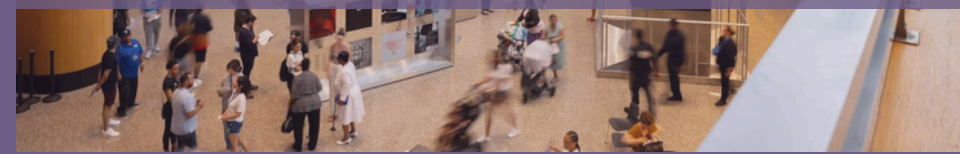
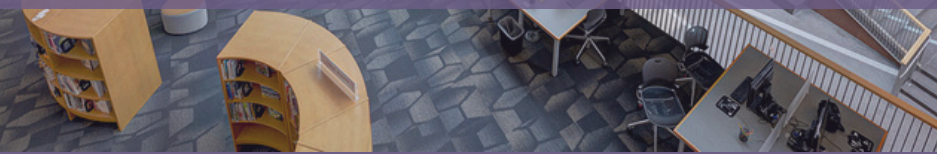


# ULC Annual Business Meeting will begin shortly.







# ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

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June 20, 2024

# AGENDA

1. Membership Update
2. Strategic Priorities
3. Upcoming Events
4. Board of Directors Vote
5. Closing Remarks

2024-2026

Board of Directors  
Slate



Review the ULC Board Officers  
and Board Members standing  
for election.

View the full Board slate to  
prepare for the vote.



