

# BEYOND THE STACKS

Holyoke Public Library

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July 2019

## Teen Room

Rachel Dowd, *Teen Librarian*

Through the generosity of donors there are several programs going on in the Teen room year 'round. Including the Garden Girls activities.



*Teen patron getting hole ready for tree.*

**The Garden Girls planted multiple fruit trees all around the library neighborhood, and learned how to care for the trees.**

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## Volunteers are Awesome!

Holyoke Library Development Office

*Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless. ~Sherry Anderson (Thanks, Kathy)*



*Peg M. – Volunteer extraordinaire!*

I retired from the city of Holyoke in 2003. I had always promised Maria (the director) I would become a volunteer once I retired. So in January of 2004 I began my service with the library, both as a volunteer, and serving on the Board of the Friends of the library, becoming involved in the annual cocktail party and eventually the “The Future beings Here” fundraiser. I now try to maintain the book sale shelves.

My regular work in the library has always been with Technical Services readying the books for the stacking shelves, and any other needs. My favorite part of working at the library has been the interaction with the help and with the public.

I have enjoyed and participated in the speaking programs offered to the public. I have seen very positive things happening at the library in many sectors namely the establishment of the Teen Room and the History Room. They offer many services and activities, previously not available.

For the future, I would like to see the library open more hours for which we need more funding!

# Universe of Stories

## *The Holyoke Library Summer Reading Program*

*Holyoke Library Children's Room*

### Independent Summer Reading Program

Children can sign-up to receive a reading log at the start of our Annual Summer Programs to keep track of the time they spend reading, or being read to.

The program officially began on Monday, July 1st and is open to students grades K-8. Children and their families simply have to pick up a reading log and start reading. Children are asked to read for thirty minutes a day, fill out their log, and return it to the library **every Friday from July 5th until August 2nd** children can bring in their completed reading log to receive a small weekly prize.

Call and register for any of our great free programs listed below. **If you have any questions please call Greg or Nathan at 413-420-8105.**



*Nathan, Children's Librarian running a presentation for students.*

### 2019 Holyoke Public Library Children's Summer Programs

**Craft Days** - July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 10am-12pm  
Supplies are limited, so please *register in advance for each class.*

**Story Times** - July 2, 16, 23, 30 at 2:00pm  
Children of all ages are invited to hear several stories and play games.

**STEM Activities** - July 11, 18, 25 and August 1 from 2pm-3pm

Join us for an hour of educational fun with games related to (S)cience, (T)echnology, (E)ngineering and (M)ath.



**Ice-Bird Magic Show** - July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00pm  
The Incredible Jonathan "Ice-Bird" Nelson returns to dazzle both young and old with his signature brand of magic.

**STARLAB: The Portable Planetarium**  
- Two shows on July 9<sup>th</sup>  
1:00-1:25pm / 1:30-2:15pm

Come and learn about our solar system inside a portable planetarium. There will be two shows: The 1:00-1:25pm show will be for children from pre-k to second grade, while the 1:30-2:15pm show will be for grades three, four and five. *Registration is required.*

**Moon Crazy** - July 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm  
Put on your imagination caps and blast off with Jackson Gillman on his lunar adventures. Captivating songs and stories, including Frank Asch's Happy Birthday Moon, to take you far away and pilot you happily home.

**Reading Buddies** - July 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am  
Come for a read aloud and make your own alien stuffed animal to take home.

*Reservations are required along with a non-refundable \$7.00 fee per participant.*

**Scienctellers** - July 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:00pm  
Due to high demand, Scienctellers return to preset Aliens: Escape from Earth. Don't miss this action-packed and educational alien adventure using science experiments for special effects. It's totally out of this world!

## Donors, THANK YOU!

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With the end of the Holyoke Library fiscal year, which runs from July 1 – June 30<sup>th</sup>, the library is very grateful for all of our generous donors who have helped us **raise over \$31,000!** It is because of you that we can continue to offer diverse and educational programming in the Children's room, Teen room, History room, and Adult events. Donors – You did it!

THANK YOU!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### ARTS & CRAFTS - EVERY MONDAY

PLACE CHILDREN'S ROOM

TIME 10AM -12PM

Supplies are limited. Please register in advance.

### STORY TIME - EVERY TUESDAY, EXCEPT 7/9

PLACE CHILDREN'S ROOM

TIME 2PM

### POKÉMON CLUB - EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

PLACE CHILDREN'S ROOM

TIME 4:00- 5:30PM

### READING WITH ROOSTER - EVERY MONDAY

PLACE TEEN ROOM

TIME 4 -6:00PM

### STEAM ACTIVITIES - EVERY THURSDAY

PLACE CHILDREN'S ROOM

TIME 2PM- 3PM

### TEEN MOVIE SERIES-

TUESDAYS -7/2, 8/6, 8/13, 8/20

PLACE COMMUNITY ROOM

TIME 3:30PM

### RELATIONSHIPS ON SCREEN WITH TAPESTRY HEALTH -EVERY FRIDAY 7/12, 7/19, 7/26 AND 8/2

Teens are invited to join us as we watch and discuss the relationships we see in popular movies and TV shows.

PLACE COMMUNITY ROOM

TIME 1PM

### POP UP RECORDING SESSIONS WITH HOLYOKE MEDIA- EVERY WEDNESDAY

PLACE TEEN ROOM

TIME 3:30PM

### SUMMER READING SHOWS -WEDS., 7/3, 7/17, 7/31

PLACE COMMUNITY ROOM

TIME 1PM

Celebrate the "Universe of Stories" Summer Reading program. Enjoy fun, hands on science themed shows! All are Welcome to attend.

