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Holyoke Public Library

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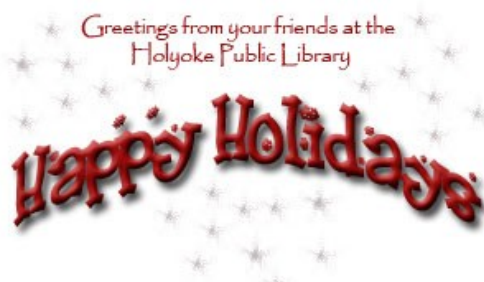
The Holyoke Public Library has a proud history which began life in 1870 before the City of Holyoke was even incorporated. The group of residents that made the decision to open a library in Holyoke were visionaries.

The City in 1886 increased its appropriation to the library which then dropped its one dollar annual fee per resident so that the library became a free use library.

Now over one hundred years later, the City of Holyoke and the Holyoke Library have partnered again to help expand and improve the building and technology so that the Library can be updated into the 21st century.

Libraries are essential to communities, making it vitally important that government managers and library boards form strategic partnerships to provide dynamic and responsive community support services and explore our role as advocates for public libraries and as partners in enhancing community quality of life and sustainability, one of ICMA's* long-term priorities. This visionary partnership will help the City and its Library to continue its proud history for at least another 100 years.

**In 2007, International City/County Management Association completed the Local Government and Public Libraries Partnership Initiative, funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. As part of this initiative, ICMA formed an advisory committee and hosted a meeting to enable managers explore the role of managers for the 21st century library and how local governments and public libraries can partner to improve communities. To see a full list of committee members, go to icma.org/public_libraries or pick a copy at our local public library.*



Another Busy Year

In her Annual Meeting Report, Library Director, Maria G. Pagan, reported on the past year as one of outstanding growth with increases in all major categories. In the past twelve months the library staff handled more than 105,000 transactions for patrons and 1,040,786 "hits" were recorded on the library's website. The largest numbers yet were also recorded for the downloading of digital books, movies and audio books.

Computer use reached its highest level, averaging more than 500 individual sign-ins weekly. Library programs attracted more than 1,900 patrons and children's programs were attended by 1,875 youngsters, plus those who participated in outreach story hours at various schools and day care centers. More than 400 youngsters participated in the Summer Reading Program.



Interlibrary Loan Service accounted for 8,502 items borrowed and 16,880 items were loaned to other area libraries. The staff responded to 29,509 reference inquiries and more than 50 area residents participated in free G.E.D. refresher sessions offered during three series of classes directed by Reference Librarian, Cheryl Livengood. The library's Community Enrichment Services, in addition to G.E.D. prep, includes English as a Second Language, A.B.E., Job Search, Computer Skills, and Homework Help. All were well utilized.

Ms. Pagan reported on the recent appointment of Nathan Hayes as Day and Saturday Children's Librarian, and James Massery as Archivist/Curator for the library's History Collection. She also gave "special recognition" to Jason LeFebvre, who coordinated all children's programs and activities through July, including the library's most successful Summer Reading Program. Children's services accounted for the circulation of 24,315 items.

When to visit your Library

For decision making, for planning, for information, for assistance and guidance, for learning, for Fun.

Maria G. Pagan, Director

An informed citizen is an empowered citizen. Knowing and visiting your library can save you time and money, as well as help you reach your goals and succeed. Society is changing, but libraries are keeping pace. If you haven't been to your local library lately, it's time to "check it out" again.

Some people like to use libraries because they offer 'free' materials and services. But is that really true? If you pay taxes, you are paying in part for your local library. Your money is going to library services and more. When you think of it that way, why wouldn't you want to use your library? After all, you paid for it. You might as well get something out of it.

The public library has many functions beyond the provision of books. The downtown library acts as a business research center, as a resource for students of several public schools and colleges, as a city cultural center, and as a government documents depository, and more. The library is an informational and referral center, site for ABE, ESL, GED and computer classes, for community meetings, and as a safe after-school haven for children. Thousands of people who can't afford to buy books, computers or pay for programs, use the library every year.

