

BEYOND THE STACKS

Holyoke Public Library

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April 2022

Mini Golf and Games at the Library – April 9, 2022!

Development Office



“Mini Golf and Games at the Library!” –a series of FUN activities inside and outside of the Holyoke Public Library was held on **Saturday, April 9.**



Hole 17- get your Hole in One prize!

A day of fun at the library!

Over 300 people of all ages participated in Mini Golf and Games by playing 18 holes of miniature golf inside the building and Foosball outside!



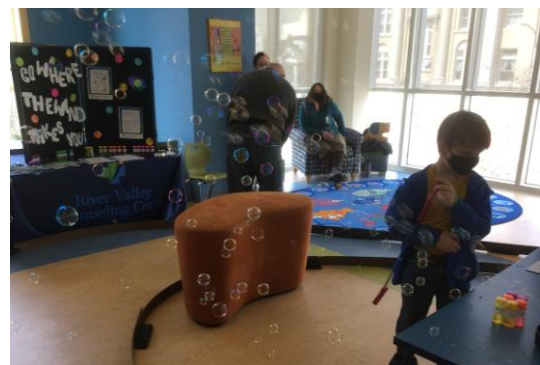
19th Hole Winners



Let's get our equipment!

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Children's Room News

Holyoke Library Children's Room



Join Us For Story Time

Holyoke Library Children's Room
10 AM

In person Storytimes are back

Daytime story times are Monday, Wednesday and Saturday mornings at 10am. Evening story time is on Tuesdays at 6:30pm.

El Tiempo de Cuentos en Español



El Tiempo de Cuentos en Español con Carlos

Available: video series, El Tiempo de Cuentos en Español (Spanish Story Time)! Join Carlos as he reads some of our favorite stories in Spanish! Check it out on our Facebook page and YouTube channel!

Free Online Resources for Kids



The Just for Kids Streaming Collection for public libraries gives children—and their parents—a thoroughly kid-safe, advertisement-free media platform they can freely explore and enjoy.



Just for Kids has the educational videos children want to watch—Sesame Street, The Electric Company, The Wubbulous World of Dr. Seuss, The Berenstain Bears, Franklin, and thousands more—plus songs, games, and other interactive activities that are sure to entertain, educate, and inspire young minds!

The library has links to many great Online educational sites such as “Just for Kids”. Check out these links on the [Children's library page](#).

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

The library has Dial-A-Story! Available 24/7, our Dial-A-Story provides a selection of wonderful stories read aloud by your local librarians and guests. Email nhayes@holyokelibrary.org to request new stories!

MCAS Practice

MATH & ELA Skills Mastery

AI-powered Learning Assistant



MCAS Study Program is on our website – Lumos StepUp is a comprehensive MCAS study program that provides assessments and online workbooks with hundreds of practice questions for **Math and English Language Arts for students in grades 3-8**. Students, parents and educators can conveniently access this program with a Holyoke Public Library card from anywhere using a computer, phone or any device with internet access.

HOLYOKE CHILDREN'S ROOM YOUTUBE CHANNEL



Children's Room YouTube Channel

The Children's Room has a YouTube channel! Subscribe [here!](#)

Children's Room Newsletter

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

To see what we have available, please email our children's librarian **Nathan** at nhayes@holyokelibrary.org or **Rene** at rpellissier@holyokelibrary.org Call the Children's Room at **413-420-8105!**

* Library CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS 5/26-28

*Please NOTE:

The Library will be closed for maintenance of the air conditioning system from **May 26-28**. Thursday thru Saturday. We're also closed **May 30th** - Memorial Day.

Visit our **Virtual Library** at www.holyokelibrary.org or email us at library@holyoke.org. if you have any questions.

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Mini Golf and Games- Foosball + Outdoor fun!

OneHolyoke, sponsored the Foosball event which was run by Nayroby Rosa-Soriano. Due to the weather we were not able to get many games in but watch out for next year!



Nayroby finishing the set-up!

Also outside were 2 story walks lent by local nonprofits and free crafts. In the side parking lot, was CRAVE Food truck selling delicious food for all.

Proceeds from Mini Golf and Games will be used to augment Summer Reading, community outreach and other Literacy programs. Our goal is also to expand Library STEM programming in both the Children's and Teen rooms. *Keep an eye out for Mini Golf and Games in spring 2023!*

Thank You MG Sponsors!

The Holyoke Library is very Thankful for all of the generous sponsors and donors who made Mini Golf and Games a successful FUNdraiser!



