Skye Patrick
LA County Library Director

Skye Patrick was appointed LA County Library Director on February 1, 2016. She has held leadership roles at Broward County Library, Queens Public Library, and San Francisco Public Library. Patrick manages the Library’s $201 million annual budget and is responsible for the operation of its 86 locations and 18-vehicle mobile fleet, serving 3.4 million residents in a 3,000-square-mile area.

Patrick is committed to breaking down barriers and increasing access for all. She introduced the iCount equity initiative, which ensures that library services and programs address the needs of the diverse communities served throughout Los Angeles County. When COVID-19 forced the Library to close in March 2020, Patrick led staff to establish new services to reach beyond Library walls, including Laptop & Hotspot Loans, Park & Connect outdoor Wi-Fi service, and a virtual programs for all ages and interests. As Library Director, Patrick continues to reinforce the Library’s role in the community as a civic and cultural center, a hub for public information and services, and an institution of literacy, innovation, and lifelong learning.

Patrick was appointed to the Executive Board of the Urban Libraries Council (ULC) in July 2017. In January 2019, Patrick was named Librarian of the Year by Library Journal, one of the most established industry publications. Under her leadership, the Library has also won the Library Journal 2018 Marketer of the Year award and 2019 Library of the Year award, in addition to being named a finalist for the Institute of Museum and Library Services National Medal in 2018 and 2019. In 2020, Patrick accepted Innovate@UCLA’s Community Impact Award, and was selected for the Durfee Foundation’s Stanton Fellowship, for which she is currently exploring how 21st century libraries can be transformed to address the social, educational, creative, and cultural needs of Los Angeles County residents.