

# BEYOND THE STACKS

Holyoke Public Library Newsletter

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## THANK YOU to all of our Donors! You did it!

Nancy Kocsmiersky, *Holyoke Library Development Office*

“I can no other answer make but thanks, and thanks, and ever thanks.” William Shakespeare



The Fall Appeal was a great success because of our donors. You have donated over \$6,500 so far!! It is because of you that we can continue to offer diverse and educational programming for the Children’s room, Teen room, History room, and Adult events.

Donors – You did it!

No matter what amount you contributed, Thank you for all of your help. **THANK YOU!**

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## History Room News

Eileen Crosby, *History Room Archivist*

### Holyoke History Room News and Upcoming Events

The Holyoke History Room collection continues to grow. We have recently finished processing the Blanche Cavanaugh Historic Postcard Collection, with more than 800 items.



from the History Room's historic postcard collection

Other additions this year include dozens of photographs of the National Blank Book Social Club and Club 15 from the 1950s and 1960s, a copy of the legal briefs in “VECINOS DE BARRIO UNO, ET AL. vs. THE CITY OF HOLYOKE” (1995), and a small number of Holyoke Catholic yearbooks.

At the top of our wish list: to assemble a full set of Holyoke parochial school yearbooks! Please let us know if you have one to donate.

### Upcoming Events:

**Starting January 15 and every THIRD TUESDAY through the Spring: Drop in Genealogy with Hillary Schau in the Computer Classroom, 5:00 – 7:30 PM.**

Get tips for breaking through brick walls and compare notes with other researchers. We hope to schedule some guest experts for these evenings in addition to Hillary.

**The Mysteries of DNA Explained, with Dave Robison. Saturdays, February 23 and March 2, 10:00AM – 12:00PM.** Join us as Dave Robison walks us step-by-step through the process of getting and using DNA test results for genealogy, exploring its advantages and limitations. Come to one or both sessions. Pre-registration will open in January (call the History Room: 413-420-8107).

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## THE LIBRARY WAS AWARDED A GRANT!

Recently, Teen Librarian, Rachel Dowd, applied for and was awarded a grant from the **Rhyme and Reason Fund**, a **Donor Advised Fund of Boston Foundation**. With the help of this Grant, the Teen room will be able to implement the *Summer Mural project* and create a *Teen Advisory Group*. The grant is intended to help boost participation by teens in the library programs, build Teen leadership skills and encourage an appreciation of the library and public art.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### STORY TIME - EVERY TUESDAY

PLACE CHILDREN'S ROOM

TIME 10-11AM

### POKÉMON CLUB - EVERY TUESDAY

PLACE CHILDREN'S ROOM

TIME 4:15- 6:30PM

### READING WITH ROOSTER - EVERY TUESDAY

PLACE TEEN ROOM

TIME 4 -6:00PM

### STEAM ACTIVITIES - EVERY WEDNESDAY

PLACE CHILDREN'S ROOM

TIME 10AM -12PM

### WALK IN ARTS & CRAFTS - EVERY SATURDAY

PLACE CHILDREN'S ROOM

TIME 9AM- 3PM

All are Welcome to attend.

### TEEN CRAFTING - EVERY SATURDAY, EXCEPT 1/19

PLACE TEEN ROOM

TIME 12- 2PM

### RADIOPLASMA RECORDING STUDIO SESSIONS\*—EVERY WEDNESDAY EXCEPT 1/16

PLACE 306 RACE ST

TIME 3PM-5PM

\*Each session, we will be meeting in the Teen Room, and walking as a group to Radioplasma Recording Studio (located at 306 Race St). We will learn about media literacy, gain hands on experience with song recording, journalism, storytelling, and sound mixing!