For more Information check out- [Mini golf and Games Info page.](#)

Library Hours

September 2021- May 2022

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

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

*SUMMER hours: June 6-September 5,2022

Monday-Thursday 8:30-6pm

Fridays and select Saturdays 8:30-4pm

We will be CLOSED the following Saturdays:

5/28, 6/25, 7/23, 8/20, 8/27 *Check website for any updates. (Closed Sundays and holidays).

Computers shut down 30 minutes before closing time. * **IF Holyoke CITY HALL CLOSSES 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://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), LIBRARY OR FOR [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](#)



[Gale Reference library](#) - Databases are made possible by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners with funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and by the Massachusetts Library System.

Welcome our new Evening library staff Member



Hi, my name is Chanel Kung, and I'm the new Evening Library Assistant (Part-time). I recently moved from Bethlehem, NY and previously worked in Operations for the NY Guard COVID-19 Response Mission. Currently, I'm still serving in the NY Air National Guard as a Commander's Support Staff for the 109th Airlift Wing. In my free time I love to hike, play rugby, and read. I'm excited to join the Holyoke Public Library team and look forward to getting to know everyone.

Teen Room News



One of the best parts of the Holyoke Library is our Teen Room. It is a space that teens may truly call their own and express themselves.

Teen Room Homework Resources

[Gale Databases](#): Databases for your research needs
[Khan Academy](#): Free and helpful videos and lessons

If you have any questions feel free to email our **teen librarian Robin** at rsiniaho@holyokelibrary.org or call 413-420-8119. [Click here for Teen Programs](#)
Also CHECK our INSTAGRAM PAGE!

<https://www.instagram.com/holyokelibraryteens/>

History Room News

Eileen Crosby, *Archivist*



The Holyoke History Room received a Mass Humanities grant for \$15,600 that will allow the creation of three online walking tours of Holyoke. *Ciudad de Historias/City of Stories* will provide an online introduction to historic places in the Flats, South Holyoke, and downtown, along with stories of life in Holyoke from current residents.

The Ciudad de Historias/City of Stories virtual tour project is progressing with much behind-the-scenes work. Part local history, part story-telling, the virtual tours will intersperse capsule histories of historic buildings with “living history” stops consisting of short, personal stories of living in Holyoke in recent decades. One goal of the project is to create a space for sharing stories of the Puerto Rican experience in Holyoke.



Building on the idea that history is built out of a multitude of personal stories, the project will hold a **bilingual workshop on community history and story-sharing on May 21st (10:30-12:30) at the Library**. The workshop is open to anyone wanting to find out more about the project. **Activist/scholar Diana Sierra Becerra**, who has worked with the Pioneer Valley Workers Center and the National Domestic Workers Alliance, will lead participants through the creation of an imaginary personal time capsule.

Spaces are limited and can be reserved by calling the History Room at 413-420-8107, emailing ciudadhistorias@holyokelibrary.org, or completing the

Bilingual interest form:

<http://www.holyokelibrary.org/historycityofstories.asp>
The project is also on Instagram:
<https://www.instagram.com/ciudadhistoriasholyo/>

New Grant awarded to History Room!



The History Room has received a \$10,000 grant from American Library Association’s American Rescue Plan: Humanities Grants for Libraries. Funds will be dedicated to three outreach projects.

A portion will fund an exhibit of the photographs of John Leni Marcy taken in the 1970s and 1980s entitled, **La ciudad en papel: Representaciones de la vida HolyoRícan / The City on Paper: Representations of HolyoRícan life**. The exhibit, which will be on view on the ground floor and third floor of the Library during May, is curated by students in Latinx Politics and Latinx Literature classes at Holyoke Community College.



Photo from May 2022 exhibit: "La ciudad en papel: Representaciones de la vida HolyoRícan"

Another portion of the grant will fund an educational consultant from The Collaborative to assist in the development of three lesson plans based on History Room collections. The lesson plans will be designed to foster collaboration between the History Room and local teachers at the third, sixth-eighth, and high school levels who are seeking to incorporate local history resources into their teaching.

The final portion of the grant will fund a touch-screen kiosk in the Library at which patrons will be able to view the History Room’s new virtual walking tours (see *Ciudad de Historias/City of Stories* article).

For more information Contact the History room at: 413-420-8107 historyroom@holyokelibrary.org
Hours: Tues. 10-2 & 3-6, Wed. 10-4, Thurs. 10-4 (and by appointment)

Stay informed about History Room events by checking the [News](#) page and subscribing to the [History Room email list](#).

Reference Room News

Reference Room

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.