- When planning your next vacation, visit your library. Learn about the place where you are going--the language, the culture, places to see, things to do, where to stay and eat. This will save you time and money.
- When planning quality time with your children--borrow a movie for the night, attend preschool story hours, enroll them in a summer reading program, learn about a sport they play, music they like, introduce them to art and literature, learn how to coach a sports team, play games, look up area museums--all at your library. Being involved in your child's life starts at birth. We encourage parents to be involved in the education, healthcare and welfare of their children. Participating in our library's free programs can be fun.
- When researching private/prep schools, colleges, universities, scholarships, grants, or school loans, visit your library. By learning what they have to offer, you can be prepared to ask the right questions and pick the school that best meets your needs.
- When preparing for an important test, researching your term paper, or if you need homework assistance, visit your library. You will find that you do not need to buy all those books or travel to several places to get what you need. One stop at the library can assist you in reaching your educational goal.
- When preparing your resume, searching for a job, filling out applications, researching legal questions, or health information, visit your library.
- When you are new to the area and want to know about the history of your city or town, pick up voter registration forms, learn about local candidates running for office, community organizations, or need to find a list of childcare centers in your area, visit your library. It will make you feel right at home.
- When looking for ideas for redecorating, gardening and landscaping, new recipes, or do-it-yourself home improvement, visit your library. Many of our books can help you. Knowing what you need before you start, and looking at some pictures and learning something new can save you money and be fun.
- When starting a small business, visit your library. Writing a great Business Plan, will help you succeed.
- When purchasing a car, computer or home appliances, visit your library.

Get to know your Librarian, the ultimate search engine is your at library.

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Carla Wessels

Reference Librarians
Michael Baron & Cheryl Livengood

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Jose Borges

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James Massery

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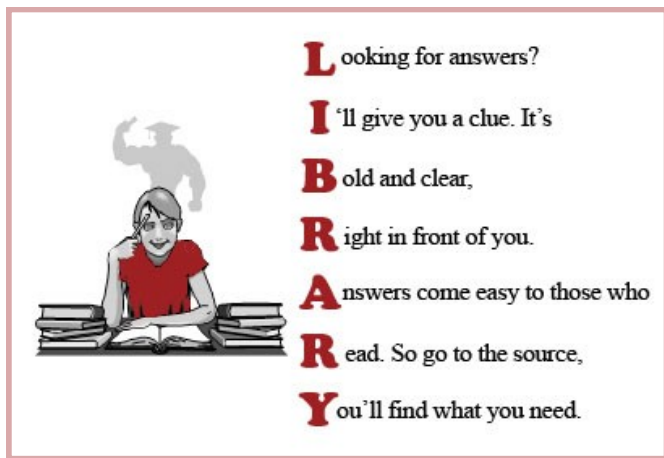
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President's Annual Meeting Message

At the 140th Annual Meeting of the Holyoke Public Library Corporation, President Terry Plum gave a detailed report of the past year, highlighted by the library's in-process, new working relationship with the City of Holyoke.

"On August 4, the Holyoke City Council voted 13 to 0 to approve an agreement defining a partnership between the library and the city, covering governance of the library, responsibility for tax credits (to be used toward the construction of an addition and renovation of the existing building), and transfer of the library building and land to the city."

President Plum noted that the building project had been approved for a \$4.4 million construction grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, with the first \$1.3 million payment already in hand. The Library Corporation is committed to raising \$4.6 million and the city borrowing for the project has been capped at \$5.5 million, for a total project budgeted at \$14.5 million. A substantial portion of this total is expected to be raised through a targeted fund-raising campaign. Several major gifts have already been secured, details of which will be announced in the near future.

A new Building Committee has been formed including Library Director, Maria G. Pagan, retired local building contractor, Blaine Karr, and Library Board President Plum. The Building Committee will also include William Fuqua, Superintendent of the Holyoke Department of Public Works as Chairperson, plus department heads of several other city departments.

