

# BEYOND THE STACKS

Holyoke Public Library

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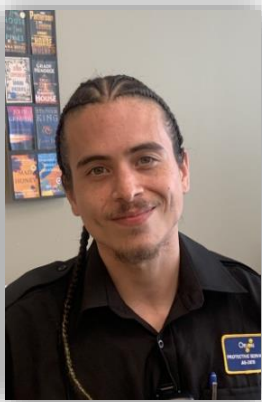
October 2023

## Meet our New Security Team!

Meet our new security team from [Orion Protective Services](#).

**Conozca a nuestro nuevo equipo de seguridad de Orion Protective Services**

The Holyoke Public Library has added full time security guards during all library hours. This, in addition to the continued enforcement of our policies and procedures, will add to the safe space created for library visitors, employees and volunteers. If you haven't visited us in a while, now is the perfect time.



Say Hi to Josh!

**Hello my name is Joshua, I go by Josh.** I've been doing security for a little over two years. I am responsible for keeping the library and all of its employees and patrons safe. I'm also responsible for making sure this is a drug and smoke free zone. Previously I worked in retail for a little over ten years mainly sales and customer service so you could say I am a very patient person. My hobbies include spending time with my kids working out or just hitting the range for a few hours. I love working here at the Holyoke library. All of the employees have been so welcoming and kind. The energy here is just amazing



Say Hi to Nick!

**Nick is our evening and weekend Security guard.**

Thank you both for your diligent work in keeping the library and park safe.

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## Doors Open Holyoke

Doors Open Holyoke provides an opportunity to see behind doors that are rarely open to the public FOR FREE. **Tour the Holyoke library!** (See page 4 for more) Click picture for more info on [ExploreHolyoke.com](http://ExploreHolyoke.com) website.



## DOORS OPEN HOLYOKE 2023



OCTOBER 14TH  
9AM-12PM



Doors Open 2023 is part of Holyoke's Day in the Yoke'!! Note: Some sites require preregistration.

## Children's Room News

*Holyoke Library Children's Room*

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



***Come to the Children's room 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 [rsiniaho@holyokelibrary.org](mailto:rsiniaho@holyokelibrary.org) to subscribe!

## Library Hours

### FALL HOURS

**September 2023- May 2024**

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

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

\*Closed Sundays, & Holidays

Check the library calendar for specific dates.

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

**Computers shut down 30 minutes before closing time.**

### **Holyoke History Room Hours**

The History Room is open to the public 20hrs a week. Please click [here for specific details](#)

### **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](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, come to the library to finish the job and pick them up.

**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. Also, Fax in person from our public use fax machine on the first floor.

## 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 \(multilingual\)](#)

## Goodbye Carlos, Thank you!

The library is sad to announce that as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, **Carlos Vicenty, our Computer Coordinator** has left the library to move forward in his career. Carlos came to the library and helped set up computer classes, maintained our computer lab, the computers in other departments and just recently managed the setup of our new, organized and streamlined website.

**His strong work ethic, patience and kindness was greatly appreciated. He will be missed by the patrons and his fellow staff members!**



**Carlos** wrote,

"It has been an absolute honor and pleasure working with the Holyoke Public Library and the community of Holyoke at large. Connecting with others and helping them find solutions to at least some of their problems is great, and seeing the knowledge to overcome those obstacles take root is even better. From the library, its staff, and to the patrons of Holyoke and beyond, I look forward to see how they will all grow and enrich one another in the years to come! I'll be cheesy and end off with a quote:

*'Goodbye may seem forever, farewell is like the end, but in my heart is a memory and there you'll always be.'* — The Fox and the Hound

We wish Carlos  
All of the best in his future endeavors!

## 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](#)

#### History Room Digital collections

#### Genealogy Resources online



### LEARN NEW SKILLS

#### Rocket Languages Tutorial





# History Room News

*Eileen Crosby, Archivist*

The Holyoke History Room Events:

**Doors Open Holyoke: Library guided tours and History Room special hours, Saturday October 14**



*History Reading Room*

Guided tours of the five floors of the historic Library building will be offered from 9:00-12:00 during Doors Open Holyoke. Plus, drop in at the Holyoke History Room on the Third Floor of the Library from 10:00-12:00 to learn about History Room collections, view rarely-seen historical items, and perhaps start your own research. (See page 1 for more information)

## In Honor of Holyoke Veterans

**Thursday, November 9, 4:00 PM:** Join us as members of the Pueschel family of Holyoke read the book. "A Pilot's Handwritten Letters Reveal the True Cost of Vietnam"



As one reviewer writes, "Larry and Tom Pueschel's Blue Ghost plunges you into the harrowing depths of a young helicopter pilot's 423

days in Vietnam, captured through soul-searching letters home. It's a raw, unfiltered journey that navigates not just the perils of war but the emotional and ethical turbulence that comes with it."

