

# Urban Libraries Council

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*Strengthening the Public Library as an Essential Part of Urban Life*

The Urban Libraries Council is an association of public libraries in metropolitan areas and the corporations that serve them.

An alliance of more than 190 public libraries and corporations supported one another through idea-sharing, research, programs and industry change initiatives. All have been tailored to the needs of our communities and aimed at preparing libraries to serve the next generation of learners.



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# ULC Benefits

## ULC Peer-to-Peer Networks

- Collection Management
- Deputy Directors
- Development Officers
- Digital Services Managers
- Facilities List
- Finance/Budget Directors List
- HR/Staff Development Directors
- Public Relations Directors
- Reference Management
- ULC Library Trustee Network
- Youth Services

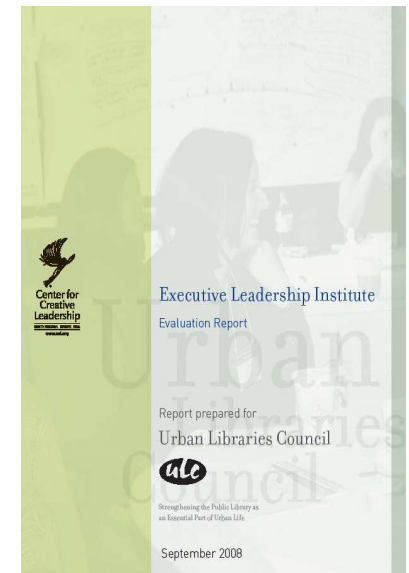
## ULC Learning Opportunities

- Audio Conferences
  - Partners for Success Conference
- Networking member Events

## ULC Initiatives

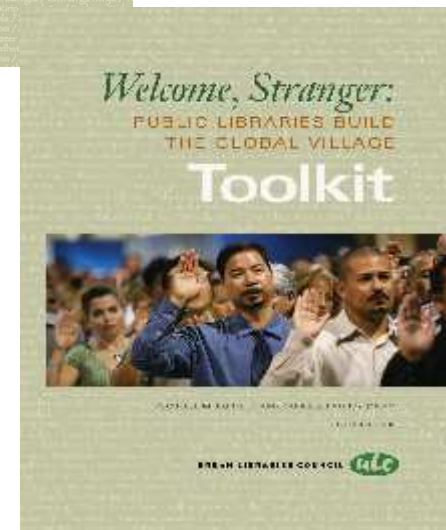
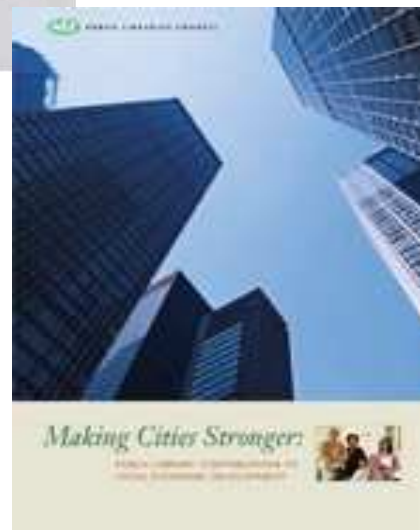
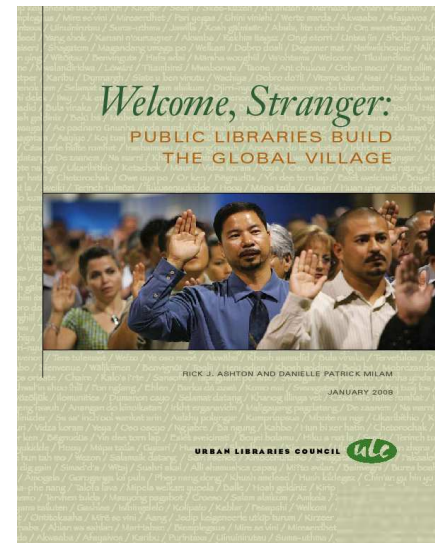
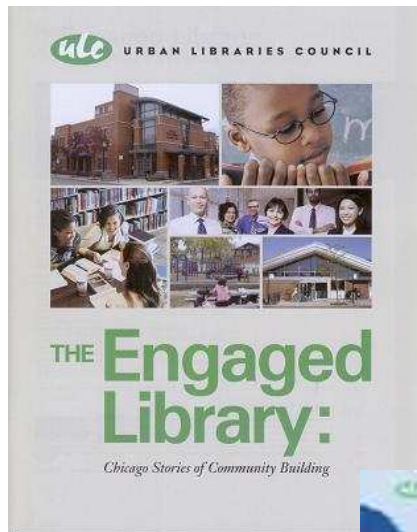
- Executive Leadership Institute
- Foresight 2020
- Librarians for America's  
Neighborhoods

Please take a moment to peruse **ULC's monthly newsletter**, the *Exchange*, posted on ULC's website.



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# ULC Actionable Research



# Recent & Upcoming ULC Events



- **March 11 The Future of Public Funding – Audio Conference**
  - **June Social Networking - Audio Conference**
  - **July 10- 12 Annual Summer Meeting – Chicago**
- **December 3-4 Partners for Success: Regional Solutions for Local Vitality - Nashville**



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# ULC Annual Awards

- **ULC Highsmith Award of Excellence**  
Recognizes library programs or initiatives contributing to positive youth development
- **ULC Urban Player Award**  
Recognizes individuals in positions of library leadership who have provided substantive community leadership during the past two years
- **Joey Rodger Fund for Library Leadership**  
Enables a senior administrator to participate in a program fostering leadership development for the urban library community



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# ULC Goals

- **Connect Members**
- **Convene Conferences**
- **Create Learning Opportunities**
- **Innovate for the Library Industry**



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# Overheard...



- “The point is *not* to **focus** on what’s dying, but on what’s being **born**, and where the **opportunities** are in this *emerging world*.” [Joel Garreau, ULC Futures Virtual Scholar](#)
- “[...you know] how important libraries are to the **future** of this city. Libraries...are the key to preventing **children** [from] going into gangs, guns and drugs. **Immigrant families** go to libraries. Kids whose parents are **working** ...go to libraries for **homework**. Libraries are **anchors** in communities...” [Mayor Richard Daley, Chicago](#)
- “We embrace the power of libraries to **anchor neighborhoods with free arts, culture, literacy and space...**” [Director Lon Dickerson, Jefferson Parish Library](#)



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# Thank You!

Please contact ULC's VP of membership & communications with any questions!

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