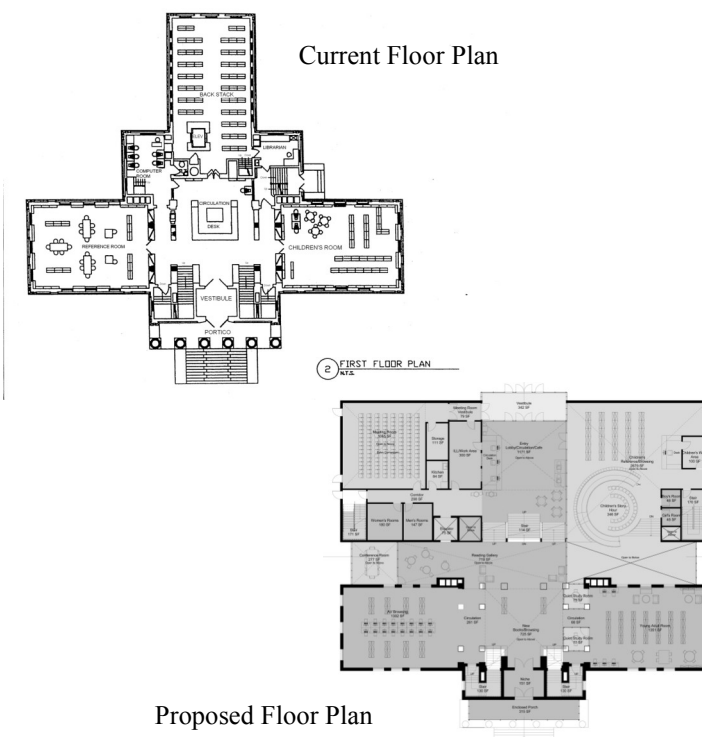
The make-up of the Library Board will change as a result of its agreement with the city. "Seven members of the board will be elected by the Library Corporators and six members will be appointed by Mayor Elaine Pluta, and approved by the City Council. We hope that this new governance structure will be in place within the next few months. We look forward to working with the new members of the board," Plum said. He also expressed "grateful thanks to

two outgoing board members, Steve Morneau and Thomas Ripa. Both members have done excellent work for the library over the years. Tom Ripa should be especially recognized for his extraordinary work to maintain the library building and to keep it functioning, putting in thousands of volunteer hours as the deteriorating building presented a creative array of minor and major problems, and in providing invaluable help in starting the design process."

Regarding fund-raising, President Plum reported that "Financial Development Agency, led by Matt Blumenthal and Nina Mankin, has been hard at work to help us raise funds. Over \$500,000 has been pledged or raised. They have written grants, helped get the word out, and are working with our volunteer Steering Committee to seek members for the Lead Gifts Committee and raise the rest of the funds needed to meet our financial obligations to the project."

Thomas Schwab, Treasurer of the Library Corporation reported on the library's financial status and new Archivist/Curator Jim Massery, described his goals and objectives for the History Room and its collection.

Nominating Committee Chairman, Ellen Moriarty, presented the slate of board members for the coming year which included Terry Plum as President, Ellen B. Moriarty as Vice President, Thomas Schwab as Treasurer, Susan Carey as Clerk, Manuel Frau Ramos, Cesar Lopez, and new board member, Sandra Ward, as Directors. The entire slate was elected unanimously to serve for the coming year. In his closing remarks, President Plum emphasized the importance of the years ahead, "as together we will create a library for the next 100 years, which will benefit thousand of the citizens of our city, and will contribute to the revitalization of Holyoke."



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Ms. Pagan complimented the entire library staff for their dedicated service and noted that interest, involvement and support of school librarians had contributed importantly to the library's efforts to acquaint students with library services. As of October 15, more than 70 new library cards had been issued to previously non-enrolled students.

On the growing use of computers, Ms. Pagan noted the expertise and dedication of Jose "Jay" Borges, particularly his assistance to patrons of all ages. The computers were and are being used extensively by adults in preparing resumes, filling out job applications, searching for jobs online, and finding apartments. They are also used frequently by patrons to keep in touch with family members who reside in distant locations.

Ms. Pagan, using a value table established by the Massachusetts Library Association, estimated the value of library services to the citizens of Holyoke during the past fiscal year, at \$2,782,082 – or a \$4.71 return per dollar invested.

Looking forward to the year ahead, Ms. Pagan cited the challenges facing the staff, the Board and the City as all move forward toward the completion of plans for the library's renovation and expansion, moving to a temporary location while construction is underway, and the need for on-going fund-raising for the project.