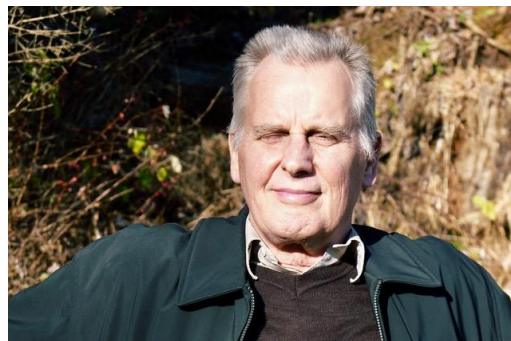
For an updated listing- Check the calendar Online:

<http://www.holyokelibrary.org/events2.aspx>

## President's Letter

roxann Callender , HPL Board President

It is with great sadness that the Holyoke Library Board of Directors announces the passing of past Board President Stephen "Terry" Plum.



Terry Plum, 30 December 1947 - 10 December 2018

*Kind, wise, sweet, witty  
- outstanding husband and father  
Remember him by being  
good to each other,  
taking a long walk, and reading a book  
you borrowed from the library!  
- Sydney Plum*

Terry and I first met at a fund raiser for our current mayor, then shortly afterwards again when I joined the HPL Board. He always treated everyone with dignity and respect. His appreciation for my interest in getting to know my community through HPL board involvement was clear and helped with my transition onto the board. His wisdom, calm & level ways of conducting business on the board was much appreciated. I will always remember his considerate manner in situations, even when others opinions differed.

Terry, once told me he enjoyed cocktail party events and often included the board in such at his home. He will be missed by all for his generous friendly spirit.

Sincerely,  
roxann Callender

## Teen Room News

Rachel Dowd, *Teen Librarian*

In October, teens had the chance to **paint decorative pumpkins** with their friends. The teens brought their creativity, and truly made these pumpkins their own.



*Happy Teens working on their pumpkins!*

The library hosted a **free 4H Babysitters Training Course** over the course of two Saturdays in November. The class had a huge turnout, and youth learned how to start their own babysitting business and keep children safe and entertained, among other things. Due to popularity and a wait list, we are hoping to offer the course again in the Spring.

Iohann Vega from **Radioplasma Recording Studio**, recently brought a portable recording set up to the Teen Room! Teens had a blast singing their favorite karaoke songs.



CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE! [www.facebook.com/hplteenroom/](http://www.facebook.com/hplteenroom/)

## Mini Golf in the Library

Nancy Kocsmiersky, *Development Associate*

The 4th Annual “Mini Golf in the Library” is planned for **Saturday April 6, 2019**. Save that date, and contact co-chair Nancy Kocsmiersky, HPL Development Office (413-420-8109) if you have questions or would like to help. Volunteers are Welcome and appreciated!

**Thank you to these Event and Hole Sponsors who already signed up for our 2019 event:**

State Representative Aaron Vega | Open Square |  
Marcotte Ford |

## History Room- Continued from page 1

**Tales of the Pedlar:** An afternoon of conversations and story-sharing with former employees and patrons of Holyoke’s historic Yankee Pedlar Inn and Restaurant. Tentative date: February 2, 1:00 PM. Stay tuned for more details.

**Online Collections News:** Cold keeping you home? Later this month, you will be able to view from the comfort of home more than 300 historic photographs from the Milan P. Warner Collection that we have digitized and will place in our online collections at:

<https://www.digitalcommonwealth.org/collections/commonwealth:td96k3131>

**History Room Hours: Tuesdays 10-6, Wednesdays 12-6, and Thursdays 10-4, plus some Special Saturdays throughout the year.**

**Website and History Room mailing list sign-up:**

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

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

**Phone:** (413) 420-8107.

## STAY IN TOUCH!

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History Room: 413-420-8107

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## Buy – A - Brick

Nancy Kocsmiersky, *Development Associate*

As we look forward to Spring, 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!

Contact Nancy at [nancy@holyokelibrary.org](mailto:nancy@holyokelibrary.org) to get the form or go to <http://www.holyokelibrary.org/aboutdonate.asp> to donate online. Just write that it is a brick donation in the notes section and you will be emailed the form. Thank you.



*Original Maple St Entrance with brick patio.*

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