram PAGE! <https://www.instagram.com/holyokelibraryteens/> and [TEEN ROOM FLYER](#)

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 VIRUAL 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](#)



History Room News

Eileen Crosby, Archivist

The Holyoke History Room and Archives provides public access to a unique collection of books, photographs, historic materials, and genealogy resources related to the history of Holyoke.

Website:

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

Email: historyroom@hollyokelibrary.org

Telephone: (413) 420-8107

Open to the Public

Tuesdays 10-6 (closed 2-3pm)
Wednesdays 10-4
Thursdays 10-4
and by appointment

Upcoming Events:

PERSPECTIVES ON THE PUERTO RICAN DIASPORA - Lecture series
October 1-29, 2022 (In person and on Zoom)

- Saturday, October 1, 1:00 PM: Puerto Rican Student Success. What are the ingredients of student success in Puerto Rican-majority school systems? **Dr. Lorna Rivera** of the Gastón Institute for Latino Community Development & Public Policy will present the findings of Institute's research on the impact of engagement with the cultural wealth of Puerto Rican students by educators, community leaders, and families on educational outcomes. In person at the Holyoke Public Library Community Room and *on Zoom*.



- Thursday, October 20, 6:30 PM: Housing and Puerto Ricans in New York, 1945-1970. **Professor Vanessa Rosa** of Mount Holyoke College will speak on her current research, which explores the settlement of Puerto Ricans in public housing in New York City between 1945-1970.



Drawing from demographic data, housing statistics from the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA), and city documents, the lecture will highlight the history of Puerto Ricans in public

housing in the mid-twentieth century in relation to Operation Bootstrap and colonialism on the island. In person at the Holyoke Public Library Community Room and *on Zoom*.

- Saturday, October 29, 1:00 PM: What is the citizenship status of Puerto Ricans? Can Congress strip the citizenship of Puerto Ricans away if Puerto Rico changes its status? **Professor Charles Venator Santiago** of UConn/Storrs examines the history of the extension of



citizenship to Puerto Ricans and its relationship to the current status debates. In person at the Holyoke Public Library Community Room and *on Zoom*.

[Click here for full details](#). Made possible by a grant to the History Room from MassHumanities, with funding from the Mass Cultural Council.

“THE PARISH AND THE HILL”

- READING AND DISCUSSION GROUP

Join us this fall as we read and discuss *The Parish and the Hill*, **Mary Doyle Curran's** semi-autobiographical novel that follows the story of three generations of Irish Americans in Holyoke. “Brilliant and painful on themes of alienation, social class, alcoholism, and family... it explains how cultural identity is formed and passed on.... Its themes are no less relevant today” (from the Forward by Caledonia Kearns). The discussion will be held in person.

How it works: Call the History Room at (413) 420-8107 to reserve a seat and obtain a copy of the book. Maximum 20.

- November 3, 4:30 PM: Meet at the Community Room for a 2-hour discussion led by Prof. Pat Kennedy of HCC.

Organized by Holyoke Community College and sponsored by the Council for Human Understanding.

LECTURE: - November 7, 5:00 PM:

A House in Holyoke through Time- 181 Linden St

with **Bob Comeau**.
In the Community Room.



Free Computer Classes

Carlos Vicenty, Computer Room



COMPUTER BASICS CLASSES

- HOW TO USE COMPUTERS
- HOW TO USE PROGRAMS
- INTERNET SAFETY
- BASIC TECH SKILLS



REGISTER ONLINE

OR SPEAK TO A COMPUTER COORDINATOR

SCHEDULE CAN BE FOUND BY THE FRONT DESK OR ON OUR WEBSITE

Need to brush up on computer basics? Never touched a computer and want to learn more? Have a program you want to learn more about and practice with? Join us for our free basic workshops held at the Holyoke Public Library's computer classroom, on the 3rd floor!

Seats are limited, but we will be hosting a workshop multiple times to make sure everyone can join. If you are having trouble fitting into a scheduled workshop and want to learn the topics or have questions, email our **Computer Coordinators at IT@holyokelibrary.org or call them at 413-420-8118 for more information on one-on-one tutoring sessions and to get the workshop schedule!**

[Click here to register for a workshop online!](#)

Affordable Internet Access at Home

Everyone needs reliable Internet Access! Right now, eligible households can bring high-speed Internet home with *Internet Essentials from Comcast*.

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) will subsidize the monthly price of home Internet. ACP offers long-term financial assistance to qualified households of up to \$30/month toward Internet service. Come to the Holyoke library and we can help you take advantage of this great opportunity to get connected.