She extended her personal thanks to City officials, "for their interest and investment in the library, especially Mayor Elaine Pluta and City Treasurer, John Lumbra..." She also thanked the Library Board of Directors and the Friends of the Library for their many years of service, the staff and volunteers for their dedication, and the many contributors, whose generosity made possible the many free programs offered by the library.

Library Building Fundraising Campaign Update

Matt Blumenfeld, *Financial Development Agency*

Great progress has been made toward bringing the people of Holyoke a state-of-the art 21st century Library and Learning Center! The renovation/expansion project has hit some big milestones in the past months. Here's the short list: the City approved \$5.5 million in bonding, securing the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners \$4.4 million grant and ensuring the that project will move forward; the new Library Building Committee has convened and has begun design development (public forums are planned throughout this process). The Library's \$2.5 million capital campaign has completed its initial "Friends and Family" phase which has been very successful

and includes 100% financial participation by individuals on the Board of Directors. The Irene E. and George A. Davis Foundation of Springfield made a lead gift of \$100,000 toward the upgraded facility. Mary Walachy Davis, Foundation Executive Director, commented about the grant "We believe this is a critical project that will have transformational impact on the city of Holyoke." The library is also grateful for a recent gift of \$1,000 from Boston Medical Center Healthnet Plan.



Above is our new campaign logo, designed by graphic designer Donna DiCarlo of DiCarlo Studios in Holyoke. Donna is a volunteer member of our capital campaign steering committee. She donated countless hours working with the campaign's Brochure Committee to put together an extremely informative and engaging, as well as beautiful, 8-page campaign brochure that will be in print shortly. Our immense gratitude to Donna for her excellent work!

Speaking of volunteers: there is plenty of room for you to get involved with the capital campaign. Contact us at hplcampaign@gmail.com or here at the Library at 322-5636. We'll keep you informed of our progress and look forward to seeing you here, and in your new facility which we expect to open some time in 2013.

A Debt of Gratitude

At this turning point in the life of the Holyoke Public Library, it is fitting that we pay tribute to the countless men and women of Holyoke who have served the library and the community throughout the 108 year history of the library. The Library Directors have been people of vision,



dedication, and determination who, first of all recognized the need for a library as a primary source of knowledge and information as well as a primary necessity for a dynamic, growing community. In 1902, they contributed the essential funding that made possible the construction for the magnificent building that has served the people of Holyoke for so many generations.

Through the years, succeeding generations of community leaders have continued to serve their fellow citizens voluntarily and without compensation, supervising the operations of the library, managing its financing, and contributing generously, of their time and resources, to the progress and success of the library. These men and women

have come from all walks of life and all parts of the community. They have contributed their expertise as educators, manufacturers, engineers, bankers, representatives of government, and local citizens from many other fields.

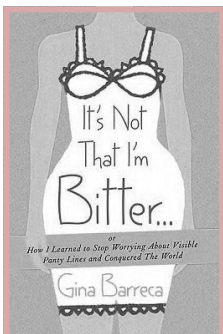
At this time, as we move forward in a new direction, and toward an expanded and dramatically renovated “library of the future,” we pay tribute especially to those Directors who have guided us through the challenges of recent years during which the library has secured the critically important State Funding Grant from the Board of Library Commissioners and the recent alliance with the City of Holyoke that has culminated in a partnership between the City and the Library.

To all of those who have served as Holyoke Public Library Directors throughout history, we extend our deepest and most heartfelt gratitude. It is your vision that has secured the future of the Holyoke Public Library for generations to come.

Friends Plan for Busy Year

The Friends of the Holyoke Public Library have announced plans for a very busy year. They have already participated in several community outreach activities, including Discover Holyoke and the Passport Holyoke Celebration of Arts and Culture. The Friends also joined in the One Book Holyoke reading of “All the Things They Carried” by Tim O’Brien. To complement the city-wide events, the Friends held a book discussion of the novel in the community room of the library on November 10, following the Friends monthly Board meeting. At that time the public was invited to stay and discuss their reactions to this powerful, lyrical novel about the Vietnam War.