Thomas Pueschel's brother, Larry, will be at the event in the Community Room to sign copies of the recently-published book of his brother's letters, *Blue Ghost*.



## Get ready for Genealogy

Genealogy drop-in help with professional genealogists is starting again November 7<sup>th</sup> at the Holyoke

History Room. Check out our [online HPL genealogy resources](#). Come once or come often, November-May!

**First Tuesdays, 4:00 – 6:00:** Drop-in Genealogy Help with Irisneri Alicea Flores. Iris offers *general one-on-one research help* as well as bilingual Spanish help and expert knowledge of Puerto Rican, Caribbean, and South/Central American sources.



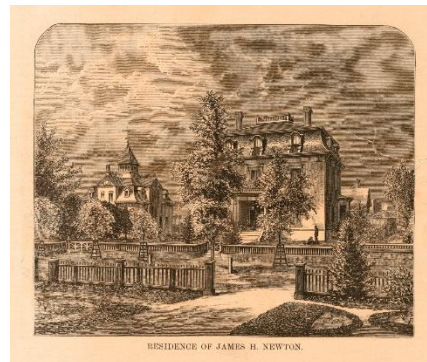
*Irisneri Alicea Flores*

**Second Wednesdays, 2:00-4:00:** Drop-in Genealogy Help with Hillary Schau. Hillary brings years of experience to helping people with their research. She offers *general one-on-one research help* and is an expert in organizing your genealogy. First session is on November 15.

*Of course, you can also come to the History Room anytime during [its open hours](#) to get research help or use our [online resources](#) whenever you are in the Library, even if the History Room is not open.*

## Thursday, November 16, 6:00 PM: A House in Holyoke Through Time: 159 Chestnut Street

Join us in the Community Room for Robert Comeau's second annual exploration of the biography of an historic building. This year, the subject is a former 19<sup>th</sup>-century Newton family home and the present location of the Holyoke Day Nursery.



**Website:** <https://holyokelibrary.org/history-room>

**Email:** [historyroom@holyokelibrary.org](mailto:historyroom@holyokelibrary.org)

**Telephone:** (413) 420-8107

**Open to the Public:**

Tuesdays 10-6 (closed 2-3pm)

Wednesdays 10-4

Thursdays 10-4

**And by appointment**

## New Technology for kids

Children's Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Come to the Children's room to check out our new Playaway LaunchPad sets, Vox Books and Immersive Reality Books.



**Playaway Launchpad books** are Pre-loaded with content for kids, and 100% secure. No need for Wi-Fi. Kids Launchpads are loaded with learning apps, videos, games and more for hours of interactive learning and play. Borrow one today!



**VOX™ Books** are the world's first audio books that live in print books. The permanently attached VOX Reader transforms an ordinary book into an all-in-one read-along. No need for

computers, tablets, or CDs—children simply push a button to listen and read.

Read it, see it, live it. **Immersive Reality (IR)**



**Books** are a ground-breaking addition to library shelves. Their combination of virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) with print books is a unique offering

absolutely certain to appeal to young learners.

## Teen Room News

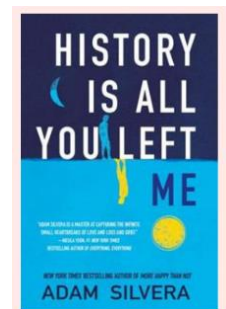
Teen Room, 1<sup>st</sup> floor

We're having a fun time at the Teen room. From summer reading programs to our fall activities such as these below. All Teens are invited!



Join us for a month full of Spooky Programs! Nail art, Tarot Reading, Haunted Gingerbread houses and more. Sign up NOW for the Teen email to keep up with all of the activities! [TEEN EMAIL](#). (Click link, then Scroll down to sign up.)

We have also started a **Teen Book Club**. Our first book, in September was "History is All You Left Me" Help decide the next books!



These and more fun activities will continue this Fall and Winter.

Stay tuned for more events, regularly check the [Holyoke Library Calendar](#)

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



## Hispanic Heritage Month

“Latinos: Driving Prosperity, Power, and Progress in America.”

