

BEYOND THE STACKS

Holyoke Public Library

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April 2023

Mini Golf and Games at the Library – April 29, 2023!

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 29.**



Let's go! Volunteers helping golfers check in.

A day of fun at the library!

Over 250 people of all ages participated in Mini Golf and Games by playing 18 holes of miniature golf inside the building and one bonus 19th hole!



Young golfer excited to start!



Let's get our equipment!



Family Fun Day!

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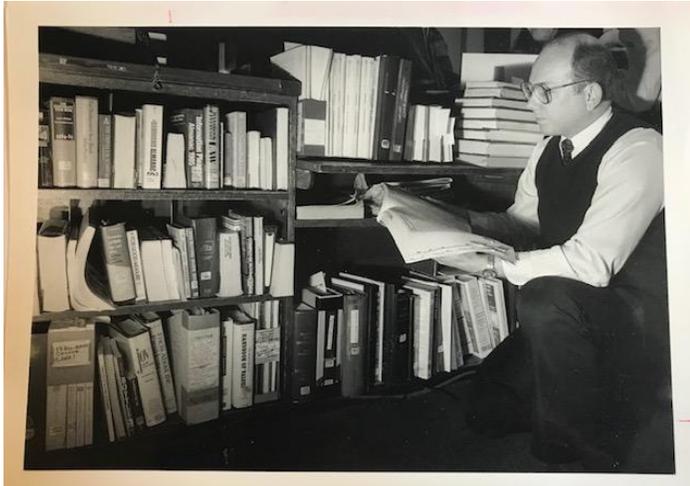
Hole 5- a tricky turn down the stairs.

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Staff Retirement

Nancy Kocsmiersky, Development Office

The Holyoke library will miss Michael Baron, Reference Librarian and a 30-year staff member as he leaves this June for a well deserved retirement.

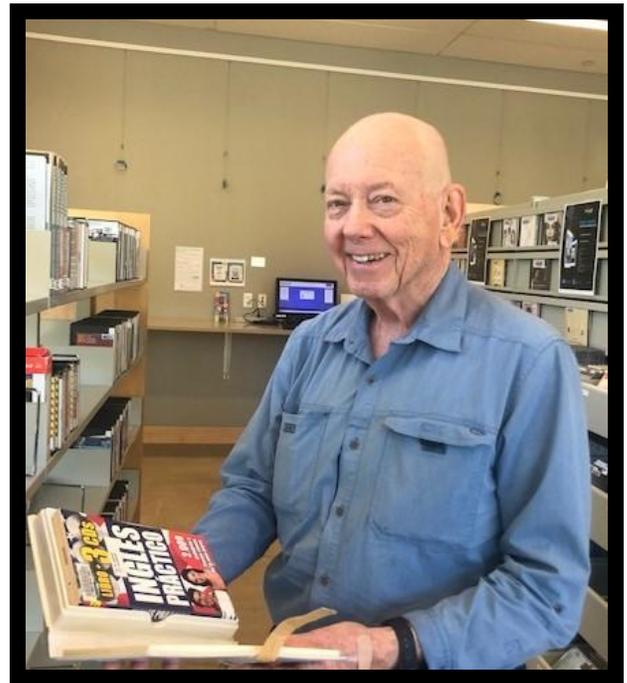


Michael in the stacks 1985.

Michael Baron, morning reference librarian at the Holyoke Library is, retiring early this summer. After working in libraries since 1961, here at the library, he was employed as a reference librarian from 1980-1985. He then moved on to become director of Chicopee Public Library. After completing coursework at McGill University in Archival studies, he returned as a reference librarian at HPL beginning in 1999.



Michael says that even though he will be leaving the Holyoke Public Library, he will continue to be a staunch library supporter, volunteering as needed and using his card to access the excellent Resources available at the library (on-line and in person). He sees a bright future for the Holyoke Public Library, its Staff and library patrons.



