

BradburyMiller Associates

Johnston Public Library – Finalist Biographies

Molly Guerra

Assistant Library Director/Interim Director, Johnston Public Library

Molly Guerra is currently serving as Interim Director of the Johnston Public Library. She served as Assistant Director at Johnston Public Library from 2015 – 2023 with a management role in the Circulation Department, Volunteer Program, Collection Development, Staff Development and Training, and Building Maintenance. Molly is passionate about the role public libraries play in strengthening communities by sharing stories, creating connections, and providing resources and opportunities for all.

Molly began her career at a community college library before transitioning to public libraries as the Director of the Kling Memorial Library in Grundy Center, Iowa. She served as a founding member on the Iowa Library Association's Diversity and Inclusion Committee and is a member of the American Library Association and Iowa Library Association. She earned her Master in Library and Information Science from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Kerry Fountain

(former) Library Director, Saranac Clarksville District Library

Kerry Fountain began her library career in 2013 as a library clerk for the Saranac Public Library. In 2014, the Library Director of the Saranac Public Library retired, and Kerry was appointed as the Library Director of the Saranac Public Library and the Clarksville Area Library.

Kerry led the Saranac Public Library and Clarksville Area Library through several years of growth and expansion. During this period, the library was able to relocate its Clarksville branch to a newly renovated building, expand the Saranac location to include a community room for programs and community use. The library expanded its programming, collection, and non-traditional collection to better serve the community needs. Partnerships were created with the Boston Historical Society, Clarksville Area Historical Society, Saranac Community Schools, the Village of Clarksville, and with several businesses in both villages. This allowed the library staff to bring the library to the community in new and creative ways. In 2020, through the efforts of the Library Director and the Board of Trustees, the libraries were able to obtain district library status.

Kerry has served as the treasurer for the Ionia County Library Association, as chair of the Lakeland Library Cooperative Advisory Council and OverDrive group, and sat on the Lakeland Library Cooperative Board.

Kerry has a master's degree in Library and Information Science from Wayne State University and a bachelor's degree in advertising and public relations from Grand Valley State University.

Holly Sealine

Public Services Manager, Ankeny Kirkendall Public Library

Holly has served as the Public Services Manager at Ankeny Kirkendall Public Library since February 2021. Prior to that, she was the Circulation Manager in Ankeny. She also served as the Director of Norwalk Easter Public Library for eight years. Holly is passionate about libraries and believes in building a community-focused library with a strong team using active leadership.

Holly's love for libraries began early when her mom would take her to storytime as a child, and then as she got older, Holly would spend hours reading books from the library. Holly graduated from the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) with a Bachelor of Arts in Secondary English Education and minor in Library Science. She then earned a master's degree in Instructional Technology from UNI, followed by a master's degree in library and information studies from the University of Wisconsin – Madison.

Holly is an active member of the Iowa Library Association. She currently serves on the conference planning committee. Previously she has served on the leadership development committee as well as chaired the public library forum and held the role of treasurer for Library Leadership and Management Association (LLAMA).

Throughout Holly's career, she has advocated for a community focused library. She believes the library should provide something for everyone. During her time as the Norwalk library director, she wrote and received multiple grants that supported library and community projects such as getting a handicap accessible door and completing a sidewalk to provide access to the library through a city park. Holly was particularly proud of partnering with local organizations in Norwalk to provide English courses to non-native speakers.