

BEYOND THE STACKS

Holyoke Public Library

www.holyokelibrary.org

July 2021

Welcome Back!!

Nancy Kocsmiersky, Development Office

We are happy to announce that we are open to the public again and cannot wait to see you all!

Operation hours are 10:00am to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday (with holiday exceptions).

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

History room use is by appointment only. Please call the history room librarian at (413) 420-8107 to schedule an appointment to view and use the history room's resources.

Keep checking our [HPL website](#) and [Facebook](#) for updates on our reopening and fun events!



Computer use is limited

You will only be allowed one hour of use per day, and the amount of computers available are limited.

- Library cards in good standing are required for computer use.

- Computers will close after 3:30.

If you have any questions or wish to reserve a computer for yourself at a certain time, please call the computer coordinator at (413) 420-8118.

Services not currently available:

- Bathroom Use
- Water Fountain Use

We provide plenty of sanitation options and still highly encourage the use of masks while in a public setting.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to call us at (413) 420-8101 or email us at library@holyoke.org.

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Welcome New staff!

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In June, the library welcomed a **new Computer IT Personnel, Kareima E.** She has recently started and is already a big help to the library staff. The computer room is now open for limited use with reservations.

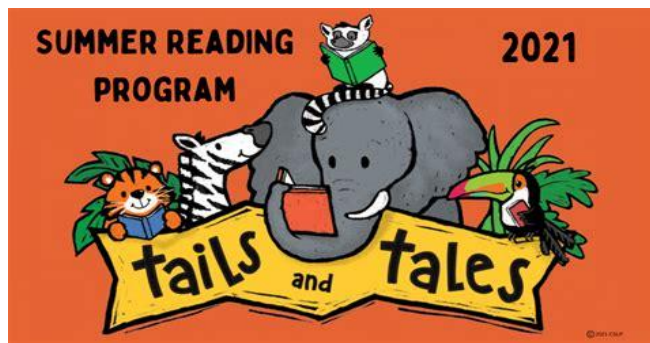


Welcome Kareima!

Children's Room News

Holyoke Library Children's Room

Summer Reading Program July 6th - August 6th 2021



Independent Summer Reading Program

Children can sign-up to receive a reading log of our Annual Summer Programs to keep track of the time they spend reading each week. Every Friday, from July 9th until August 6th, children can bring in their completed reading log to receive an incentive prize.

On Demand Story Time

In order to keep everyone safe and healthy this summer we are offering On Demand Story Time. Parents, caregivers and daycare providers are able to schedule their own individual weekly story times. Call (413)420-8105 to set up your visit.

Weekly Crafts-To-Go

Starting July 7th, every Wednesday during Summer Programs, craft-kits-to-go will be available in the Children's Room. Supplies are limited! Call (413)420-8105 to schedule pickups.

Learn In Motion

Come and join us at 10:00am on July 8th, 22nd and August 5th for some fun outdoor games and activities. Bring your whole family and have a ball.



Tale of the Rainbow Lizard

Pablo Del Peacock (the famous portrait artist) is trying to paint a picture of beautiful Monique Gecko, but every morning she arrives a different color and he has to begin all over again. [Click on the link](#) or contact the Children's Room to be given the access code to view this virtual performance by the Traveling Lantern Theatre Company. You can watch it as much as you want during the week of July 11th.

Japanese Magical Journey

Prepare to be amazed, dazzled & bewildered by an exciting storytelling show! It incorporates Japanese folktales with origami, and magic tricks. [Check our website](#) or contact the Children's Room to be given the access code to view this virtual performance by Yasu Ishida. You can watch it as much as you want during the week of July 25th.

To listen to our Dial-A-Story, please call 413-420-5600!

Children's Room YouTube Channel

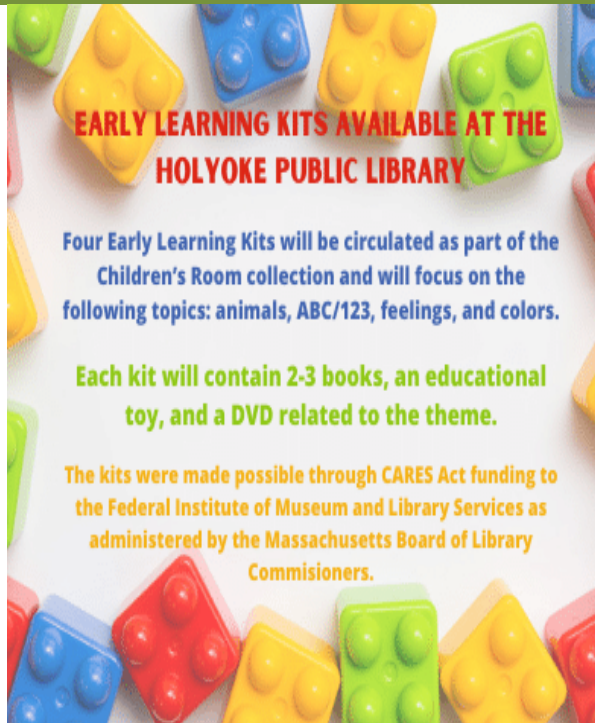
The Children's Room has a YouTube channel! All future story times, craft corners, and other videos will be posted to our channel as well as on Facebook. Subscribe [here!](#)

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@hol yokelibrary.org to subscribe!