“Latinos: impulsando la prosperidad, el poder y el progreso en Estados Unidos”



Despite obstacles, Hispanics persist and thrive, achieving remarkable success in areas that were once considered off-limits. Check out some books and read more about Hispanics/Latinos: [History](#), in [Novels](#), [In Spanish](#)

\* September 15 – October 15 \*

As Noted by Holyoke Public School in the [HPS September newsletter](#),

“Holyoke is a multicultural city with 81 percent of our students and more than half of our city’s residents identifying as Latino or Latina, so this recognition is especially important here.”

## Library Movie Night!



New to the library this Fall is a monthly Movie Night! Every month patrons will vote for the movie to be presented. The list of options will be in the lobby with a box to put down your vote.

**Our next movie will be presented on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5:30pm-8:00pm, in the Community room. We hope to see you there!**

**\*\*\*Sign up for [our Email list](#) and stay up to date on all library events/opportunities. [JOIN US!](#)**

## Learn to play Mahjong!



The library is happy to host Sue Lehman. She will be running a four-week session of Mahjong lessons. Mahjong is a fun 3-4 person tile game using some strategy and a whole lot of luck.

**Time: 9:30am -11:30am**

**Day: Wednesdays, beginning October 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**Where: in the Community Room**



Anyone is welcome to come and learn to play this fun and social game. [Check the website](#) calendar for more information.

**Please register in advance at 413-420-8101 or by emailing Jason at [jlefevre@holyokelibrary.org](mailto:jlefevre@holyokelibrary.org).**

There is a limit of 8 players maximum.

## Support the Library, DONATE!

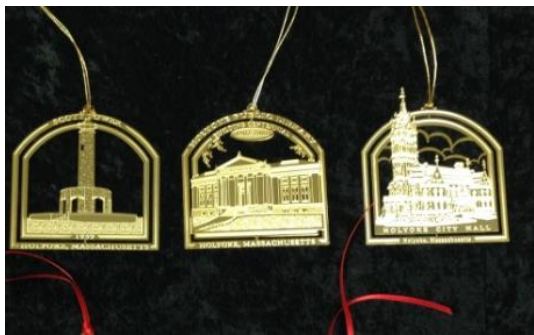
*Nancy Kocsmiersky, Development Office*

You can **DONATE** at the front desk or online at <https://www.paypal.com/donate/>. You can also support by buying **Library Merchandise** (e.g., the historic ornament series, and Holyoke books) are sold via the Circulation Desk.

\*These ornaments make great Holiday Gifts!



Library 21<sup>st</sup> century Ornament



Scott's Tower, Library Centennial and City Hall Ornaments

## Mini Golf and Games At the Library 2024

The Annual Mini Golf and Games at the Library, ¡Minigolf y juegos en la Biblioteca! event is planned for **April 2024**.



SAVE THE DATE, and contact event Chair Nancy Kocsmiersky, HPL Development Office at [nancy@holyokelibrary.org](mailto:nancy@holyokelibrary.org), 413-420-8109 if you have questions or want

to help. [Check out our website](#) for pictures and info on the 2023 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.

If you have any questions or suggestions for books, Please feel free to contact the Reference Department at 413-420-8106 or by emailing [clivengood@holyokelibrary.org](mailto:clivengood@holyokelibrary.org).

## Nutcracker Preview 12/2

The Library is pleased to host a second annual Preview of the *Massachusetts Academy of Ballet's* Nutcracker on the first floor of the Historic Library. A narrated mini-performance in full costume starts at 11:00 AM, followed by photos with the cast. A variety of children's and adults' holiday activities are also planned for that day.



**When: December 2nd, Saturday**  
**Where: Main Reading room across from lobby**

Check the library calendar [here: HPL CALENDAR](#).  
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## COVID 19 Vaccine and tests

The COVID-19 vaccine is free. You don't need an ID or insurance to get the vaccine. For more information about how to find an appointment [click here](#).

\*\*\*FOUR FREE COVID-19 TESTS will be available from the Federal Government beginning Monday 9/25/23. The tests will be delivered by mail. Use this link: <https://www.covid.gov/tests>



Scan QR to check EXPIRATION OF COVID tests.

## STAY IN TOUCH!

### HOLYOKE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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413-420-8101, [library@holyoke.org](mailto:library@holyoke.org)

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/holyokehistoryroom/](http://www.facebook.com/holyokehistoryroom/)

Computer Room: 413-420-8118

Fundraising: 413-420-8109

Holyoke Public Library  
250 Chestnut St  
Holyoke, MA 01040

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

## \* HPL Annual Meeting

On **Tuesday, October 10, 2023** the library will be having the Annual Meeting to review 2023, discuss the upcoming year's plans and to vote for the new Board.

**Where: Community Room**

**When: 5:30pm**

Members of the Holyoke community are invited to attend.

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

# 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.