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Urban Libraries Council Announces New Executive Board Members

Los Angeles County Librarian and Omaha's Do Space Executive Director Newest Members of ULC's Executive Board

WASHINGTON – The Urban Libraries Council today announced the election of two new members to its Executive Board.

The new board members are:

- **Skye Patrick**, County Librarian, Los Angeles County Public Library
- **Rebecca Stavick**, Executive Director, Do Space

“The ULC Executive Board provides thought leadership and guidance during a critical time for libraries and our democracy,” said ULC Board Chair Michael Sherrod. “Skye Patrick and Rebecca Stavick come to the board as proven public servants ready to lead. They both bring new and positive energy to an already strong board.”

Skye Patrick was appointed Los Angeles County Librarian on February 1, 2016. Prior to this role, she headed the Broward County Library where she oversaw the regrowth of the organization and guided its evolution into a 21st century library that anticipates the needs and wants of its customers and its community. Her previous professional experience also includes serving as assistant director of Queens Public Library in New York as well as youth services librarian, branch manager and web services designer in San Francisco. Her success has resulted in numerous honors and accolades for



Broward County Library, including the Florida Library Association's 2015 Florida Library of the Year. Patrick took a bold approach to reshaping the image and purpose of Broward County Library. From the start, she engaged the community with a series of "Vision Sessions" which invited the public to meet town-hall style to discuss what they'd like to see and experience at their library. These meetings resulted in a series of ground-breaking innovations in the community, including Broward County's first five free public makerspace/gadget lab, an increase in free programs and events to promote STEAM.

Rebecca Stavick took the role of executive director of Omaha's Do Space in 2015. Stavick earned a Master's of Library and Information Science degree at San Jose State University. Prior to her role at Do Space, she worked for nearly five years in the Omaha Public Library system in staff and leadership development and acted as the library liaison for the technology and startup communities. In 2012, Stavick co-founded Open Nebraska, a local organization focused on civic application development, open data advocacy and technology education. She served as the Code for America Captain for Omaha, and as the local community representative for the Digital Public Library of America for two years.

About Urban Libraries Council

Urban Libraries Council (ULC), founded in 1971, is the voice for public libraries and the force that inspires them to evolve. ULC creates the tools, techniques, and ideas to make ongoing improvements and upgrades in services and technology. ULC also speaks loudly and clearly about the value public libraries bring to communities, and secures funding for research that results in the development of new programs and services. And by serving as a forum for library leadership, ULC produces innovative ideas and best practices that ensure community impact.

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