

Elizabeth (Beth) Kane has been director of the Norway Memorial Library since 2011. For six years prior to that Beth worked in reference services and adult program planning where she discovered her true calling and decided to pursue a degree in library science.

Beth earned her MLIS from the University of South Carolina in 2013. She is a 2013 graduate of the New England Library Leadership Symposium and the subsequent Maine Library Leadership Initiative. In 2012 Beth was accepted to participate in the Public Library Association's "Changing Course: Leadership for Navigating the New Library," an interactive leadership development pre-conference course at the Public Library Association conference in Philadelphia, PA. In 2011 she was awarded the Maine Library Association's Phyllis E. Ainsworth scholarship.

Her passion for library work began with creating and implementing cultural, educational and entertaining programs for adults, increasing opportunities for improving literacies of people of all ages, and spreading the joy and transformative power of reading.

Currently, Beth serves as a representative on the Maine Library Advisory Council and is a member of the Maine Library Association's Scholarship and Loan Committee. She is a member of the American Library Association, Public Library Association, and Maine Library Associations.

She lives in West Paris, Maine with her husband, Joel and their black lab, Berry. Beth enjoys reading, road trips, trail-walking and hiking, choral singing, and occasionally playing the ukulele.