# REACH OF ULC

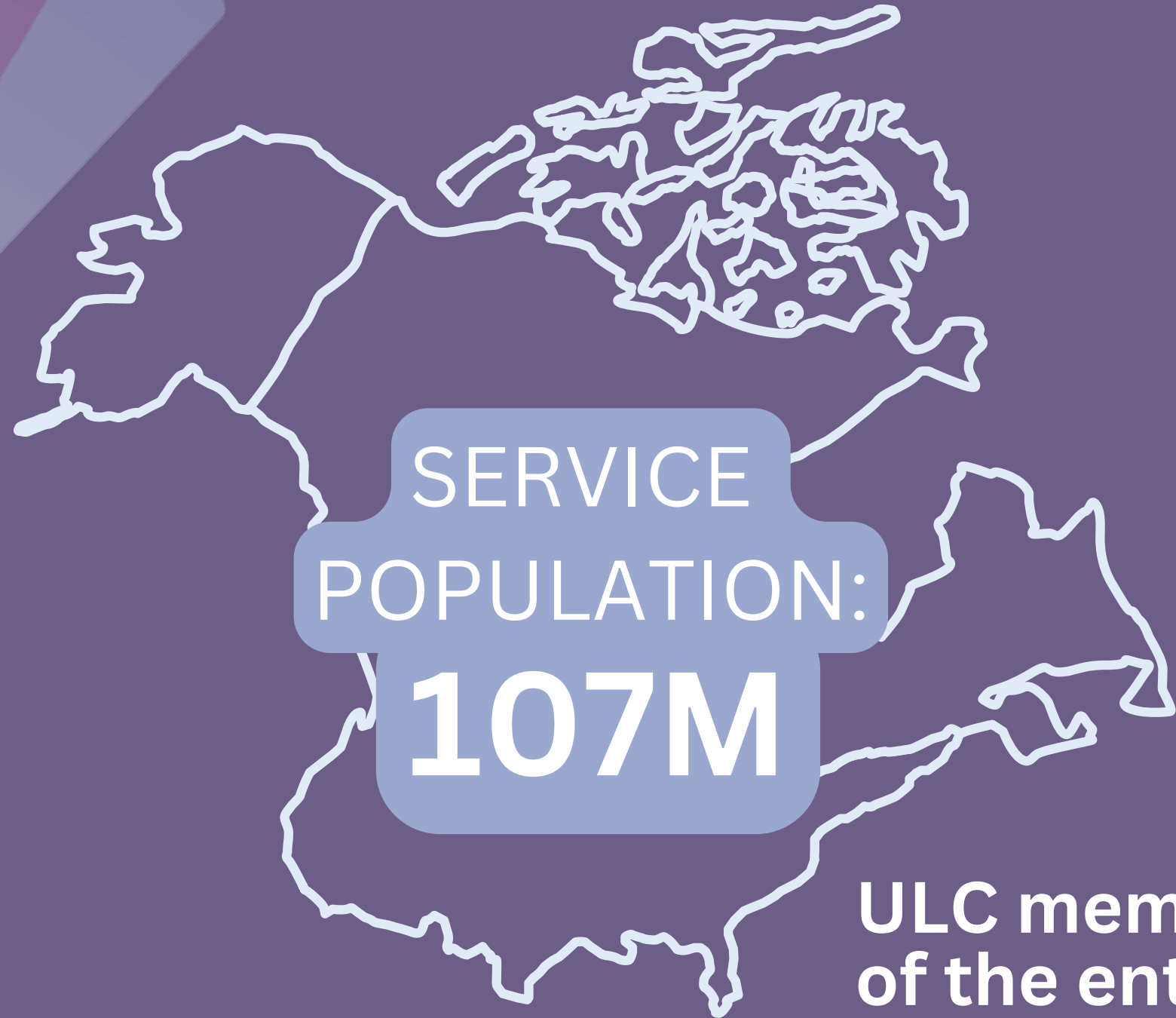


**44** STATES &  
PROVINCES  
are represented in ULC membership

**2,749**  
LIBRARY BRANCHES



# REACH OF ULC



ULC member libraries serve **nearly 30%** of the entire population of the U.S. and Canada.

**5,900+**



TOTAL INDIVIDUALS IN OUR 12 **MEMBER COMMUNITIES**

**45,200+**



LIBRARY STAFF THAT BENEFIT FROM ULC MEMBERSHIP





# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS





# CORPORATE PARTNERS



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# OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

**Support the Urban Library Leader**



**Center the Transformative Role of Public Libraries**



**Drive Advocacy for Urban Libraries**



## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

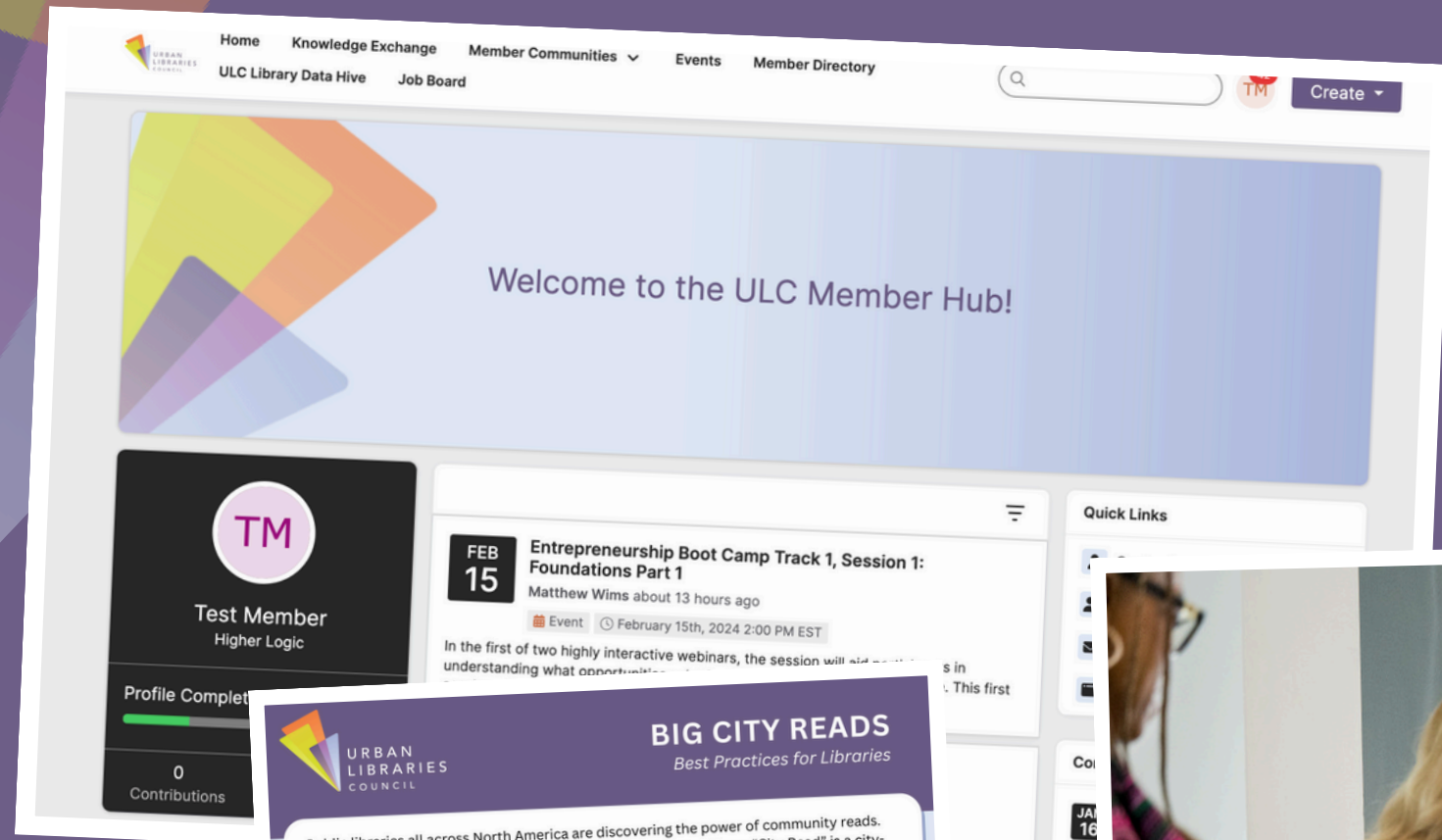
- Support the growth and diversification of the field of future library executives.
- Foster professional development of new and seasoned library leaders to fortify the continued value of the library professional.
- Provide guidance and resources to library CEOs in working with trustees, foundations and library stakeholders to prepare for multifaceted challenges.