Steps to Get connected to Internet Essentials:

- **STEP 1:** Check eligibility for ACP. Complete the National Verifier form at acpbenefit.org.
- **STEP 2:** Apply for Internet Essentials at InternetEssentials.com or call 855-8-INTERNET.
- **STEP 3:** Complete the Xfinity ACP enrollment form to receive your credit. For this step, you'll need the application ID you received from the National Verifier when you were approved. Visit Xfinity.com/acp to start your enrollment.

Volunteer Spotlight

Nancy Kocsmiersky, *Development Office*

“Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more.” — H. Jackson Brown Jr.



Every year the library welcomes volunteers to help us better serve our patrons. One new volunteer is **Anita D'addario** who has been helping at the front desk where she does what's needed especially shelving returned videos and books. Many of which she plans on checking out!

Anita is a mother of 6 who is happy to be helping at the library. She has increased her love of reading by being in the library. **She says, “From A-Z, there's a book for it.” So far “the best part of working here has been the nice and helpful staff”**

Anita found out about this volunteering opportunity thru the City Property Tax Abatement program and was happy to find a place at the library.

Volunteer Programs

Nancy Kocsmiersky, *Development Office*

The Library is always in need of volunteers. People can just come in and apply. But there are special programs which give incentives for volunteering. To register Holyoke residents can go thru:

The Senior Tax Credit Work-off Program allows seniors to volunteer 93 hours within a one-year period and they will receive a \$750 dollar abatement towards their property tax bill. The program is limited to 30. The deadline for the application is usually in March. For more information click: [Senior Tax Work-Off Program](#)

If interested **contact the [Council on Aging](#) office at 413-322-5625.**

The Holyoke Veterans Tax Work off Program

Any Holyoke veteran that is chosen, can volunteer 105 hours for the city and receive an abatement of \$1,500 off of their property taxes. Applications are available at the Veteran Services department at the War Memorial Building, 310 Appleton St.. The deadline to submit applications is usually in April. For more info, click [Veteran's Tax Write Off Program](#) or call the Holyoke Veteran's Dept at 413-322-5630 for more information.

Help Support the Library!

Nancy Kocsmiersky, *Development Office*

You can donate at the front desk or online at <http://www.holyokelibrary.org/aboutdonate.asp> You can also support by buying **Library Merchandise** (e.g., the historic ornament series, Holyoke afghans, and Holyoke books) are sold via the Circulation Desk.

- These make great Holiday Gifts!



Scott's Tower, Library Centennial and City Hall Ornaments

Mini Golf and Games at the Library 2023

The Annual Mini Golf and Games at the Library event is planned for **Saturday April 29, 2023**. **SAVE THE DATE**, and contact event Chair Nancy Kocsmiersky, HPL Development Office at nancy@hol yokelibrary.org, 413-420-8109 if you have questions or would like to help. [Check out our website](#) for pictures and info on the 2022 Mini Golf and Games event.

Sponsors, Donors and Volunteers are needed and appreciated! Thank you.

Reference Room News

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

Activity Kits

There are several themed Activity kits available to be checked out on the 4th floor. Just ask the librarians.



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

All Titles	Health	Literature
Biography	History	Magazines /Journals

If you have any questions or suggestions for books, Please feel free to contact the Reference Department at 413-420-8106 or emailing mbaron@holyokelibrary.org or clivengood@holyokelibrary.org.

* Wi-Fi Hotspot Lending

We have 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.

Patrons must have a Holyoke Public Library card.

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 certain terms and conditions in addition to the standard Library policies.

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

The Hotspot Lending Program is brought to you by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and your local library with funding from American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 as administered by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Food Bank Resources

[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](https://www.mass.gov/covid-19) or call 211 for help registering.

STOP THE SPREAD TESTING SITE EXTENDED Indefinitely

WALK UP COVID-19 Testing Sites are closed.
DRIVE UP COVID-19 Testing Site in Holyoke [Holyoke Community College](#) - 303 Homestead Ave. Testing will run indefinitely. A map with the testing site location is posted on the [Holyoke Board of Health website](#). The testing takes place at Lot M.
Hours and days of operation:
- Monday -Friday 10am-5pm and Saturday-Sunday 10am- 2pm.

**Reserve a spot here: cur.tv/hcc Appointments preferred but not required. - for more state Information: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/stop-the-spread>

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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Holyoke, MA 01040

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

* HPL Annual Meeting

On **Tuesday, October 11, 2022** the library will be having the Annual Meeting to discuss the upcoming year's plans and to vote on the Board.

Where: Community Room

When: 6:30pm

All members of the Holyoke community are invited to attend.

Looking for a New book, Music or Movie?

Wowbrary

The newest stuff at your library

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