To get a Grab & Go kit or to see what we have available, please email our children's librarian **Nathan** at nhayes@hol yokelibrary.org or call the Children's Room at **413-420-8105!**

Children's Room News



Live Events at the library!

JOIN US **TUESDAY, July 27 AT 7PM**
at the old Maple St entrance stairs.



MARC Berger has performed at Austin's SXSW Music Festival, and the Kerrville Folk Festival and has opened shows for Bob Dylan and other national acts. His song "The Last One" was a staple of Richie Havens' concerts. His current release is critically acclaimed, "RIDE".

Check out his music at
<https://www.facebook.com/marcbergermusic> or
<https://marcbergermusic.com/>

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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
- 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 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 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](#).

EDUCATION

Online Courses and Continue Education Classes



[Online Non-Credit Courses Tutorial](#)

LEARN NEW SKILLS

[Rocket Languages Tutorial](#)



[ArtistWorks Tutorial](#)

History Room News

Eileen Crosby, *Archivist*

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

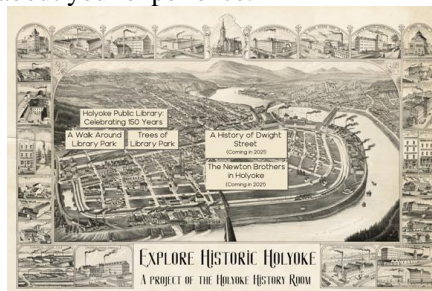
To make a research appointment, call 413.420.8107.

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) 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) 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:



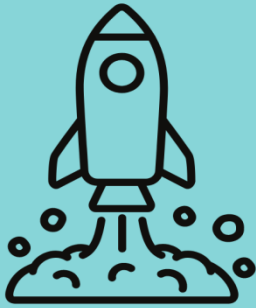
The Holyoke History Room can be contacted at (413) 420-8107 – historyroom@holyokelibrary.org.

Teen Room News

Vicky White, Teen Librarian

The Holyoke Public Library presents: Mad Science Craft Kits!

**Now Available:
Alka-Seltzer Rockets!**



Available for curbside pickup while supplies last-call or email the Teen Librarian at:
413.420.8119 x 27 or
vwhite@holyokelibrary.org

Mad Science Craft kits
available via curbside pickup!

QTs (Queer & Trans Teens) of Western MA

Second Thursdays
7pm on Zoom

Meet other LGBTQIA+ or allied teens from Western MA! We'll be gathering on Zoom once a month for a safe space to hang out in our PJs and watch videos, play games, listen to music or just talk!

Register here to join:
<https://bit.ly/3rrmKd2>

Co-hosted by House of Colors, GLESEN MA, Out Now, Holyoke Public Library and Springfield City Library

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 or call 413-420-8101. CHECK OUT our INSTAGRAM PAGE!
<https://www.instagram.com/holyokelibraryteens/>

Summer Reading 2021

Summer Reading Contest

Teens and Adults –

Fill out a reading log and be entered for a weekly prize!



Fill out an Online book review or a printed copy and be entered for a Gift Card prize every week.

Don't worry, these aren't book reports! Tell us in a sentence or two what you did or didn't like about the book or other written material and let us know why someone else should or shouldn't read it.

**** Entry due weekly by Friday at 4:00pm.**
Winners announced on the following Monday.
Every review counts as one entry.

Click here for [Online Book Review](#). Or pick up a paper copy in the library at the front desk.

Live Events at the Library!



Video Game Day on Friday July 23rd

Join us on Friday, July 23rd, for our Video game Free play event, presented by local Massachusetts eSport and gaming venue, One Up Games!

There will be 2 sessions:
 Kids play - 10:00am - 1:00pm
 Teens and Adults play- 1:30pm - 4:30pm

Tables will be set up outside the library and it will be first come, first served.

** In the event of rain or extreme heat, the event will be rescheduled to Friday July 30th. An announcement will be posted on the website.

Explore virtual worlds with the Oculus Quest, or play the latest titles on Xbox One, PlayStation 4, and Nintendo Switch.

Reference Room News

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.

Try out these links.

All Titles	Health	Literature
Biography	History	Magazines/Journals
Business	Hobbies	Multicultural
Careers	Humanities	Newspapers
Education	Kids	Science
General	Law	



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 or 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 of the hotspot lending program is to provide Internet access for

- Students to use for help with remote learning
- Patrons to search and apply for jobs and other assistance.
- Workers to travel with internet for meetings

- Patrons to have access to the library's digital resources such as our databases, eBooks, etc.

Patrons will be able to take advantage of our Wi-Fi hotspot lending program with a Holyoke Public Library card. The Wi-Fi hotspot lending program is not intended to provide continual Internet access for any one household

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 the following terms and conditions in addition to the standard Library policies (notably the Library's *Internet and Electronic Information Use Policy*). And other terms and conditions as described below for which the user is responsible.

**** 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.

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, 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 September 30th

WALK UP COVID-19 Testing Sites are now closed.

*Drive up Testing will run until 9/30/21.

DRIVE UP COVID-19 Testing Site in Holyoke [Holyoke Community College](#) - 303 Homestead Ave. Testing will run until 9/30/21.

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 H. 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!

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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/

Computer Room: 413-420-8118

Fundraising: 413-420-8109

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