

Deborah Smith joined Jones Memorial Library as Executive Director in 2022.

Deb has more than 20 years of experience in librarianship, records management, and archival management. A graduate of Oberlin College, she holds a Master of Arts degree from New York University and a Master's in Library and Information Science from Kent State University.

Deb is certified by the Roy Rosenzweig Center for History and New Media, the Society of American Archivists (SAA), and the state of Virginia. Her work on library science and income inequality was recognized by the American Library Association (ALA) Libraries Transforming Communities program.

Deb currently chairs ALA's Phyllis Dain Library History Award committee, is on the Finance Committee for the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference (MARAC), and is a member of the research committee for Lynchburg's Silent Witnesses project. She has served as a mentor with SAA and a peer reviewer for ALA.

Deb has presented at MARAC and other conferences. Her research is accessible on ResearchGate and has appeared in the *Journal of Contemporary Archival Studies*, *DttP: Documents to the People*, and the *Journal of Slavery and Data Preservation*, with reviews forthcoming in *Archival Issues* and the *Mid-Atlantic Archivist*.