- Provide models and resources that advance the next generation of public libraries and elevate their value in a changing urban community.
- Cultivate robust research and data to provide insights and guidance for the next generation of library leaders.
- Facilitate dialogue and partnership between public libraries and key community institutions to advance the role of libraries in cities and counties.

- Invest to expand influence over federal policy and legislation on issues that impact urban libraries.
- Educate policymakers about the vital impact of public libraries in urban communities.
- Create a unifying and nonpartisan advocacy strategy.



# SUPPORTING THE URBAN LIBRARY LEADER



A promotional graphic for the 'Entrepreneurship Boot Camp Series' by the Urban Libraries Council. It features the council's logo and a photograph of a smiling woman holding a wooden sign that says 'OPEN'. The text reads: 'Entrepreneurship Boot Camp Series. With two separate tracks designed for library staff of differing levels of expertise, ULC's new boot camp series provides resources for libraries to effectively support entrepreneurs.' The dates are listed as 'Track 1: February 15 | April 18' and 'Track 2: March 21 | May 16'. A 'Register Now!' button is at the bottom right.

An infographic titled 'BIG CITY READS Best Practices for Libraries'. It provides a comprehensive guide for public libraries across North America. The infographic is divided into several sections: 'GETTING STARTED' with a 'Selection Process' (establishing a committee, gathering recommendations, involving community leaders, and considering a community vote), 'Staff Input' (encouraging suggestions, involving staff in planning, identifying champions, and keeping ears open), 'Community Input' (utilizing surveys, engaging leaders, and getting feedback), and 'Choosing the Book(s)' (considering relevance, broad appeal, reading level, and specific criteria). The ULC logo is in the top left corner.





# CENTERING THE TRANSFORMATIVE ROLE OF LIBRARIES



Kansas City Public Library  
Mid-Continent Public Library  
Johnson County Library

Cedar Rapids Public Library  
Chicago Public Library  
Columbus Metropolitan Library  
DC Public Library  
Enoch Pratt Free Library  
Greensboro Public Library  
Memphis Public Libraries  
Oak Park Public Library  
Pioneer Library System  
Prince George's County Memorial Library  
Richmond Public Library (Va.)



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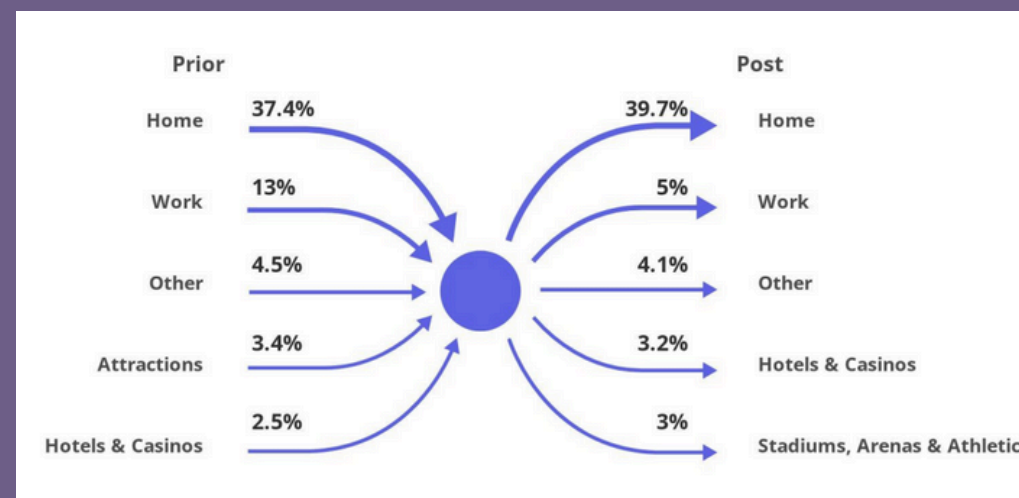


CENTER FOR  
TECHNOLOGY  
IN GOVERNMENT  
UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY  
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Frisco Public Library  
Palo Alto City Library  
Queens Public Library  
Schaumburg Township District Library



Using Placer.ai data, ULC analyzed the trip attraction performance of visitors to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library and then to other locations.