The Friends of the Library are joining with Friends of Homework House as cosponsors of an exciting pre-holiday gala on December 11, at the library from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM. The Gala will feature a special menu of hors d’ourves, catered by the Culinary Art Students from Dean Technical High School, special entertainment including a comedy troupe and holiday music, plus a spectacular silent auction. Tickets can be purchased from Friends of the Holyoke Public Library and all proceeds will be shared with the Friends of Homework House.



The Friends have also announced preliminary plans for a Valentine’s party on February 12, in partnership with the Holyoke Children’s Museum. On April 28, an Author’s Event will present noted author and feminist, Gina Barreca. Her published works include “Babes in Boyland: A Personal History of Co-Education in the Ivy League,” and

most recently “How I Learned to Stop Worrying About Visible Panty Lines and Conquered the World.” Friends of the Holyoke Public Library meet the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM in the Community Room of the library. New members and volunteers are always welcome.

For the Kiddies: Free Movies and Story Time

Nathan Hayes, Children’s Librarian, has announced that the library will be presenting two specially selected recently released films on Saturday, November 13 and Saturday, December



4. Both are highly popular children’s features, with the November 13 feature bringing back some favorite, familiar characters from a world where toys run the show. The December 4 movie, just in time for the holidays, is based on what is probably the most popular Christmas story ever written and captures the true essence of its author, Charles Dickens.

Both movies are free and children are welcome to bring a bagged lunch to enjoy during each movie. The Winter Story Time series will begin on Tuesday, December 7 at 10:00 AM, and will continue each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning at the same time. Story Time sessions will run for approximately one hour and will include several short stories selected for preschoolers, a short film, and the children will be able to make a simple craft project which they can then take home. Parents can select whichever day is most convenient for their children to attend one Story Time session each week.

To register, or for additional information, please call Nathan at 413-322-5635.



Library Fills Key Positions

The positions of Children's Librarian and Archivist were both filled in August, with Nathan Hayes of South Hadley assuming his duties of Children's Librarian on August 9, and James Massery of Westborough, Massachusetts, joining the staff as Archivist on August 31.

Nathan's background spans 20 years of library experience, 13 of which were as Children's Librarian of the Dunkirk Free Library in Dunkirk, New York. A graduate of Dunkirk High School and the State University of New York (SUNY) in Fredonia, Nathan was responsible for all planning and programming of children's services and activities from preschool through high school. His duties included planning and presenting story hours, which he has already reintroduced here in Holyoke. He was also responsible for summer reading programs and the selection of children's and teen literature, CDs and DVDs.

A special feature of Nathan's position at the Dunkirk Free Library was a program, which he developed, that introduced families with new babies to the many services which the library offered. Each new baby was presented with his or her own library card plus a specially selected gift book. At the present time a survey is being conducted with children and parents to determine the most popular and convenient time to hold future story hours. The results of the survey will be announced in our next newsletter. The new times will also be reported in local newspapers and on the library's website.

James Massery is a graduate of Worcester State College, where he majored in History. He has also earned a Master of Science Degree in Library and Information Service, with a concentration in Archives and Records Management, from Simmons College in Boston.

James experience includes a unique internship at Higgins Armory Museum in Worcester, where he was the first archivist to work for the museum. While there, he managed the Armory's raw materials archival collection of photographs, correspondence, reports, and minutes. At Worcester Polytechnic Institute, James managed Alumni Collections, including Arrangements, Descriptions, and Preservation. He also created "finding aids" for the Personal Records Collections and aided undergraduate students in Archival Reference and Research projects.

With the filling of the Children's Librarian and Archivist positions the library will be able to utilize the training and experience of both Nathan and James in the planning for new Children's and History Rooms in the proposed expanded and renovated library.

Holyoke Public Library History Room and Archive

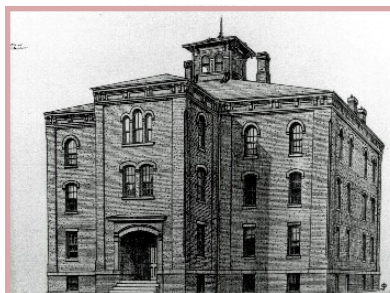
Jim Massery, *Archivist/Curator*

The Holyoke Public Library History Room & Archive has announced the first in a series of on-going programs and exhibits led by the new Archivist, Jim Massery. It is hoped that the city will enjoy this celebration of Holyoke's history and actively support and participate in these exciting projects.