Michael in the stacks 2023

We congratulate Michael on his retirement from the Holyoke Library. We all enjoyed working with you during your time here, and we consider you not only a valuable asset to the library but an enjoyable presence in the office, as well. While you will be missed by all of us at the library, you certainly deserve your retirement. Your hard work and diligence have been greatly appreciated.

New -Rent Video Games



Now you can check out games at the Holyoke Public Library. They can be found near the DVDs. We have games for Switch, PS4, XBOX and XBOX ONE.

Mini Golf and Games- Foosball + Outdoor fun!

Also outside was a story walk lent by local nonprofit. 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 2024!*

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

***SUMMER hours: June 5-September 4, 2023**

Monday-Thursday 8:30-6pm

Fridays and select Saturdays 8:30-4pm

We will be **CLOSED** on select Saturdays.

Check website for any updates.

(Closed Sundays and holidays).

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

September 2023- May 2024

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

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

Computers shut down 30 minutes before closing time.

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](https://faxscan24.com) and follow instructions to input fax number and payment.

Coronavirus- COVID 19

Helpful Links:

- [Mass.Gov/covid19](https://www.mass.gov/covid19)
- <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

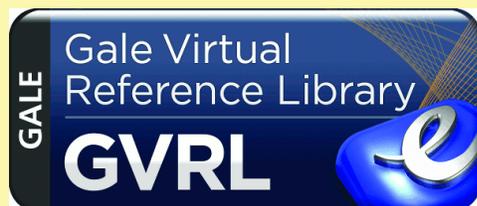
Online Courses and Continue Education Classes



[Online Non-Credit Courses Tutorial](#)

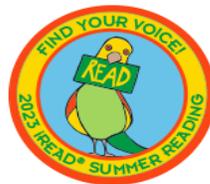
LEARN NEW SKILLS

[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.

Teen Room News



Please Join the Holyoke Public Library on
Friday, June 30 from 12-3pm
for our **Summer Reading Kick-Off Party!!**

Register the whole family, Enjoy Refreshments, Games and Entertainment! Enter to win Raffle Prizes! Follow us on Facebook or check our website for more information coming soon!

Also New this Summer:

Induction Stoves At The Library!

We've partnered with CET to let the community try their hand at what induction stoves can do.

An induction cooktop is a type of electric cooktop that uses electromagnetism to heat cookware, essentially turning the cookware into its own source of heat. These cooktops are highly efficient, and allow for a rapid rise or drop in temperature.



The induction cooktop kit contains an induction cooktop, 1 pan and 1 pot designed for use with the cooktop, and instructions. A kit may be borrowed for 2 weeks and cannot be renewed. This item will be available on a first come first serve basis. Please ask at the circulation desk for availability.

For more information check out: [Holyoke Public Library Induction Stoves Video](#) from [Center for EcoTechnology](#) on [Vimeo](#).

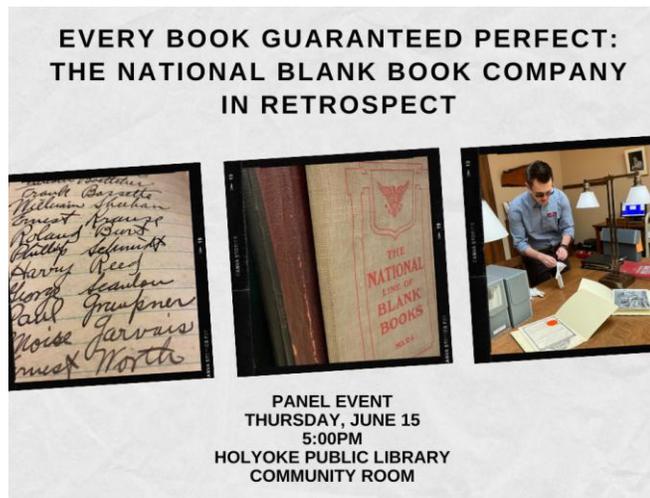
If you have any questions feel free to email our **teen librarian Robin** at rsiniaho@holyokelibrary.org or call 413-420-8119. [Click here for Teen Programs](#)

Also CHECK our INSTAGRAM PAGE!

