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Press Release

Boxford Town Library Director Appointed to the Board of Directors of a National Professional Association.

Kevin Bourque Appointed Northeast Regional Representative to ARSL Board of Directors

Boxford, MA, January 28, 2022: The Library Board of Trustees for the Boxford Town Library are excited and pleased to announce Kevin Bourque, our Library Director, was offered and accepted an appointment to the Board of Directors of the Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL) as the Northeast Regional Representative. The Executive Director, Kate Laughlin, informed Kevin on Tuesday, January 25th that he was on a short list of recommended potential appointees to finish out the term of the current Northeast Regional Representative who needed to step back from her duties. Bailee Hutchinson, Board Vice-President, officially offered him the appointment on Thursday, January 27, 2022.

Kevin Bourque became a member of ARSL in July of 2019. He was introduced to the organization by Lyndsay Forbes, Project Manager & Grant Specialist from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC), and Kristi Chadwick of the Massachusetts Library System (MLS). The MBLC invited Kevin to represent the state at the ARSL National Conference and then assist in the planning of the 2020 Small Libraries Forum. The Association for Rural & Small Libraries (ARSL) is a national affiliate association of the American Library Association. The association focuses its work on providing professional development support to small and rural libraries and library professionals throughout the country.

The Boxford Town Library Board of Trustees appointed Kevin Bourque to the position of Library Director in May 2015. He has worked in libraries since 1996 beginning his career at Framingham State University before moving on to work in public libraries. He has served as the Automated Information Services Librarian for the Canton Public Library, Canton, MA, and for Wake County Public Libraries, Raleigh, North Carolina, as an Electronic Resources Librarian, Adult Services Manager, and Library Manager. He has served as Library Director for the Town of Boxford for over six years.