



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 in library science has been 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 Board of Governors for the Virginia Genealogical Society, 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 the Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives Conference (MARAC) and other conferences. Her research is openly accessible on ResearchGate; her work has appeared in the *Journal of Contemporary Archival Studies* and *DttP: Documents to the People*, with work forthcoming in *Archival Issues* and the *Journal of Slavery and Data Preservation*.