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

History Room News

Eileen Crosby, *Archivist*



The **National Blank Book Company** was a Holyoke fixture for nearly a century and a half, producing products from workforce ledgers, to diaries, to custom binders. It ingrained itself in local labor culture in the process. As one former employee explained, "If you talked to a Holyoker and they didn't know someone who worked there or hadn't worked there themselves, you knew they were new in town."

Join us on **June 15th** at 5pm for a **Community Room presentation** on this innovative company's history and a panel discussion with former employees facilitated by the History Room's Archival Fellow **Joe Maspo, M.A.** Unique artifacts from the newly-expanded research collection will be on display.

This event is Free. All are welcome. Made possible with a donation from the Richard and Margaret Towne Charitable Fund.

For more information Contact the History room at: 413-420-8107 or historyroom@holyokelibrary.org

History Reading Room Drop in Hours

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](#).

Children's Room News

Holyoke Library Children's Room



Gateways to Reading, is a family reading program available through eight Massachusetts Gateway City Libraries. The Holyoke Library Children's Room has book kits available in multiple languages and themes. Stop by today and ask Nathan or Rene how to be a part of this educational adventure.

Summer Programs July 3rd – August 4th 2023



Independent Reading Program

Children can sign-up to receive a reading log at the start of our program to keep track of the time they spend reading each week. Every Friday, from July 7th until August 4th, children can bring in their completed log to receive a small weekly prize. Online tracking is also available at <https://holyokelibrary.beanstack.com/>

We will have many fun programs including:

Learn In Motion

Tuesday, July 11th, 18th, 25th and August 1st and 8th at 11:00am outside the Library

Come and join us for some fun outdoor games and activities. Bring the whole family and have a ball!

See the complete schedule [HERE](#).

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

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.

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| All Titles | Health | Literature |
| Biography | History | Magazines/Journals |



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.

* Wi-Fi Hotspot Lending

We have 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 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.

Community Resources -Holyoke



[The Holyoke Safe Neighborhood Initiative](#) is a creation of the [Hampden County Sheriff's Department](#) which has a partnership between local organizations; and residents.

They work with 413cares.org, a local non-profit, 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

[Food Bank of Western MA](#)

Find a food pantry or free meal, 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.*

Free Computer classes

Email our Computer Coordinators at IT@holyokelibrary.org or call them at 413-420-8118 for more information on one-on-one tutoring sessions! [Click here to register for a workshop online!](#)

Envíe un correo electrónico a nuestros coordinadores de computadoras a IT@holyokelibrary.org o llámelos al 413-420-8118 para obtener más información sobre las sesiones de tutoría uno a uno! [¡Haga clic aquí para registrarse en un taller en línea!](#)

STAY IN TOUCH!

HOLYOKE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Website: www.holyokelibrary.org/

Facebook : www.facebook.com/holyokepubliclibrary/

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/HolyokeLibrary>

Instagram:

https://www.instagram.com/holyoke_public_library/

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/

Computer Room: 413-420-8118

Fundraising: 413-420-8109

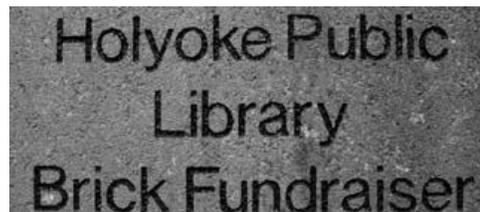
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Make your Mark at the Library

Nancy Kocsmiersky, Development Office

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 plaza on Maple St!



To get the order form [Click Here](#) or Contact Nancy at nancy@holyokelibrary.org or to donate online go to [LibraryDonationPage](#). *Just write that it is a brick donation in the notes section and you will be emailed the form. Bricks usually take a few weeks to be installed. Thank you.

*Any comments, corrections or questions about the newsletter please contact the editor at nancy@holyokelibrary.org. Thank you.