# DRIVING GREATER ADVOCACY FOR LIBRARIES

## Funding & Partnership Opportunities



- Libraries are essential public infrastructure that need to be preserved for future generations.



- Public libraries are leaders in workforce development, digital inclusion and economic mobility.

## Awareness Opportunities



- Urban libraries have essential mandates that are not fully recognized in federal funding opportunities. This includes providing access to health and mental health support, offering citizenship classes and supporting unhoused individuals.



- Intellectual freedom and access to information is a fundamental value of democracy and individual rights.



- Education and literacy across a lifetime remain core to a healthy economy and strong nation.



## Advocacy Resources for Libraries

Visit the ULC website to learn more about our policy priorities, updates on key legislation and access to additional resources.

 [urbanlibraries.org/initiatives/advocacy](https://urbanlibraries.org/initiatives/advocacy)



# DRIVING GREATER ADVOCACY FOR LIBRARIES

## HOUSE MEETINGS

Rep. Robert B. Aderholt (R-AL)  
Rep. Kay Granger (R-TX)  
Rep. Julia Letlow (R-LA)  
Rep. Mike Levin (D-CA)  
Rep. Lucy McBath (D-GA)  
Education & Workforce Committee

## SENATE MEETINGS

Sen. John Boozman (R-AR)  
Sen. Mike Braun (R-IN)  
Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA)  
Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA)  
Sen. Susan Collins (R-ME)  
Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL)  
Sen. John Hickenlooper (D-CO)  
Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA)

Sen. Ed Markey (D-MA)  
Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-AK)  
Sen. Chris Murphy (D-CT)  
Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI)  
Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT)  
Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN)  
Health, Education, Labor and  
Pensions Committee





# LIBRARY INSIGHTS SURVEY NOW OPEN



Attraction and Attendance



Location Experience and Use of Space



Programs and Services



Staffing and Budget

Share information on your library budgets, staffing, operations, visitors and programs.

Library system data will populate interactive online dashboards, maps and charts available to all ULC members. Aggregate data and findings will be published in a public report in Fall 2024.

**RESPOND BY JULY 3!**

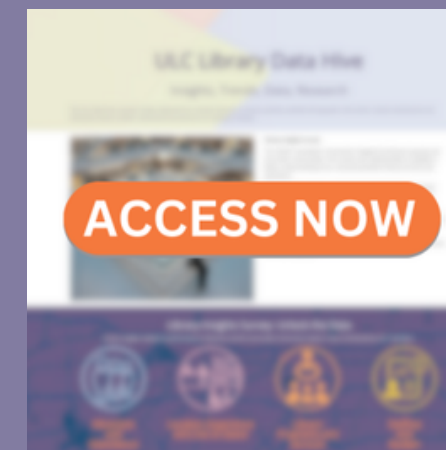
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**Access ULC's Library Data Hive**

Displays the data collected from the annual Library Insights Survey — as well as publicly available demographic information — in interactive dashboards, charts and maps.

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS



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# BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE



ROOSEVELT WEEKS, CHAIR

# BOARD ELECTIONS

## ULC Board of Directors Officers Standing for Election 2024-2025



**Pilar Martinez**  
Chair



**Joey Crawford**  
Vice Chair / Chair-Elect



**Roosevelt Weeks**  
Immediate Past  
Chair



**Brian Bannon**  
Secretary/Treasurer



# BOARD ELECTIONS

## ULC Board of Directors Members Standing for Election 2024-2026



**Tess Shih**  
First Term



**Andrew Trueblood**  
First Term



**Heidi Daniel**  
Second Term



**Grace Nordhoff**  
Second Term



**Michelle VonderHaar**  
Third Term



**Roosevelt Weeks**  
Third Term



# VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

Please type

**YEA**

or

**NAY**

in the chat box in your  
Zoom application.



# ULC BOARD OF DIRECTORS



**Brian Bannon**  
**Secretary/Treasurer**



**Dr. Michele Bria**  
**Member**



**Joey Crawford**  
**Vice Chair/Chair-Elect**



**Heidi Daniel**  
**Member**



**Karl Dean**  
**Member**



**Misty Jones**  
**Member**



**Pilar Martinez**  
**Board Chair**



**Grace Nordhoff**  
**Member**



**Jennie Pu**  
**Member**



**Alim Remtulla**  
**Member**



**Tess Shih**  
**Member**



**Meghann Silverthorn**  
**Member**



**Catherine Strauss**  
**Member**



**Andrew Trueblood**  
**Member**



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**Member**



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2024



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# THANK YOU

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