## History Room News

Eileen Crosby, *History Room Curator*

### HOLYOKE HISTORY ROOM RECEIVES GRANT TO DIGITIZE VHS RECORDINGS DOCUMENTING LOCAL PUERTO RICAN AND LATINO CULTURE AND POLITICS

The Holyoke History Room of the Holyoke Public Library has received a Recordings at Risk grant of \$14,644 from the Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) to digitize more than 100 video recordings of the bilingual *Vecinos/Neighbors* community access television program, filmed in and around Holyoke in the early 1990s.



*Teaser for the "Vecinos Neighbors" Show*

The grant will also fund digitization of a portion of the History Room's La Familia Hispana, Inc. tape collection. Recordings at Risk, funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, is a competitive, national regranting program aimed at preserving historically-valuable recorded material endangered by deterioration and format obsolescence.

The *Vecinos/Neighbors* program, produced by Carlos Vega, Sylvia Galván, and Gary O'Connor, ran on community access television from 1991-1996.

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It sought to connect viewers with reliable information on issues such as voting, redistricting, education, and community development, while also featuring local artists, performers, and footage from the Hispanic Family Festival. The digitization project will also include tapes made by Carlos Vega and others in the course of their community work in the 1990s. Both tape collections were donated to the Library in 2018 with the mutual goal of preserving their content and sharing it with the public.



Much of the content will be available for online viewing after completion of the project in mid-2020. For more information, see “[Claiming Place: Preserving the History of Puerto Rican and Latino Culture and Politics in Western Massachusetts through digitization of the Vecinos/Neighbors and La Familia Hispana, Inc. video collections](#)”

(<https://www.clir.org/recordings-at-risk/funded-projects/>), or contact

**Holyoke History Room Archivist Eileen Crosby at (413) 420-8107.**

**History Reading Room Hours**

**Tuesdays 10-6**

**Wednesdays 12-6**

**Thursdays 10-4**

**Closed August 12-17.**

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

## Volunteers are Awesome!

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### *Interview with Tom Kass- History room volunteer.*

I have been coming to the Holyoke library for over 25 years. Many of my visits were to the History room when Paul Graves was the historian. I got more involved with the history room about 8 years ago and began doing more research into my Holyoke ancestors who first moved here in 1868.



*Tom at work.*

In May I did a presentation at the library on a history of golf in Holyoke. Also in May I led a tree tour through Holyoke which was sponsored in part by the library.

I have helped out in the history room for a few years but last year I became an official volunteer. The daily duties are often interrupted by walk in patrons who are usually searching for people or information from the past. This can be the rewarding part of the volunteer job. Finding information from the past can be almost like finding buried treasure and people are often very grateful when their questions get answered.

The archivist in charge of the collection, Eileen Crosby, does an excellent job of helping patrons use the resources in the history room and with their research. Other researchers of local history often do presentations on various subjects at the library. These are library events that I attend whenever possible. They use the history room’s resources to prepare their talks as well.

Although there are things which could be added, even without those resources the library’s history room is a valuable resource for studying local history and Holyoke is lucky to have it. – Tom K.

## Teen Room – Continued from pg 1

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After the hard work digging the hole it's time for the Garden Girls to plant our tree!



The kids in the Garden Girls group got to create/ enjoy a bonfire on the last day of the program; complete with marshmallow roasting!

Through grants and the generosity of donors there are several programs going on in the Teen room this summer.

One of our most exciting projects is the **MURAL PROJECT**. During this program youth will have the opportunity to design and paint a mural with professional artists and document the process with Holyoke Media!

**The Program runs from July 8th- August 1<sup>st</sup>.**

See the Calendar of Events for more activities. For more about this and other Teen Room information contact the Teen librarian, Rachel at (413) 420-8119 or [rdowd@holyokelibrary.org](mailto:rdowd@holyokelibrary.org) or

**CHECK OUT OUR INSTAGRAM PAGE!**

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

## Fundraiser- Glass Blocks

HPL Development Office

When the Library was renovated, Glass floor panels (a.k.a. "glass blocks") were saved from the 1902 stack wing. These now are for sale as part of the Holyoke Public Library's fundraising campaign.



Glass blocks come in several sizes (rounded to nearest half inch): Size A (34.5 x 36"), B (34.5 x 27"), C (34.5 x 25"), D (19 x 23.5"), E or F (19 x 26-27"). Each panel is 1" thick, very sturdy and heavy. Own a piece of library history! Prices range from \$50- \$140.

To get prices and order, contact Nancy Kocsmiersky in the Library Development Office at 413-240-8109 or [nancy@holyokelibrary.org](mailto:nancy@holyokelibrary.org).

## STAY IN TOUCH!

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## Free Lunch at the library

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In partnership with the **Holyoke Public Schools** and **Sodexo**, the library will be participating in the Summer Food Service Meals Program which is serving up Free lunch this summer for youth 18 and under!

**Beginning June 24th, youth can stop by the library from 12- 1 pm for a delicious and nutritious lunch Monday-Friday until August 23rd.**

For other free lunch locations in Holyoke check out:  
<https://www.hps.holyoke.ma.us/families/cafeteria-menu/>

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