

**Dunham Public Library**  
**Plan of Service**  
**October 2022 – September 2027**

**Who We Are**

Dunham Public Library has provided services to the Whitesboro Central School District area since October 28, 1926. We serve a population of 26,133. Our location is at 76 Main Street, Whitesboro, NY. Our hours are posted on our website at [www.whitesborolibrary.org](http://www.whitesborolibrary.org). We are a member of the 3-county Mid-York Library System and our library cards are welcomed at 43 libraries in Oneida, Herkimer and Madison counties.

Our collections are refreshed continually and include popular books, magazines, movie DVDs, music CDs, audio books, digital downloads, large print and reference materials.

Services provided include: faxing, document scanning and printing and repairing CD surfaces. We offer meeting rooms for community activities on a reserved basis. The Community Room has a large screen television, and WIFI available.

We offer computer terminals for public use and WIFI access within the building and surrounding parking lot. The library is arranged with comfortable reading areas to encourage a welcoming atmosphere.

Programming includes a Summer Reading Program and activities throughout the year. We occasionally offer assistance and training to the public for a variety of topics. All are welcome to view our planned activities on our social media, our websites, and flyers and calendars. The school district voters elect a board of trustees who oversee the financial budget and policies. These documents are available on our website. We welcome volunteers to maintain our book sale and support library programming and services.

Please come in and meet staff and take a tour of our library.

**Dunham Public Library's Mission Statement**

The mission of Dunham Public Library is to promote lifelong learning and a sense of community.

**Library Goals 2022-2027**

Goal 1: Provide our community with access to quality resources.

Goal 2: Provide our community with an updated facility that is safe and accessible.

Goal 3: Promote the library as an essential community resource.

### **Peer Libraries**

The Dunham Public Library is one of forty-three libraries in Oneida, Herkimer and Madison Counties that comprise the Mid-York Library System.

The Mid-York Library System's mission is (from website [www.midyork.org](http://www.midyork.org)):

- Lower library service cost by leveraging economies of scale for activities common to member libraries
- Increase residents' abilities to access material from any library in the Mid York service area and beyond through a shared catalog and distribution process
- Extend each member library's ability to deliver comprehensive services by offering professional consulting and assistance
- Broaden libraries' ability to offer open access to digital information and online services
- Expand training opportunities for member library personnel, improving their skills to better serve customers
- Deliver direct service to community members unable to readily access their local library
- Act as a conduit for member libraries to benefit from the global library network
- Advocate for and promote libraries as essential on a regional, state, and national level, thus acquiring improved and stable funding

Within the Mid-York Library System, Dunham Public Library has four subsets of peer libraries.

Libraries of similar community size (approx. pop. 10,000):

- Sullivan Public Library (Madison County; 15,339)
- New Hartford Public Library (Oneida County; 22,166)
- Rome Public Library (Oneida County; 33,125)
- Oneida Public Library (Madison County; 15,411)

Libraries with higher educational institutions with separate libraries within community:

- Dunham Public Library; Whitesboro, NY: SUNY Polytechnic Institute
- Utica Public Library; Utica, NY: Utica College, MVCC
- Kirkland Town Library; Clinton, NY: Hamilton College
- Herkimer Public Library; Herkimer, NY; Herkimer College
- Hamilton Public Library; Hamilton, NY: Colgate University
- Cazenovia Public Library; Cazenovia, NY: Cazenovia College
- Morrisville Public Library; Morrisville, NY: SUNY Morrisville

Public Libraries within close proximity (within 10 miles) to Dunham Public Library:

- New York Mills; New York Mills, NY
- Utica Public Library; Utica, NY
- Oriskany Public Library, Oriskany, NY
- New Hartford Public Library; New Hartford, NY
- Kirkland Public Library, Clinton, NY

School District Libraries within the Mid-York Library System:

- Frank J. Basloe Library
- Morrisville Public Library
- Canastota Public Library
- Jordanville Public Library
- Waterville Public Library

### **Dunham Public Library Motto**

“Your Library from Twinkle to Wrinkle”

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