Programs: The History is for Kids! program is an interactive lecture on the story of Holyoke, from its founding through its development as a planned city and titan of industry. It is also an opportunity for young people to learn the significance of libraries and archives while having a lot of fun, too. Children, families, classrooms, and other organizations may visit the History Room, temporarily located at Holyoke Community College, or host the event at their own location. See an experience of this event at our blog:

<http://holyokeyhistory.blogspot.com/2008/06/upcoming-events.html>. Please contact Jim the Archivist for details or to schedule a visit. And feel free to stop by the History Room and see just how much fun history can be!

Exhibits: The John Olsen Collection comprises 49 pen and ink drawings created for the Centennial Celebration in



Appleton Street School
First home of the
Holyoke Public Library

1973. The Holyoke Public Library purchased this collection in 1974. The artwork, created by Holyoke native John Olsen, presents amazingly detailed pictures of historic Holyoke landmarks, past and present. Olsen created the drawings from old photographs and his own architectural expertise.

The History Room is proud to announce that this collection will be a permanent online exhibit on the public library's website. Currently, the "Holyoke Schools" portion of the exhibit can be found at Online Exhibits under the History Room menu of the Holyoke Public Library website:

<http://www.holyokelibrary.org/index.php/local-historyhistory-room/history-room-exhibits.html>.

Each drawing is accompanied with a brief story of the building – its past and present location, and possibly some historical facts that will interest native Holyokers and visitors alike. Olsen's attention to detail and representation of Holyoke Schools, Churches, Fire Stations, Businesses, and Public Buildings are a celebration of the city's history and creative spirit. The Holyoke Public Library hopes that all will enjoy this permanent addition to the History



Room's online exhibits, and it will also increase support for the Holyoke Historical Commission's efforts to preserve important landmark buildings around the city.

Coming Soon: The History Room has many other programs and exhibits in the works for the Spring season, including The History and Future of the Holyoke Public Library, a presentation of the progress of "The People's College" from its inception in 1870 to its future as a new and improved center of learning for the city. In addition, Holyoke Diaries, the personal journals of the Holyoke's, will be a new digital exhibit and story of the city's first family.

The Holyoke Public Library invites you to stop by, see our great collections, and volunteer to help the History Room with all these fascinating projects. Thank you very much for all your support and we look forward to seeing you soon! Our Blog is <http://holyokehistory.blogspot.com/2008/06/upcoming-events.html>.

Messages...

...from CWMARS

To better serve the Libraries in the Central Western MA Automated Resource Sharing network, CWMARS will be migrating from Triple I (Innovative Interface software) to Evergreen.

Evergreen, is a highly-scalable open source software for libraries that helps library patrons find library materials, and helps libraries manage, catalog, and circulate those materials, no matter how large or complex the libraries. In light of the migration to Evergreen next year, CWMARS will be purging any patron records that expired prior to October 2003. Which means that about 600 inactive Holyoke patron's records will be cancelled, and these patrons will need to reapply for new library cards next time they need to use the library services.

CWMARS is also asking for patron's email addresses for the system to send holds pickup or overdue notices directly to patrons. This process saves libraries a lot of time and money. If you are not already receiving email for holds pickup or overdue notices and would like to be included, please email library@ci.holyoke.ma.us or visit the library and provide the staff with your e-mail to be added to your record.

...from MA Board of Library Commissioners Katherine K. Dibble, MBLC Chairperson

The Board unanimously approved the MBLC's Legislative Agenda for fiscal 2012 at its October meeting. This is a critical year for library funding and we need to take every possible opportunity to advocate for increased funding at the state and local levels. Libraries have reached the limit

of what they can do with constrained resources in a time when they are being used more than ever.

The Legislative Agenda tells the story of how MA libraries have used technology and cooperative programs to maximize the efficiency of operations. It also emphasizes that libraries have reached their limit in stretching scarce resources and shows how much libraries are needed in these difficult economic times.