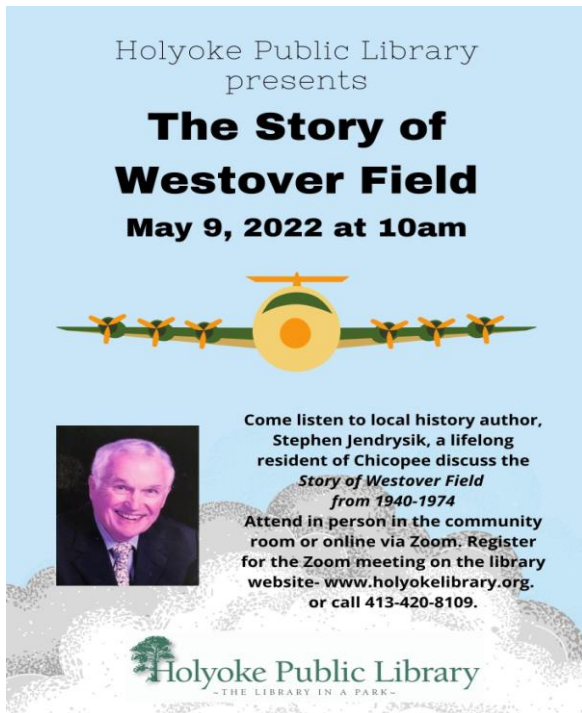
All Titles	Health	Literature
Biography	History	Magazines/Journals

Grow with Google

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, Please feel free to contact the Reference Department at 413-420-8101 x1 or emailing mbaron@holyokelibrary.org or clivengood@holyokelibrary.org.

“The Story of Westover Field” - 5/9/22



Attend our **Free in person or virtual presentation** on **Monday 5/9/22, 10-11:30am** in the **Community room**.

Come listen to local history author, **Stephen Jendrysik**, a lifelong resident of Chicopee, discuss the *Story of Westover Field from 1940-1974*. Attend in person in the comm. room or via Zoom.

This hybrid event is FREE and open to the public. *Registration is required for the Zoom meeting. **Please register here**, on our website- www.holyokelibrary.org., or call 413-420-8109 After signing up, you will be emailed a ZOOM meeting link.

* Wi-Fi Hotspot Lending

We have the 5 Hotspot Devices to Loan!

In fulfilling the Library’s mission to provide access to educational resources, the 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 can 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.

****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

[Food Bank 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 or Booster

Everyone, individuals age 75 and older, individuals age 60 and older, individuals with 2+ certain medical conditions, residents and staff of low income and affordable senior housing, K-12 educators, K-12 school staff, and child care workers are especially recommended to get the COVID-19 vaccine and booster.

Pre-Register for the Vaccine by going to the [Mass.gov Covid-19 website](#) or call 211 for help registering.

Get free COVID test kits at HOME

There's a new federal resource to get free FDA-authorized Coronavirus test kits. At [COVIDtests.gov](#), you'll find information about testing and a link to the U.S. Postal Service – [special.usps.com/testkits](#) – where you can order up to four rapid tests to be sent to your home address. **Or order your kits by calling 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489).** Your kits will be mailed through the U.S. Postal Service within 7 to 12 days.

The tests are completely free. There are no shipping costs, and you don't have to give a credit card or bank account number. You only need to give a name and address. Once you place an order, you'll get an order confirmation number. If you give your email address, you'll also get an order confirmation email and delivery updates. **Anyone who asks for more information than that is a scammer.**

To Find a test site: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/find-a-covid-19-test>

STOP THE SPREAD TESTING SITES In Holyoke

Covid testing is once again available at HCC. A mobile testing trailer, provided by Curative, will be located in M Lot at 303 Homestead on the HCC campus daily. A parking map is attached.

Booking is open now at [cur.tv/hcc](#) / Appointments preferred but not required.

Hours of Operation*:

Monday – Friday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday – Sunday: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

*Check website to confirm open times before going.

Age of Jazz lecture - 5/12/22

“Anything Goes – America During the Jazz Age”*

Presented by Christopher Daley, Historian

This hybrid lecture on May 12th at 7pm in the Community room, is a Free one hour slide presentation that is an entertaining overview of the 1920's, showcasing world events, political events, prohibition, organized crime as well as the style, fashion and trends of the Jazz Age. During this decade many of the conventions of the Victorian Era were left behind as a new modernism emerged.

* *Event made possible by Mass Cultural Council Grant.*

Attend in Person or via Zoom. [Register for Zoom here.](#)

Check out more on our website:

[Anything Goes lecture- More info here.](#)

STAY IN TOUCH!

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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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