

More Than a Library



Ms. Keyes-Kaplafka is the Library Director at the Dunlap Public Library. She obtained her bachelor's degree in English Literature at Northern Illinois University, then received her masters in Library Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

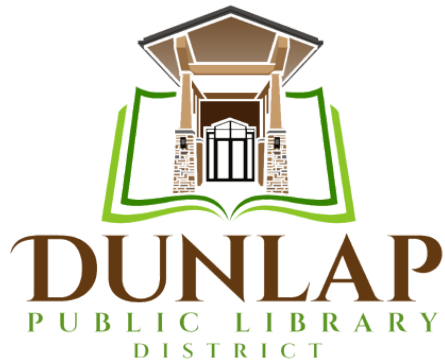
Keyes-Kaplafka had always wanted to be a librarian.

She started at a small college as a librarian and was later promoted **at the same library** to Library Director. Later, in 2019, she was hired to be the Library Director at the Dunlap Public Library.

On a day to day basis, Keyes-Kaplafka does a lot of work on the computer with documents and files: making sure the bills are paid, creating the employee working schedules, managing the library and completing paperwork. Being a director rather than an employee, means many more responsibilities. This includes making big decisions like deciding who to hire, training new employees and working with those on the board to help set policies for the library.

She chose to work in Dunlap because she loves the idea of the small community, but also that it is near a bigger city, Peoria. The combination creates lots of different opportunities and options which she enjoys. Another thing she enjoys about the community itself is the people. She loves that the staff in the building are so dedicated to their community and always willing to help. One thing she hopes to inspire for others is to change the attitude people have towards libraries, the Dunlap Public Library is much more than just books on shelves. She is starting a group called "Friends of the Dunlap Library," where she hopes to invite new and existing patrons into the library, as well as to fundraise and volunteer within the community. This is not the only

opportunity at the library; it also includes nine different book clubs, programs for children, informative talks/ speeches, and much more. The Dunlap Public Library is located on 302 S. First Street in Dunlap, Illinois. Click [here](#) for more information about the library.



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