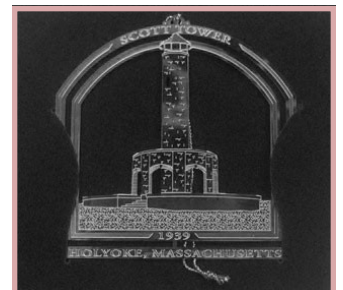
We are telling the story of where support needs to be to enable libraries to offer the services they are eager to provide. Elected officials need to know what libraries need to do the job they and their constituents expect us to do. Soon, MBLC will receive a budget-making cap. Last year's cap called for a 17% cut. We all need to explain to our legislators how devastating a similar cap would be for fiscal 2010 and convince them that libraries need, not a cap, but increases in funding.

Please help us promote this Agenda. Visit or call your legislators to discuss the importance of library funding. Let them know what the library means to you and how your library benefits from the state budget programs. For copies of the Agenda, visit your library, or go to www.mass.gov/mblc/publications/agenda_2010.pdf.

2010 Christmas Ornament: Scott Tower

Scott Tower, named in honor of Colonel Walter Scott, to commemorate his generous contribution of land and financial support for the preservation of one of Holyoke's earliest "green spaces," is the subject for this year's historic ornament commissioned by the Friends of the Holyoke Public Library.

This new ornament is the latest in a series of historic subjects, each finished in 24k gold and presented in a velour gift box – perfect gifts for the holiday or as a memorable holiday keepsake for your own decorating. In addition to this year's Scott Tower ornament, other ornaments in the series include Holyoke City Hall, the Holyoke Dam, Holyoke Opera House, the Civil War Memorial, the Elizur Holyoke Trolley, and the Holyoke Public Library.



Scott Tower was constructed in 1939, as part of a Works Project Administration (W.P.A.) program during which a crew of 100 workers built roads, paths, bridges, and the tower itself, all now under the supervision of the Holyoke Parks and Recreation Commission. The Scott Tower ornament, as well as the earlier subjects, can be purchased at the library.

Holiday Books, Movies and DVD's Available at the Library

From Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol" to "Mickey's Christmas Carol," from Bing Crosby to Josh Groban's Christmas music, you will find a fantastic selection of books, movies and CDs at Holyoke Public Library that will help you prepare for the holidays and add to the enjoyment of the entire family.

This year the library has expanded their already substantial collection of material for Christmas, as well as for Chanukah, Kwanza, and Three Kings Day. The collection ranges from Children's books and holiday recipes to special holiday craft projects and decorations for indoors and out.

There is also an ever-expanding collection of holiday short stories and novels by such noted author's as Mary Higgins Clark, John Gresham and Anne Perry. This year Ms. Perry has added "A Christmas Odyssey" to the list to accompany her previous release of "A Christmas Guest." Thomas Kinkade, the popular artist, has a new book, "On Christmas Eve" as well as previous titles including "A Wish for Christmas."

Garrison Keeiler 's contribution is "A Christmas Blizzard" and Andrew Greeley has "Home for Christmas," as Patrick Taylor takes his followers across the sea for "An Irish Country Christmas." David Morrell will keep the reader on edge as the holiday's approach with "The Spy Who Came

for Christmas," while Cynthia Keller introduces the reader to a different type of Christmas celebration with "An Amish Christmas."

Naturally the library has a large collection of books and DVDs to entertain children including various versions of "A Christmas Carol," "Dora's Christmas Carol Adventure," "Diego Saves Christmas," "The Christmas Dog," and "I Want A Dog For Christmas, Charlie Brown." Holiday DVDs for children are also available, including the always popular "A Charlie Brown Christmas," "A Muppet's Christmas Letter to Santa," and "A Flintstone's Christmas Carol."

For crafts and recipes Martha Stewart is always a safe bet, including "Martha Stewart Living – Christmas Cookbook." "300 Ways to Make the Best Christmas Ever" and "Christmas Crafts" are other popular holiday favorites.

After all the gifts are wrapped, the cookies baked and the stocking's hung it's time to sit down, relax and enjoy the DVD of everyone's favorite, Irving Berlin's "White Christmas." And remember, you'll find all of this and much more at Holyoke Public Library.



Fall/Winter Hours
Monday thru Thursday
8:30 am - 8:30 pm
Friday and Saturday
8:30 am - 4:00 pm
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